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# Sacramento Rainbow Chamber Of Commerce Announces Winners Of 2023 Business & Community Excellence Award

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of its 2023 Business & Community Excellence Awards in an awards ceremony today at Hilton Sacramento Arden West. Of the many nominations received, four community leaders were selected by a panel of judges, based on their significant contributions to bettering Sacramento's LGBTQ+ community and workforce.

"We are humbled to have received an unprecedented number of nominations recognizing the many businesses and individuals who are committed to helping Sacramento's LGBTQ+ community thrive," said Melissa Muganzo, the Awards Committee Chair and CEO of Muganzo Entertainment. "This year's award recipients particularly stood out in their efforts to advance equality and diversity within the Greater Sacramento Valley community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to thank them publicly at our awards luncheon."

This year's Corporate Advocate award had two recipients: Paul Lau, CEO and General Manager of SMUD; and Robert Nelsen, President of California State University, Sacramento.

Jake Bradley-Rowe, Executive Director of HIV/AIDs nonprofit Sunburst Projects, was named Community Leader of the Year.

Pucci's Pharmacy, owned by Joel Hockman and Clint Hopkins, won the Business in Excellence award.

"This year's winners remind us what's possible when we prioritize community and the creation of safe, equitable places to work," said Samuel N. Jones, Board Chair of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce. "The tireless work of these compassionate, dedicated and admirable community leaders makes the Sacramento region a better place for all."

Nominations for the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce's annual Business & Community Excellence Awards open each February. Each nominee application is evaluated and scored by a volunteer committee of Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce members, and nominees do not need to be members of the Chamber to be considered for certain awards.

This year's Business & Community Excellence Awards are made possible by the following sponsors: Sacramento Business Journal, AARP California, Siemens Mobility, Inc., Firecode Safety Equipment, Inc., Tri Counties Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, California State University, Sacramento, and Outword Magazine.

Special thanks to this year's Business & Community Excellence Awards selection committee: Sara Hanson of Broadway Sacramento; Alexandra Michel of Opendoor; Andrea Weathington of Environmental Science Associates; Melissa Muganzo of Muganzo Entertainment; Tyler Thompson of State Farm – Team Snead; and Paul Villaluz Weubbe of Braun Property Services.

More information about the Business & Community Excellences Awards and other Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce programs can be found at RainbowChamber.com

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# ART-TISM 2023: A Sensory-Friendly Interactive Art Exhibit

A Sensory-Friendly interactive Art Exhibit for Children will be taking place at the Sam & Bonnie Pannell Community Center on Saturday, April 29th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A play on the words: Art and Autism, ART-TISM will display the art of children on the Autism Spectrum while children have the opportunity create and play in a room divided into four color sections: Legoland – Color Me Blue -- PlayDohVille – Paint-the-Town Red. ART-TISM 2023 will share the artistic talent of these special children while providing opportunities to increase awareness and acceptance of people on the Autism Spectrum. This event is open to all ages and free of charge. April is known as World Autism Awareness Month and ART-TISM is a program created to celebrate and promote the acceptance of a condition that occurs in every 1 in 44 kids. Children will enter to view art pieces of local artist on the spectrum. Then they will choose a section to sit and create art from clay, paint, crayons, pencils, markers and legos!

"Autism doesn't have to define a person. Artists with autism are like anyone else: They define themselves through hard work and individuality," Says artist Adrienne Bailon.

ART-TISM 2023 is accepting Art Submissions Now!: Painting, Drawing, Coloring, Clay (Playdoh) Creations and Lego Structures. Artists or Guardians will need to send a picture of the Art and a brief bio to Art.Tism2022@gmail.com or call 916-572-4667 for more information on how to participate.

This is the second annual ART-TISM program and it is made possible by the City of Sacramento's Access Leisure and District 8 Councilmember Mai Vang.

ART-TISM 2023 will be Saturday, April 29thth from 11am – 4pm at Sam & Bonnie Pannell Community Center 2450 Meadowview Road Sacramento, Ca

# CA LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network Strengthens Leadership

The California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network, a statewide coalition working to advance LGBTQ health equity, is excited to announce the promotion of Isaias Guzman as the Network's Manager of Programs. Isaias was formerly the Network's Organizer and LGBTQ Program Coordinator and has been integral to the work of the organization for over 4 years.

"The Network is growing exponentially and to best support our projects it made sense to create a position that provides support to our staff and projects," stated Network Director, Dannie Cesena. "Isaias has a proven track record of providing strategy and growth for each of our various projects, developed strong relationships with legislatures, and knows each program housed within the Network intimately. I am excited to have Isaias continue to develop his skills as a leader and to bring the passion he has for LGBTQ health equity to the rest of the team."

During his time at the Network, Isaias has led various webinars and trainings to support the Network's We Breathe program, the Statewide Coordinating Center to reduce LGBTQ tobacco-related disparities. Most recently, he hosted a webinar to share the tobacco control policy recommendations for LGBTQ+ communities, highlighting the root issues of tobacco usage within the community, and shared ways on how local LGBTQ+ communities can apply specific strategies in their work. Additionally, Isaias has been supportive of the Network's program #Out4MentalHealth in providing capacity building trainings to state-wide organizations aiming to advance mental health equity, resources in local LGBTQ+ communities, and assisted in building a coalition voice at state-level policy discussions.

"I am honored and filled with appreciation to serve LGBTQ communities and the Network team as the Manager of Programs for The California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network," stated Isaias. "I look forward to building and strengthening our efforts to create systemic change and addressing the health inequities and injustices our communities face. Through policy, budget, and administrative advocacy - and coordinated leadership with our Network members – it is imperative to work across marginalized communities and build a strong coalition for health justice. I am excited to work towards this goal and look forward to seeing what we can create and achieve together."

As the Manager of Programs, Isaias will provide programmatic and staff support to all funded programs within The Network. Additionally, he will be mentored by the Network Director on Qualitative and Quantitative data collection and analysis, mentoring and directing st[a]ff, and grant management.

To learn more about Isaias and his history with the CA LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network and other achievements visit: californialgbtqhealth.org/staff/isaias-guzman/

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# Social Justice Art Walk Addresses Anti-Asian Hate and Injustice

*by Jason Jong*

Inspired by the Movement for Black Lives and agitated by the surge of hate crimes experienced by Asians across the country in 2020, Sacramento native and conceptual artist Angie Eng developed Right On! Social Justice Art Walk, a civil rights art project highlighting landmark Supreme Court cases which evidence systemic and institutional discrimination based on class, race, ethnicity, gender, and ability.

