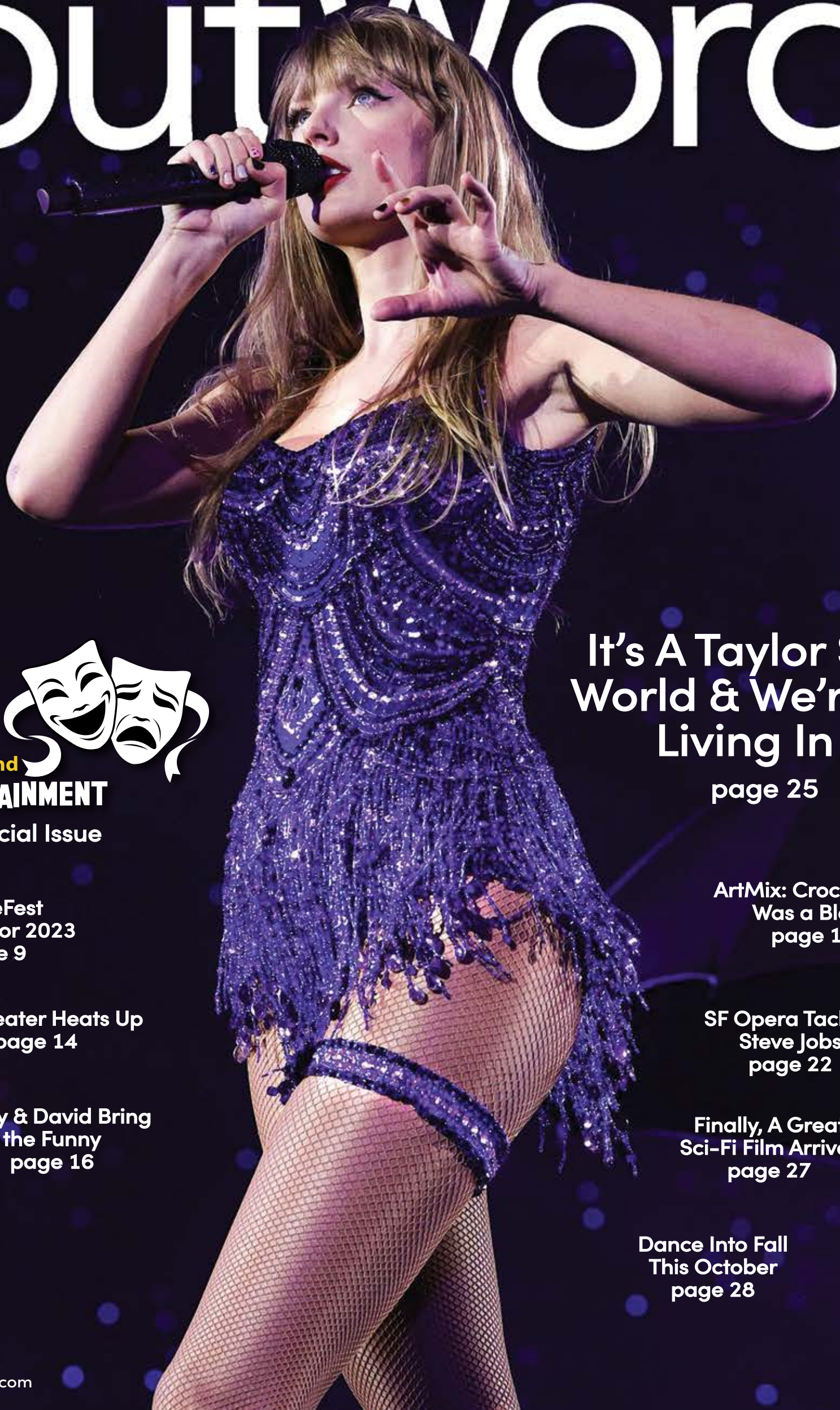


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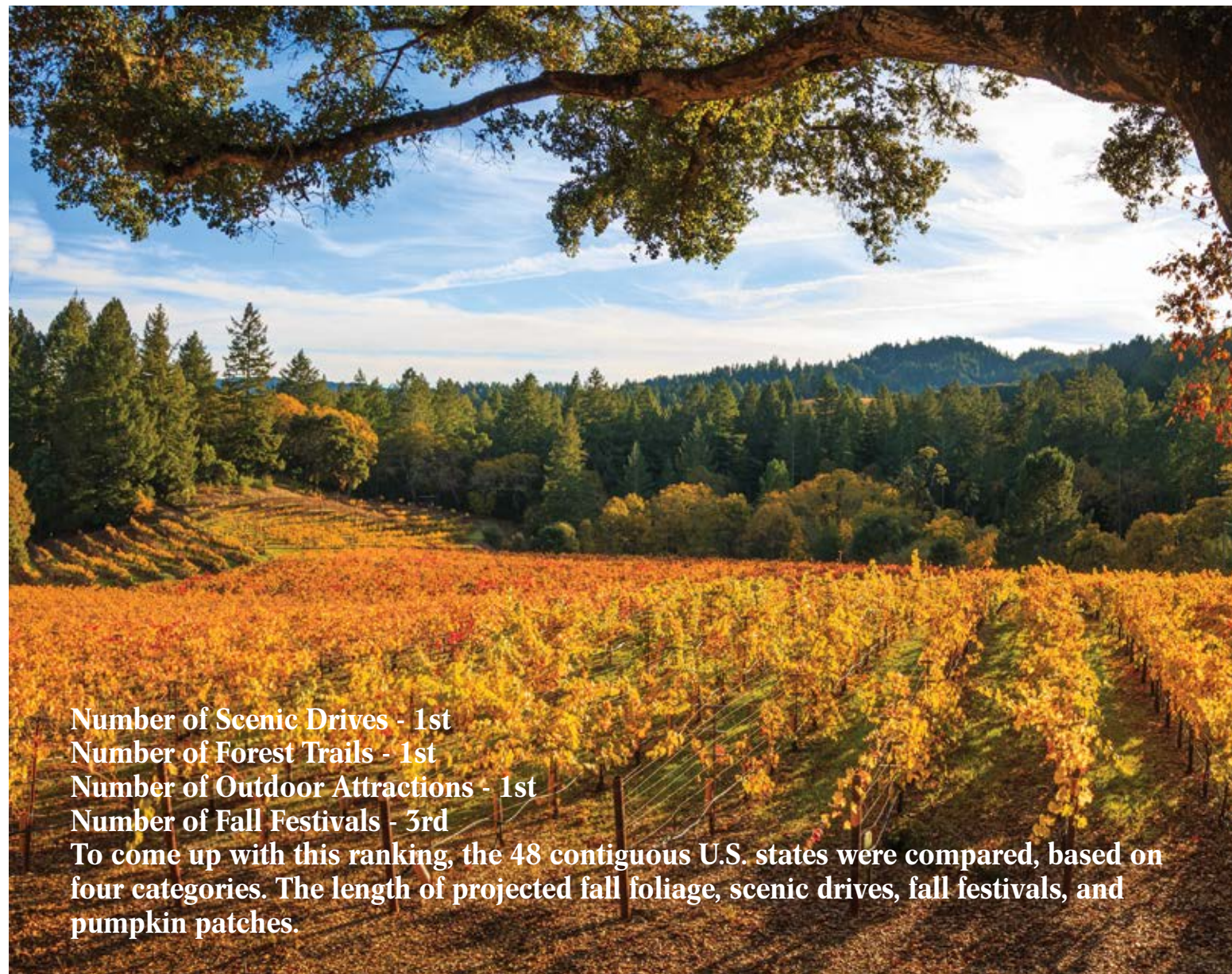
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With leaves beginning to change their hues in many parts of the U.S., LawnStarter ranked 2023's Best States to Visit This Fall. Here's how California stacks up in some key metrics (1st = Best).