Fueled by a commission from Stop Asian Hate, an initiative of the Center of Humanities at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Eng previously mounted a silent art procession in Boulder, Colorado in October 2022.

On March 25, 2023, a growing ensemble of Sacramento organizers, participants and supporters will recreate and expand on this effort in the artist's hometown.

Community members are invited to share in this powerful action, combining civic engagement with purposeful cultural representation, and having an ultimate goal of transforming hate into compassion through education, awareness, and activism.

For the Sacramento project, Eng has partnered with Jason Jong, Sacramento community advocate and recent recipient of the Sacramento Bee AAPI Change Makers award, to punctuate the art walk with a cadre of musicians who will add traditional Asian percussion and wind instruments to the social justice art performance piece. Musicians will be interspersed with 125 art walk participants – community members and representatives from over forty local AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) organizations.

The procession will assemble at 12:00 p.m. in front of the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse at the corner of 5th Street and I Street. With a slow and intentional pace, the group will weave through Downtown streets and head towards Capital Mall. The cast will pose in silence at each block, forming a living billboard with their bodies, then returning to the Courthouse, where walkers, musicians, and observers will congregate for a culminating moment of solidarity and unity through sound.

WHO: Right On! Sacramento Organizing Committee
**WHAT:** Right On! Social Justice Art Walk
**WHERE:** Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse, 501 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
**WHEN**: March 25th, 2023, 12:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information, visit the project web page: https://angieeng.com/right-on-political-art-action-to-stop-asian-hate/

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# Assemblymember Kevin McCarty Awards $714,068 to Celebration Arts, Sacramento's Premier Black Theater

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D–Sacramento) presented a check to Celebration Arts theater in the amount of $714,068 from the 2023-24 State Budget. The funds will be used to increase Administrative Staff and make necessary capital building improvements to its B Street theater. Additionally, these funds will support acquiring new theatrical lighting and technology investments, which will allow Celebration Arts, Sacramento's premier Black theater, to expand to a new level of operation after 37 years of bringing quality theater and arts programs to the Sacramento community. Website of Assemblymember Kevin McCarty: https://a06.asmdc.org/

### About Celebration Arts

Originally the Celebration Dance Company founded in 1976 by James Wheatley, Celebration Arts became a 501c3 organization in 1986. For more than 30 years, Celebration Arts continues to be a cornerstone of music, dance, and theater for the Sacramento region's African American community bringing Black artists and stories to its stage at 2727 B Street. In addition, Celebration Arts provides educational programs to children through Kids' Time and dance training for teens, adults, and seniors. More information can be found at celebrationarts.net.

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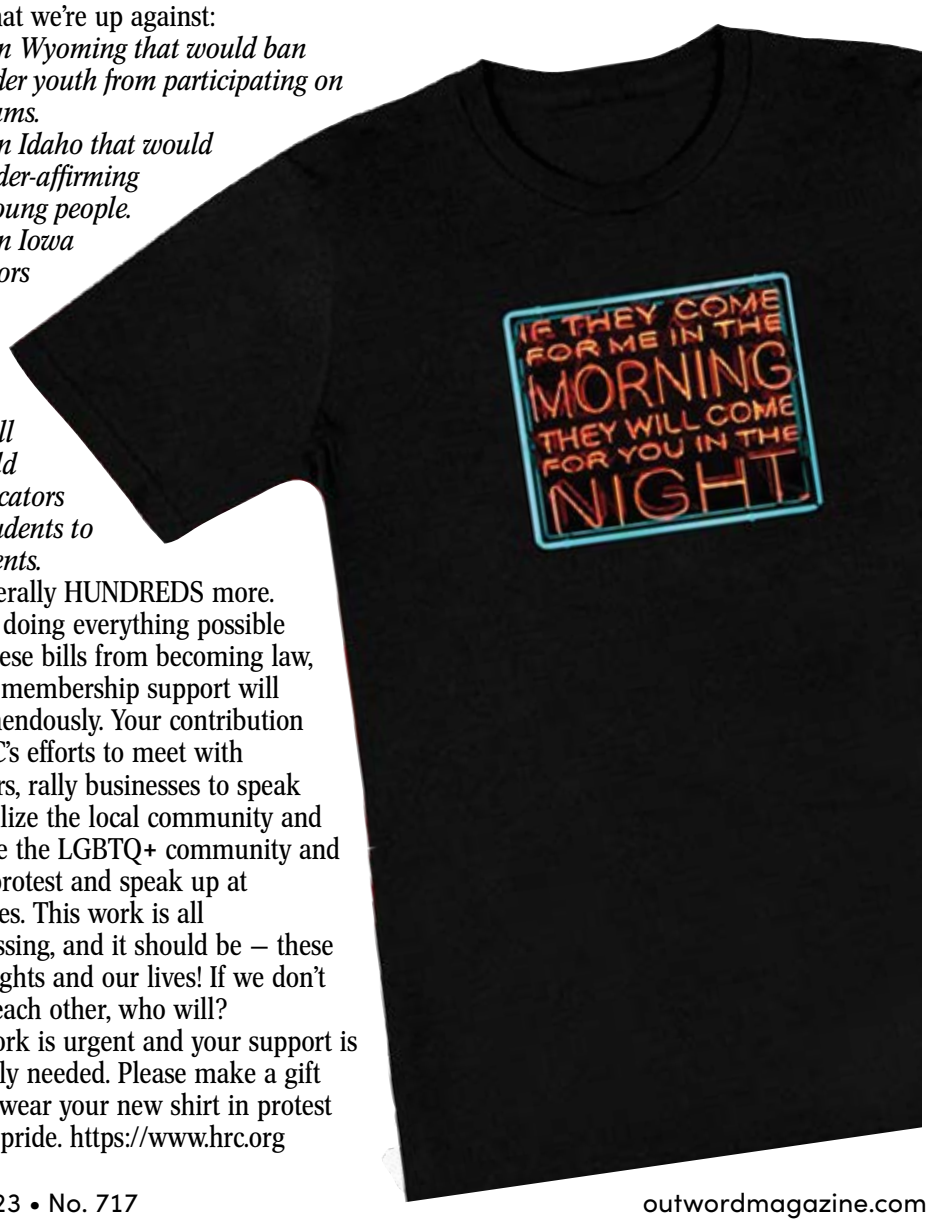


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# Statement in Opposition of Anti-LGBTQ+ Assembly Bill 1314

**The California Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus issued the following statement regarding California Assembly Bill 1314:**

"The California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus is united in ensuring that our children are protected and safe. But legislation that aims to 'out' transgender and non-binary students against their will does not protect them – it puts them in potentially life threatening danger, subjecting them to trauma and violence. Additionally, the Trevor Project cites family conflict around youths 'LGBTQ identities as a driving factor contributing to LGBTQ youth homelessness.

"Teachers should not be forced into the inappropriate position of revealing a student's personal information about their gender identity with anyone. Data indicates that 82% of transgender individuals have considered killing themselves and 40% have attempted suicide, with suicidality highest among transgender youth. Anyone putting forward a bill that would only increase those numbers is not seeking to protect children. Period."

Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, released the following statement from Executive Director Tony Hoang:

"We want LGBTQ+ students to feel safe talking to their parents about their gender and sexuality, but AB 1314 ignores the reality that not all trans youth have that option. Trans people are more likely to face family rejection and even abuse at home based on their gender identity, which leads to overrepresentation in foster care, juvenile detention, and among unhoused youth. For many trans kids, school is the only place they feel safe to be their true, authentic selves. Forced 'outing' bills like AB 1314 seek to strip that sense of safety and dignity away.

"Conversations between children and their parents about gender identity should happen on their terms – at a time and place they feel is appropriate – not because politicians say so. We should be encouraging and supporting parents to have open and honest conversations with their children, not forcing teachers to serve as the school's 'gender police', tracking down students using a different name or pronoun at school and outing them at home."

*AB 1314 would require that any teacher, counselor, or employee of a school notifies the parents of any student that identifies at school as a gender that does not align with the child's assigned gender and uses sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, or uses facilities that do not align with the child's assigned gender.* www.eqca.org

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# Lots Of Fun Events Surround Davis Pride Weekend In June

The rainbows return to Davis' Central Park in June for the ninth annual Davis Pride Festival. The community-focused, family-friendly weekend includes a skate night, fun run, music festival, drag queens, vendors and more – June 3 and 4.

**Xena the drag queen performs at the 2022 Davis Pride Festival. Photo by Wendy Weitzel**

The events, produced by the Davis Phoenix Coalition, follow the theme "I am Davis Pride." This year, Davis Pride's presenting sponsor is BluPeak Credit Union. The highlights of the weekend include:

- Skate with Pride, starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 3. The free night will include a disc jockey, disco lights and food trucks. Skating will be under the Davis Farmers Market Pavilion in Central Park, Fourth and C streets, downtown.
- Run for Equality at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 4. It includes a 5K and 1K run/walk from Central Park. Registration is $25 until May 28 and $30 after.
- A community fair kicking off the Davis Pride Festival at 10 a.m. on June 4. It continues until 5 p.m. in Central Park with educational booths, food, drink, and vendors coordinated with the assistance of Davis Craft and Vintage Market.
- A music festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Sunday, with local and international bands, choirs and a drag queen revue. This year's music headliner is Northern California favorite Tainted Love – The Best of the '80s Live.
- A Ride with Pride bike party ride starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 23, from Central Park.

Other activities are taking shape, including:

- Volunteers painting rainbows crosswalks around Davis' Central Park early on the morning of Sunday, May 28.
- The committee is working with various community organizations to develop an LGBTQ+ job fair, happy hour, pride brunch and other events for May and June.

June is International LGBTQ+ Month. Davis Pride events are coordinated by an all-volunteer community formed by the Davis Phoenix Coalition, a nonprofit that works to foster diversity, eliminate intolerance, prevent hate-motivated violence, and support LGBTQ+ youths in Davis and surrounding communities. The coalition was founded in the aftermath of a 2013 anti-gay attack on Davis resident "Mikey" Partida. Proceeds from Davis Pride events support the coalition's anti-racism and anti-bullying campaigns, support to LGBTQ+ youths and their families, and outreach with area police departments, churches and schools. To donate, go to https://davisphoenixco.org/donate.

For more information about the event, or becoming a sponsor, exhibitor or volunteer, visit https://www.davispride.org/. To learn details as they unfold, follow Davis Pride on Facebook and Instagram.

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# California State Fair 2023 Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition Winners Announced

The California State Fair announced the 2023 winners of the eighth annual California Commercial Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition. A panel of 12 experienced sensory analyst judges gathered at the Cal Expo Fairgrounds in Sacramento on March 8 to swirl, sniff, sip, and analyze samples of olive oil from producers all over California. The annual competition celebrates the olive-growing and olive oil producing industries in California, and is open only to Extra Virgin and Flavored Olive Oils made from 100% olives which are grown, milled and packaged in California.

This year 540 shining new bottles of extra virgin and flavored olive oils lined the cellar shelves at Cal Expo. Each of the 134 entries arrived with hope from their Producers that their care, expertise and hard work would result in a coveted Best of Show Golden Bear Trophy.

California State Fair Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition Head Judge Nancy Ash, an advocate for California's olive oil industry since 1996, is the President of Strictly Olive Oil LLC. Ash enlisted the talents of an exceptional group of skilled and experienced judges, some with over 20 years of experience in the industry. Ash commented on the judging event, "The California State Fair Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition is one of my favorite events of the year! It is an honor to work with this group of exceptional tasters. It is educational for us to taste the varied flavors produced from the many different varieties of olives grown in our great state. I appreciate that this competition supports California Agriculture, and the hardworking farmers and producers that contribute to our state's olive oil industry."

The 2023 Best of Show Extra Virgin Olive Oil is a Coratina Olive Oil, by Olive Truck of San Francisco, CA. Olive Truck's Coratina also won one of only 2 Double Gold Medals awarded this year. This is the second Best of Show award in a row for Sam Bayraktar, owner of Olive Truck. In 2022, he won the award for his Tuscan Blend. According to Bayraktar, "California has a number of olive oil producers that are working hard to put California on the world olive oil map by producing exceptional olive oils. I'm deeply happy to be a part of this effort. I am honored and grateful to have been named Best of Show at the California State Fair for the second year in a row."

The 2023 Best of Show Flavored Olive Oil is a Basil, co-milled, flavored oil by Sciabica's California Olive Oil, of Modesto, CA. "My Family is honored to be awarded Best of Show! For me, the California State Fair Competition is the major league for California Olive Oil Producers," said Jon Sciabica, owner of Sciabica's California Olive Oil. "Winning here truly validates the hard work of our entire team!"

This competition honors Olive Oil producers at all production levels. The Best California Extra Virgin Olive Oil by a Micro-producer Award (Less than 500 gallons annually) was awarded to a Picual by Rio Bravo Ranch of Bakersfield, CA. The Best of California Extra Virgin Olive Oil by an Artisan Producer Award (between 500 and 5,000 gallons annually) was awarded to a Coratina by Olive Truck of San Francisco, CA. The Best of California Extra Virgin Olive Oil by a Large Producer Award (more than 5,000 gallons annually), went to a Taggiasca by Séka Hills of Brooks, CA.