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Senator Wiener's Bill to Expand Access to PrEP Stalls Due to Poison Pill Amendment

Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) announced that he is pausing Senate Bill 339 in the Assembly after the Assembly Appropriations Committee inserted a harmful amendment to the bill. SB 339 improves access to PrEP and PEP, a powerful preventative HIV medication, by ensuring pharmacists can furnish PrEP without a prescription. The bill deals exclusively with ensuring pharmacists are able to provide PrEP.



The Assembly Appropriations Committee inserted an extraneous amendment into SB 339 having nothing to do with the bill – essentially inserting an unrelated bill into this bill – and which “undermines” access to PrEP. The amendment would allow insurance companies to impose prior authorization and step-therapy for PrEP and PEP, which are significantly limited under existing law and regulations. In other words, the amendment reduces patient protections.

This harmful amendment is not only completely unrelated to the purpose of the bill – i.e., improving pharmacists’ ability to furnish PrEP and PEP – but it also upends longstanding guidance from state regulators and runs counter to California’s ongoing efforts to improve access to PrEP and PEP for Californians most at risk for contracting HIV.

Because these amendments undermine PrEP access, they’re effectively a poison pill and therefore untenable. The amendments were never analyzed or voted on by a health policy committee, and Senator Wiener opposes them. As a result, Senator Wiener has chosen not to move SB 339 forward at this time. Over the recess, Senator Wiener will determine if there is a path to deleting these harmful amendments. If not, he likely will abandon the bill.

“It’s heartbreaking to see a straightforward, critically important HIV prevention bill stall this way,” said Senator Wiener. “Thousands of Californians contract HIV each year, and we need common sense measures like SB 339 to improve access to PrEP.”

Despite significant public health advancements, HIV remains a major public health challenge in California, with nearly 4,000 new HIV diagnoses each year. Black and Latino gay and bisexual men, Black cisgender women, transgender women, and youth continue to be the populations most impacted by HIV.

PrEP is a preventative drug taken orally or intravenously that reduces the risk of contracting HIV through sexual contact by more than 99%, making it more effective than any other measure to prevent HIV, including condoms. Despite its incredible efficacy, fewer than 25 percent of those who would benefit from PrEP are using these

medications.

“We are shocked at the recent actions of the Assembly Appropriations Committee to reverse years of advocacy for HIV prevention in California and roll back essential protections for people at risk of acquiring HIV,” says Dr. Tyler TerMeet, CEO of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, “For decades California has been at the forefront of HIV prevention, ensuring that people had access to PrEP, our most effective form of HIV prevention, without delays caused by insurance red tape and greed. The language changes added by the Appropriations Committee would undo that work and leave people at the highest risk of HIV vulnerable to pointless bureaucratic delays and denials, increasing HIV transmission and undoing our work to get to zero new HIV infections in California.”

Michael Conner, PharmD, President of the California Pharmacists Association states, “While the current version of the bill meets the goal of CPhA to allow pharmacists to independently initiate and provide PrEP/PEP, it removes protections for patients. Our commitment is to do what is in the best interest of patients, it is at the heart of what we do. Therefore, we cannot support moving the bill forward at this time. We look forward to working together to move a bill that meets the intention of improving access to these life-saving medications.”

“We are disappointed that SB 339 will not be advancing this year because of the Assembly Appropriations Committee’s amendments – we could not in good conscience move forward with the amended bill and roll back years of progress in the fight against HIV,” said Equality California Executive Director Tony Hoang. “The amendments would take California back to a time when health plans could impose onerous delays to accessing critical HIV prevention medications and they demonstrate a disregard for the HIV providers and advocates who have been fighting for years to improve PrEP access in California. We remain fully committed to expanding PrEP access for all Californians and look forward to continuing our work with Senator Wiener on this important issue.”