During the 2023 California State Fair, July 14 - 30, fair guests will enjoy an exhibit featuring award-winning flavored and extra virgin olive oils, with free tastings, and the opportunity to purchase olive oil directly from award-winning California producers.

A complete listing of award-winning California Olive Oils and competition information can be found on the California State Fair website at CalExpoStateFair.com/California-Commercial-Extra-Virgin-Olive-Oil

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# Alvin Ailey dances in to the Mondavi Center

The world-renowned artists known as Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater return to the Mondavi Center in Davis for two nights this April. This year's programming includes world premieres of Kyle Abraham's "Are You in Your Feelings?" and Jamar Roberts' "In a Sentimental Mood," a new production of "Survivors," and Ailey's signature masterpiece "Revelations." Don't miss one of the world's most popular dance companies, this April 18-19. For more information, please visit www.mondaviarts.org

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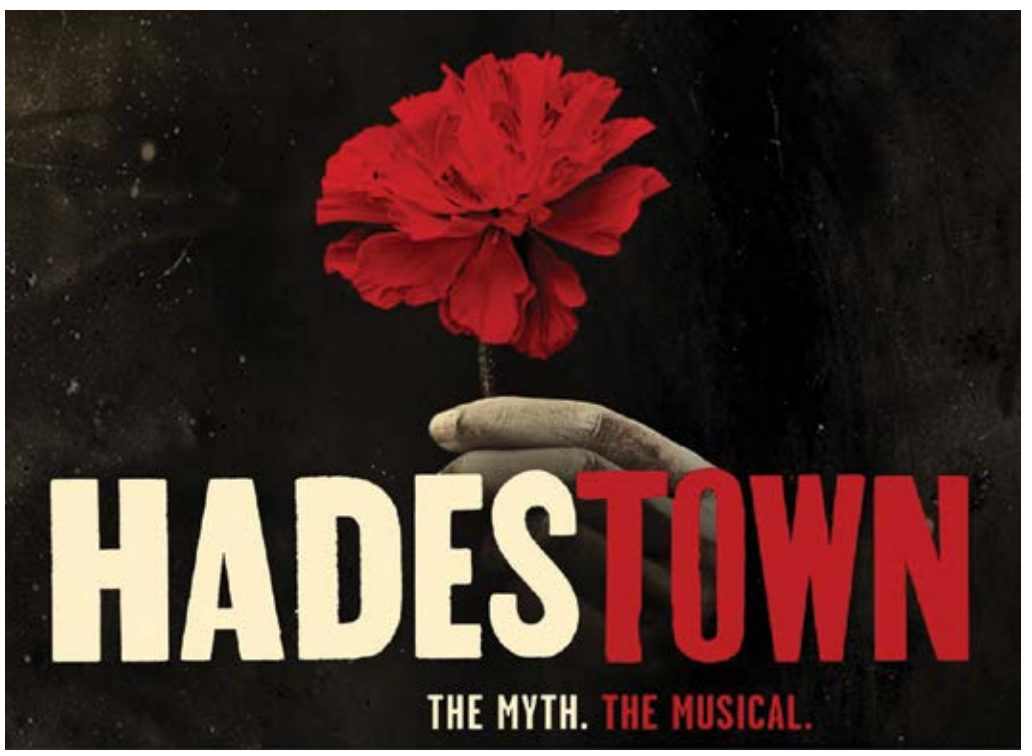

The post-pandemic Broadway blues must be over, if Broadway Sacramento's next season is any indication. The recently-announced 2023-24 Broadway On Tour season is much more exciting than their current season and includes hit after hit, including five Sacramento premieres, plus return engagements of two audience favorites.

Sacramento will see premieres of "Hadestown," "Ain't Too Proud," "Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical," "Six" and "Jagged Little Pill," and the return of the classics "Les Miserables" and "Annie." The Broadway On Tour season, which takes place at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center in downtown Sacramento, is sponsored by UC Davis Health.

Current season ticketholders have until April 21 to renew their subscriptions and save up to $72 over the price of purchasing the shows individually. On sale dates for new season subscriptions, single-show tickets and group tickets will be confirmed in the coming months.

Season ticket prices range from $227 to $666 for all seven shows, and current subscribers can renew their season tickets by mail, by phone or in person at the Broadway Sacramento Box Office, 1419 H Street in Sacramento, (916) 557-1999. For more information: BroadwaySacramento.com

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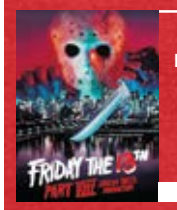

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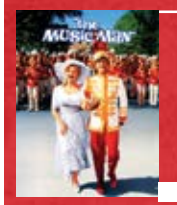

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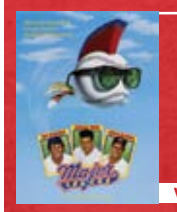

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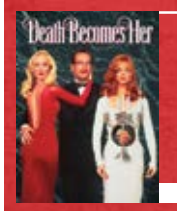


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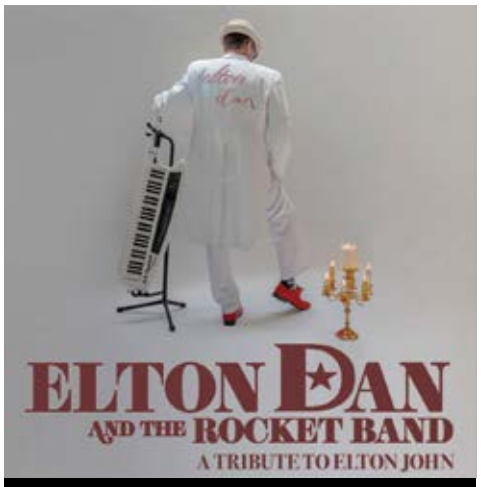


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# Back-To-Back Blockbusters At Sacramento's Esquire Imax

*by Chris Narloch*

It's only March, but blockbuster season has already begun at Sacramento's Esquire IMAX Theatre on K Street, where the "Shazam" sequel is wrapping up its run as I write this.

Next up are two other highly anticipated blockbuster films: the fourth "John Wick" film and a new big-screen adaptation of the fantasy game "Dungeons & Dragons." Read on for more details.

John Wick: Chapter 4

## John Wick: Chapter 4

I thought Keanu Reeves had killed everyone already, but it turns out I was wrong. There are many more bad people to be bumped off, and Reeves' Zen master of murder is the only man for the job.

I am not a huge fan of watching dozens (hundreds?) of nameless, interchangeable bad guys being shot and otherwise disposed of, but the locations in the "John Wick" films are often stunning, and their choreography and cinematography can be breathtaking.

The new film runs almost three hours, which means that action junkies can expect a heaping helping of hurt as Mr. Wick gets revenge on his enemies.

Here is the synopsis: "The price on his head ever increasing, legendary hit man John Wick takes his fight against the High Table global as he seeks out the most powerful players in the underworld, from New York to Paris to Japan to Berlin."

Advance reviews indicate that this sequel might be the best "John Wick" yet. You can see for yourself beginning March 23 when the movie opens at Sacramento's Esquire IMAX Theatre.

## Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

I was never into Dungeons & Dragons, but I love a good fantasy film, and this new big-screen iteration is being described as the perfect blend of action and comedy. Chris Pine stars, along with Michelle Rodriguez, Rege-Jean Page, and Hugh Grant.

"Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" brings the rich world and playful spirit of the legendary role-playing game to the big screen in an action-packed tale about a charming thief and a band of unlikely adventurers who undertake an epic heist to retrieve a lost relic. Things go dangerously awry when they run afoul of the wrong people.

"Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" takes over Sacramento's Esquire IMAX Theatre beginning March 30.

You can purchase advance tickets for both films at: www.imax.com/imax-esquire-oo

Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

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# Out & About

*with Matt Burlingame*

It's going to be a tough year for those who celebrate Easter with the limited supply of eggs being almost as valuable as gold these days. Some places are selling even more expensive hyper-realistic wooden and plastic eggs to color. Or maybe dye those leftover potatoes from St. Patrick's Day.

April 10 is National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day which was created to raise awareness about the impact of HIV on young people. Together, we can help young people stay healthy by encouraging HIV testing, prevention, and treatment. The CDC reported that youth 13 to 24 years of age accounted for 21% of all new HIV diagnoses in the United States in recent years.

Drag Queen Bingo is on Thursday, Apr. 6 at 7 p.m. and features the fabulous DoMe Moore doing her thing at Mango's,1930 K St. to raise funds for this year's NorCal Aids Cycle. NCAC raises funds to support those living with HIV. Remember seating is first come first served! Rainbowchamber.com

The much anticipated Business & Community Excellence Awards 2023 by the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce gets underway at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard St. on Thursday, Mar. 23 at 12 p.m. The event honors business, community and corporate leaders who raise the bar to advocate LGBTQ leadership, equality, and inclusion in the workplace and the community. Rainbowchamber.com

pro wrestling! Not to mention a taco eating contest and a hot chili pepper eating contest! Golden1center.com

Aurelio Voltaire is often described as a modern day renaissance man—singer, performer, author, creator of comic books, films, animation and is at the forefront of the Gothic, Steampunk and Dark Cabaret genres. He headlines some of the biggest horror, sci-fi and Steampunk festivals. Catch Voltaire on the King of Villains Tour Saturday, Apr. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at The Colonial Theatre, 3522 Stockton Blvd. Goth Night Out also features Ashes Fallen, & DJ Carnierobber. Lovehorrorevents.com

From Abstract views to the beauty of Roses, March and April at Kennedy Gallery, 1931 L St. is the hot spot for this year's revitalized Second Saturdays! The gallery features works from over 20 resident artists inside three floors of open studios in the heart of Midtown's entertainment district. Kennedygallery.net

Julie Kim appears at the Punch Line March 26.

Distinctive harmonies and heartfelt performances are how Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty's performances are often described. Girl Named Tom won the hearts of America on NBC's "The Voice" and their chart-topping covers "River," "The Chain" and "Dust in the Wind" accompany their original music they hope will help to create harmony in a world divided. Catch them Sunday, Mar. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at The Harris Center, 10 College Pkwy. in Folsom. Harriscenter.net

Tacos on a Saturday? Hell, yeah! It's the Sacramento Taco Fest & Margarita Festival Saturday, Apr. 1 from Noon - 6 p.m. at the Golden 1 Center, 500 David J Stern Walk. The day includes tacos, Margaritas and live

Stand-up comedian and writer Julie Kim has an impressive list of writing credits including Laugh out Loud, Kim's Convenience, Run the Burbs and Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings to name a few. With a mission to spread happiness, lighten hearts, and unite humanity through laughter—which she did during her tour with Ronny Chieng (Crazy Rich Asians) she will be appearing at the Punch Line Sacramento, 2100 Arden Way on Sunday, Mar. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Punchlinesac.com

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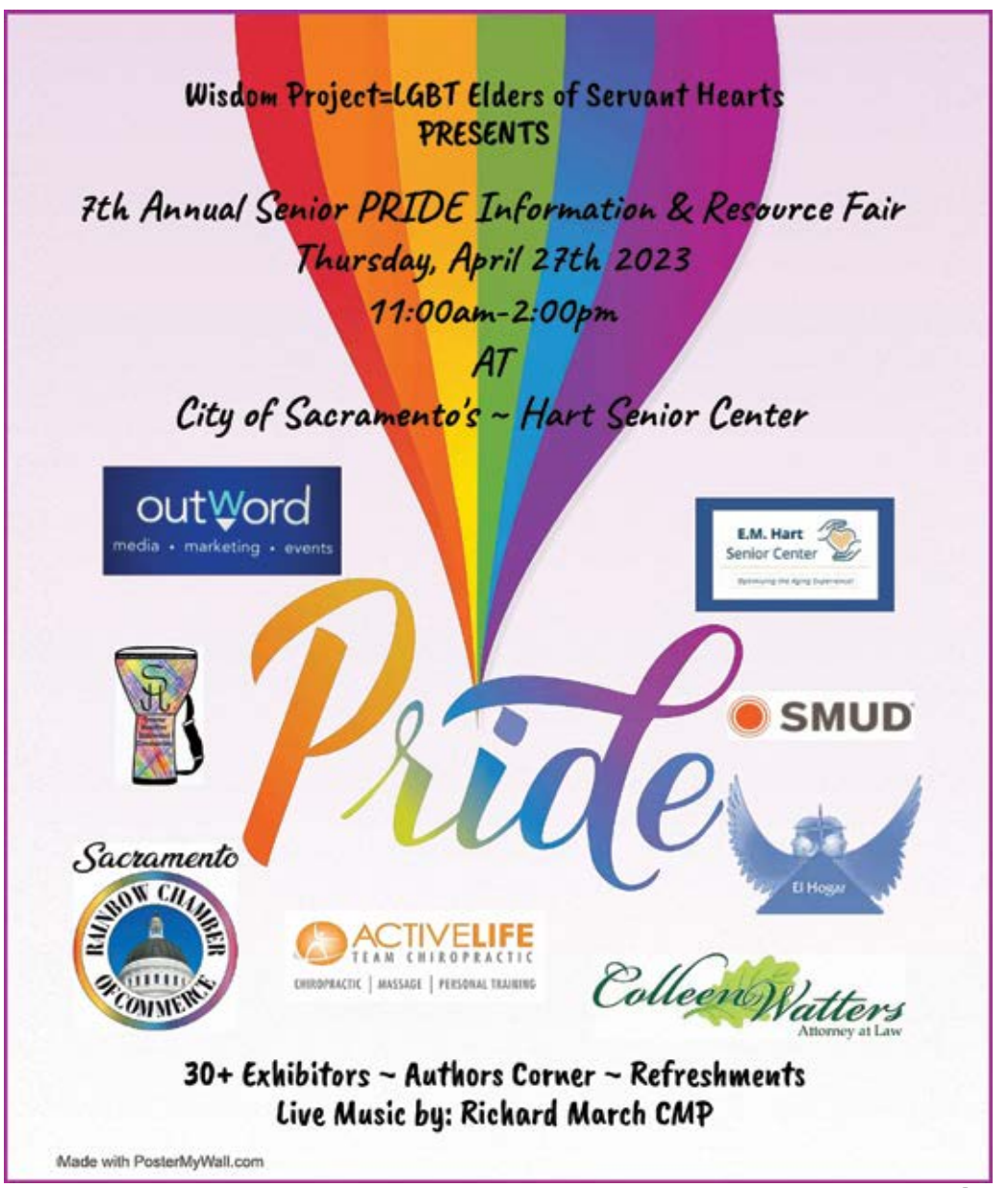