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The 2023 Burnett Awards Honors Pucci's Pharmacy

The Sacramento History Alliance and Sacramento History Museum announced the 2023 winners of the Burnett Awards. Pucci's Pharmacy, Firehouse Restaurant, La Esperanza, North Sacramento Land Company, and Sacramento Pioneer Association will be honored at the 5th Annual Burnett Awards on October 5th. The Burnett Awards recognizes iconic Sacramento businesses that have stood the test of time and make up our community tapestry.



Pucci's Pharmacy was selected for its 93 years of compassionate service to the Sacramento community. Brothers Peter and Dino Pucci first opened Homeland Pharmacy on Broadway and 19th Streets in 1930. During the depression, they provided low or no-cost medicines to the unhoused. In 1979, the brothers retired and sold the pharmacy to Tom and Linda Nelson. At the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, when many chain pharmacies were turning away customers with visible signs of the disease, Tom and Linda welcomed those patients with open arms and set the stage for providing outstanding care to the LGBTQ+ community.

In 2016, Clint Hopkins and husband Joel Hockman bought the pharmacy. Their business grew quickly and they moved to their current location on Folsom Blvd. They continued the legacy of compassionate service by meeting the needs of the LGBTQ+ community and those who have felt stigmatized by chain pharmacies. When little was understood about the human monkeypox virus, Pucci's Pharmacy made the decision to provide the monkeypox vaccine even before health insurance companies authorized payments. Regardless of ownership, Pucci's Pharmacy has always prioritized individual and personal care, firmly believing that every patient deserves the highest level of care and support.

The Burnett Awards is the nonprofit

Sacramento History Alliance's signature fundraising event, benefitting the Sacramento History Museum and its education programs. The annual Burnett Awards was born out of the desire to honor our regional legacy businesses with a history-celebrating event unique to the Sacramento community.

The awards were named in honor of R. Burnett Miller whose family has been operating Burnett & Sons Planing Mill & Lumber Company since 1869. Miller was a former Sacramento mayor, councilmember, philanthropist, preservationist, art-lover, self-proclaimed "history-buff", and one of the founders of the Sacramento History Museum.

Past Burnett Awards have honored Sacramento area businesses both large and small, such as: The Sacramento Observer, Shasta Linen Supply, Taylor's Market, Iceland Ice Skating Rink, Corti Brothers, General Produce, Sacramento Bee, Frank Fat's, Goodwin-Cole Company, Beer's Books, Teichert Construction, Vic's Ice Cream, Gunther's Ice Cream, Lionakis, Sacramento Public Library, Osaka-Ya, Tower Theatre, Julius Clothing, Arareity Jewelers, and The Trap.

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Upstander Carnival Teaches Anti-bullying Tools

by Wendy Weitzel

Upstander Carnival, a free event for elementary-age children, will return to Davis' Central Park on Saturday, Oct. 21. As part of National Bullying Prevention Month, the annual fair teaches youngsters to identify and stand up to bullying.



The Davis Phoenix Coalition launched the carnival in 2015. This year, it's from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the sycamore grove of Davis' Central Park, Fourth and C streets. The popular event draws hundreds every year.

Participants go through six stations of brief, interactive lessons, where they practice inclusion, deal with cyberbullying and learn helpful skills. After getting a stamp at each station, students get to enter the fun zone, where they may play in a bounce house, get snacks like popcorn or cotton candy, play games, and get their face painted.

Davis Phoenix Coalition founder Gloria Partida, who serves on the Davis City Council, said she hopes the event sparks conversations among students and parents, and leads to more bystanders becoming upstanders.

"The main focus is to give kids and families resources for what to do if they experience or witness bullying," Partida said. Children leave with four concrete responses that work in various situations.

These are valuable lessons that prevent and address bullying. With these tools available, youths can help diffuse situations in a respectful way, thwarting violence then and eliminating troubles in the future. These skills stick with pupils as they move on to junior high and high school.