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# Capital Stage Presents "Heroes of the Fourth Turning"

*by Chris Narloch*

Sacramento's Capital Stage has a well-deserved reputation for presenting provocative plays that some other local theaters avoid. Kudos to them for bringing thought-provoking theater to River City. That said, I found the company's latest production – of Will Arbery's "Heroes of the Fourth Turning" – very disappointing.

Heroes of the Fourth Turning

A terrific cast featuring some of our finest local actors (including Jamie Jones and Ian Hopps) and the talented director Michael Stevenson turn in first-rate work, but the play itself is an edgy, ambitious drama that I found pretentious and annoying. It focuses on a group of young Catholic intellectuals who reunite at their college in Wyoming and end up airing some "dirty laundry" and discussing the current culture wars and political upheaval in our country.

What I found most egregious about the work was the exceedingly overwritten and overwrought (and often unrealistic) speechifying that passes for dialogue in the play. The cast-members each get to command the stage at different points with the type of lengthy diatribes (monologues really) that actors love, and I cannot fault the performers, but Arbery's speeches often felt false and phony to me, especially the shocking final one delivered by a character with chronic pain.

I should add that this play, which runs almost two and a half hours with no intermission, received mostly positive reviews off-Broadway and was a finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in drama, but I couldn't wait for it be over.

"Heroes of the Fourth Turning" performs through April 16th. For more information, go to https://capstage.org

# Out & About

Tahoe Blue (Vodka) turned Mango's blue - for the night! Tahoe Blue's All Blue Party was an over the top celebration of spirits, food, music and fun. Can't wait for next year!

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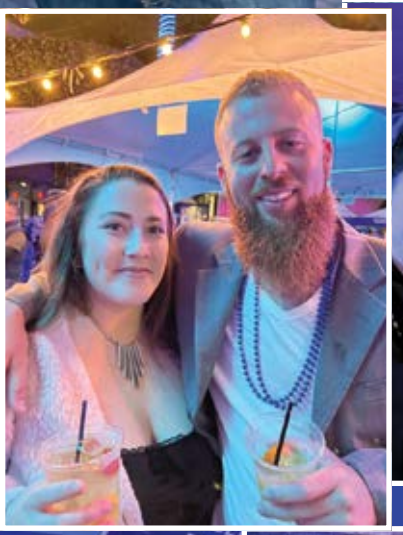

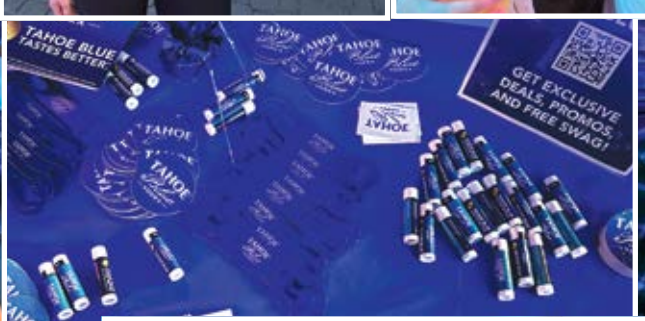

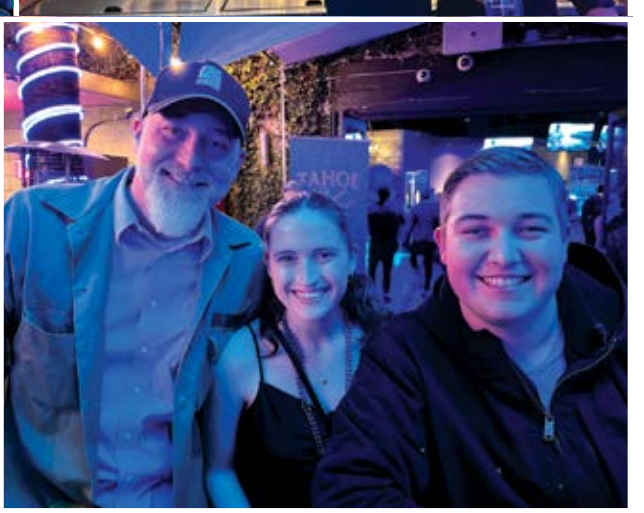

# Lily & Jane – Long May They Reign Plus, Three More Movies Reviewed

by Chris Narloch

I was ecstatic for Michelle Yeoh, who celebrated Women's History Month recently by becoming the first Asian to win a Best Actress award in the 95-year history of the Oscars.

If you want to have a Michelle Yeoh film festival, I recommend seeing the original "Supercop" with Jackie Chan, "Crazy Rich Asians" costarring Henry Golding and Awkwafina, "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" with Simu Liu, and Ang Lee's brilliant "Croucing Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

Speaking of fabulous females, I recently saw "Moving On," the latest big-screen movie costarring Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda, who were just seen on theater screens earlier this year, in "80 For Brady."

Fonda and Tomlin are probably the funniest and most beloved female comedy team since Patsy and Edina from "AbFab" and maybe even since Lucy and Ethel. Read on for reviews of "Moving On" and three other new films.

**Moving On**

You will have to act fast if you want to see this one on the big screen, since the movie does not have a big studio behind it and is only playing in a handful of theaters in and around Sacramento. The film is worth seeking out, however, to see Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin flex their comic chemistry yet again.

"Moving On" won't be for everyone – it's an odd mixture of dark comedy and revenge drama – but Lily gets to apply her deadpan delivery to some very funny lines, and Jane is heartbreaking as a woman who wants to kill the heartless bastard who assaulted her decades earlier.

Since Malcolm McDowell, who excels at playing scumbags, costars as the target of Fonda's wrath, we also want his character to croak. I won't spoil how (or if) that happens, but I will say that this modest dramedy gives both of its fabulous females a happy ending.

Moving On

Return to Seoul

**Return to Seoul**

This terrific foreign film follows a 25-year-old woman who returns to her birth country, South Korea, to search for her biological parents after growing up in France with the French couple who adopted her.

Ji-Min Park is superb as the heroine, Freddie, who gets more than she bargained for after she locates her "real" father and mother and then stays in South Korea to work.

Freddie is enigmatic and sometimes very off-putting, but it's a fascinating, challenging role for Ms. Park and she nails it. "Return to Seoul" recently opened at Sacramento's Tower Theatre.

**Causeway**

Jennifer Lawrence gives a very moving performance in this little-seen gem of a movie about a U.S. soldier (Lawrence) who sustains a traumatic brain injury in Afghanistan and must rebuild her life stateside with help from her mother and a new friend.

Linda Emond plays the mother, and Brian Tyree Henry, who was Oscar-nominated for his role in this movie, is excellent as the friend, a kindly mechanic who has his own PTSD to deal with.

"Causeway" is a bittersweet portrait of two damaged people who help each other transcend their pasts. Available via Apple TV+.

Causeway

**All Quiet on the Western Front**

I was blown away when I finally watched this amazing anti-war drama, which was nominated for nine Academy Awards recently (including Best Picture) and won four. Everything about the film is first-rate, from its intense score to its German cast, and the conclusion is completely devastating.

Felix Kammerer gives an amazing performance as the main character, Paul Baumer, an idealistic young German soldier who can't wait to serve his country during World War I.

By the end of the story, Paul (and any viewer with a heart and soul) will be stripped of all illusions about the glory of war, and that is the point of this brilliant epic movie. Available on Netflix.

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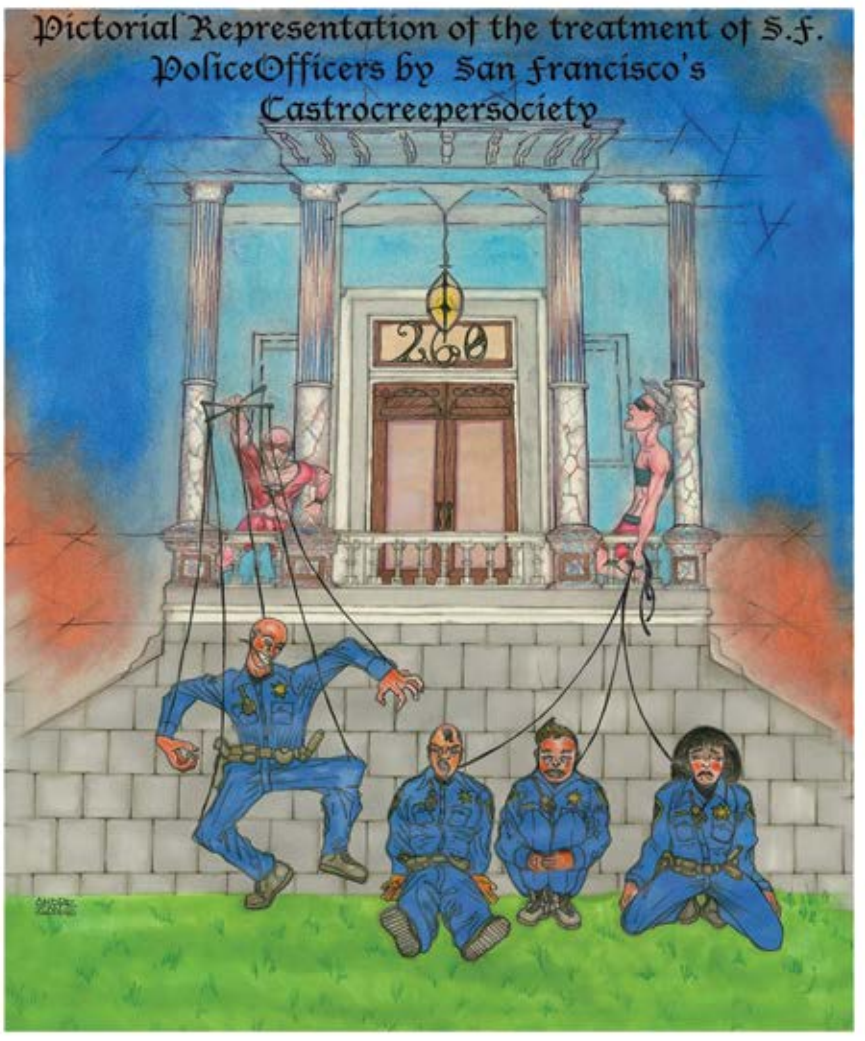


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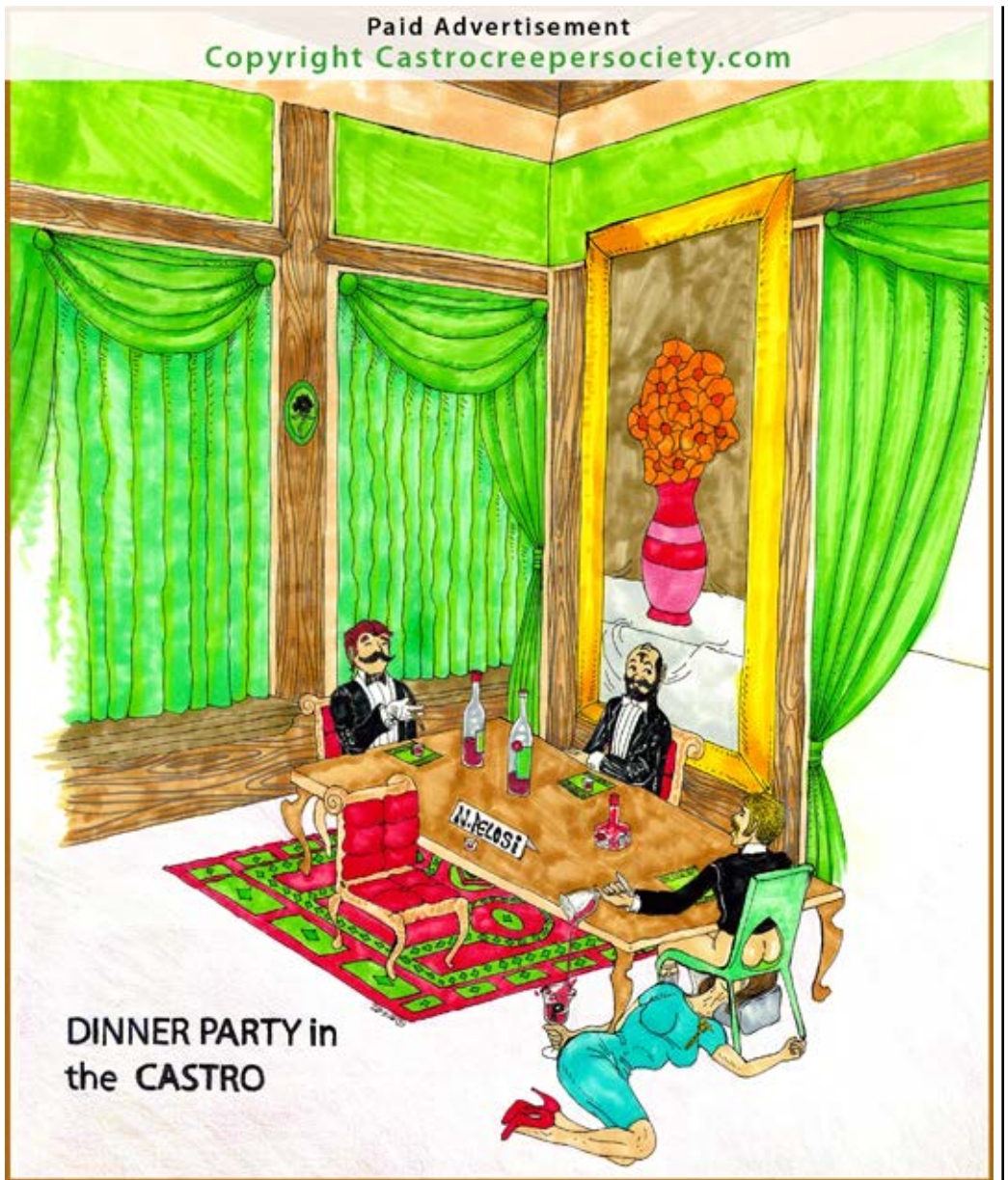


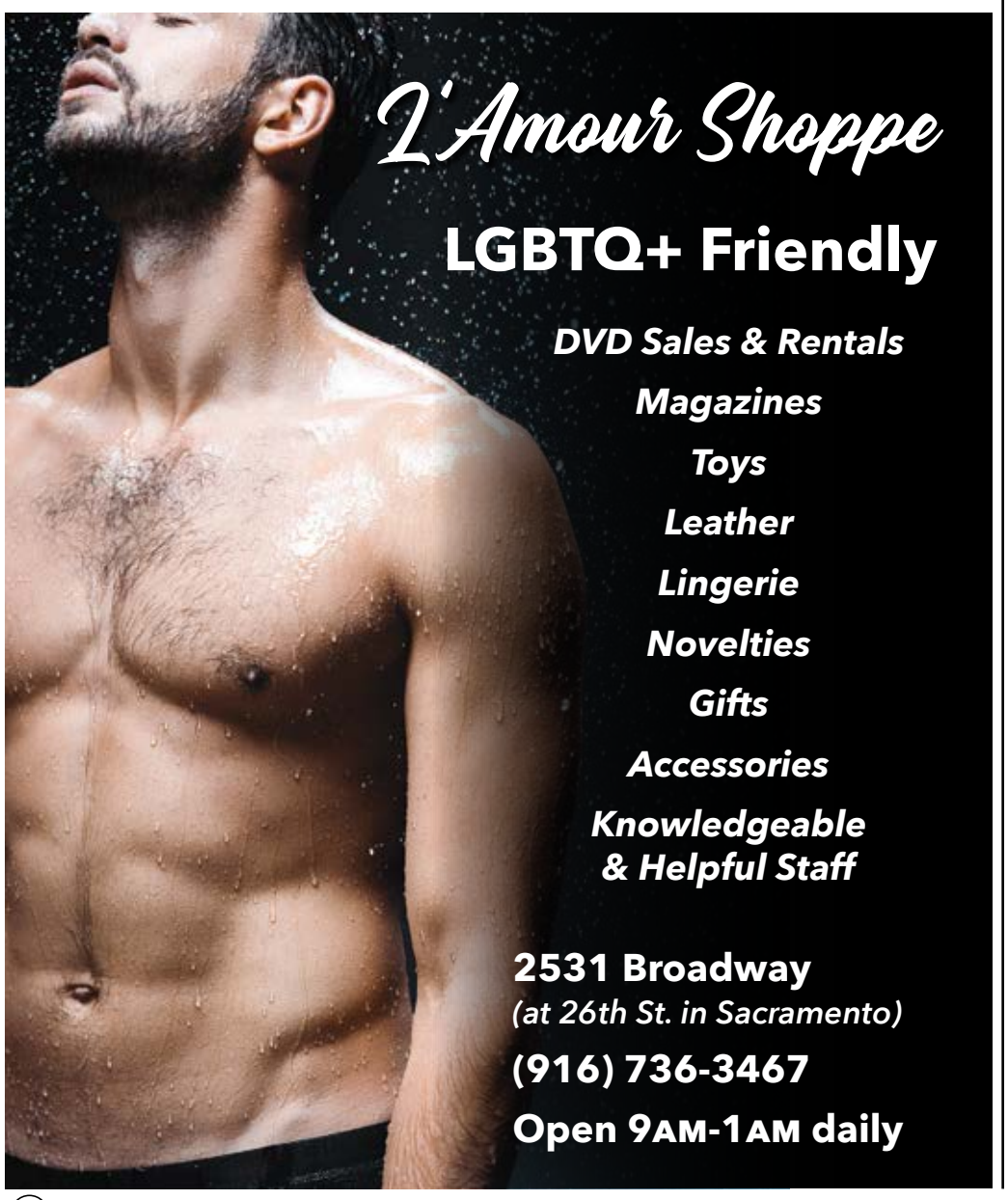


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