Partida said, "Oftentimes, kids in bullying situations have problems later with the law, and with domestic violence. Providing them some support when they are young is one of the ways to prevent negative outcomes in adulthood."

The event runs concurrently with the Davis Farmers Market, which is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in

Central Park. It's a great chance for families to participate in both events. Partida advised saving at least an hour for the carnival.

Parents or guardians must sign a waiver for their child to participate. Partida encourages parents to walk the stations with their kids. Mom or Dad can learn too, and can chat with volunteers about local resources.

The Upstander Carnival is 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 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, visit <https://davisphoenixco.org>. Volunteers may sign up at <https://forms.gle/xQPjfh7eJZ1RF4iq5>.

To learn details as they unfold, follow the Davis Phoenix Coalition on Facebook and Instagram.

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Little Activisms by Judy Saint Outsizing Your Voice at Public Meetings

The new strategy among cultural disruptors is to plant divisive agendas, often vilifying LGBTQ+ citizens, into local governments, such as school boards, city councils and county boards of supervisors. That makes you, the local constituent, the warrior they're looking in the eye. Today I'm offering help in these local fights.

Here is how to outsize your voice at public meetings, especially if you are only a small group showing up.

1. Spread yourselves around the far corners of the room, shouting support from there. To people sitting in the middle, it will seem like "everyone" is on your side, even though it might only be four of you. They feel surrounded by loud support coming from all around the room. It only takes three or four of you to do that. Resist the urge to sit together.

2. Arrive early to pass out green and red paper to people who seem supportive of your side. Ask them to wave them as appropriate: green shows favor, red for disagreement to anything being said. If you print your catch phrase on both sides of the paper, only your side will wave them.

3. Assign your group different topics to emphasize at the microphone instead of repeating each other. Address the chair by name. Mention that you are a constituent. Bring visuals like surveys, quotes, or maps.

4. Invite news reporters to attend, emphasizing there will be pushback.

5. If able to talk with media, use quick phrases that grab attention.

Let me mention two recent examples. Rocklin in Placer County has joined other school districts in ruling that students must be forcibly outed as behaving in a trans manner to parents, regardless of the home situation. In another local case, El Dorado County passed a Proclamation giving the whole month of July every year to honor Christianity, ironically in a document that contained factual historical errors. Well, probably not ironically. Rewriting history is something of a group sport lately.

In both cases, the public was given an opportunity to speak up. Many times, we sit back, fingers crossed, that what Mom told us would happen all by itself, that "the truth will out", or Martin Luther King Jr's notion that justice eventually arrives. Um, not really, sorry. It takes voices. (Arab Spring wasn't quiet. Remember cheering for the rioters fighting to get their democracies back?)

A local TV reporter sought a response from me regarding the El Dorado County issue. I said the county "should be embarrassed",

which was quoted on the air during their newscast that night. The quote was quirky, short, and attention-getting, designed to make it onto the evening news, as it did. Think of a quote ahead of time – keep it short and pithy – then seek out the cameras.

Now, toss your fist into the air because as a result of pushback the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors voted on September 19, 2023, to rescind their unconstitutional Proclamation! That's a WIN for everyone's freedom! Voices were heard. Public outcry won.

We can do the same with transgender issues in Rocklin, book banning, bathroom bills, same-gender discrimination by small businesses, and anywhere else our rights and freedoms are under local attack.

You are an important voice. Remember, you have every right to organize, prepare, and talk into the microphone or shout from the corners of the room. Speaking up is not for everyone, but thanks for considering it, even if just once.

Little Activisms encourages readers to consider small changes we can make to help social causes, and to feel good about ourselves for taking small risks. Judy Saint is president of The Greater Sacramento Chapter of Freedom From Religion Foundation and author of The Pleasant Atheist Adult Coloring Book available on Amazon.



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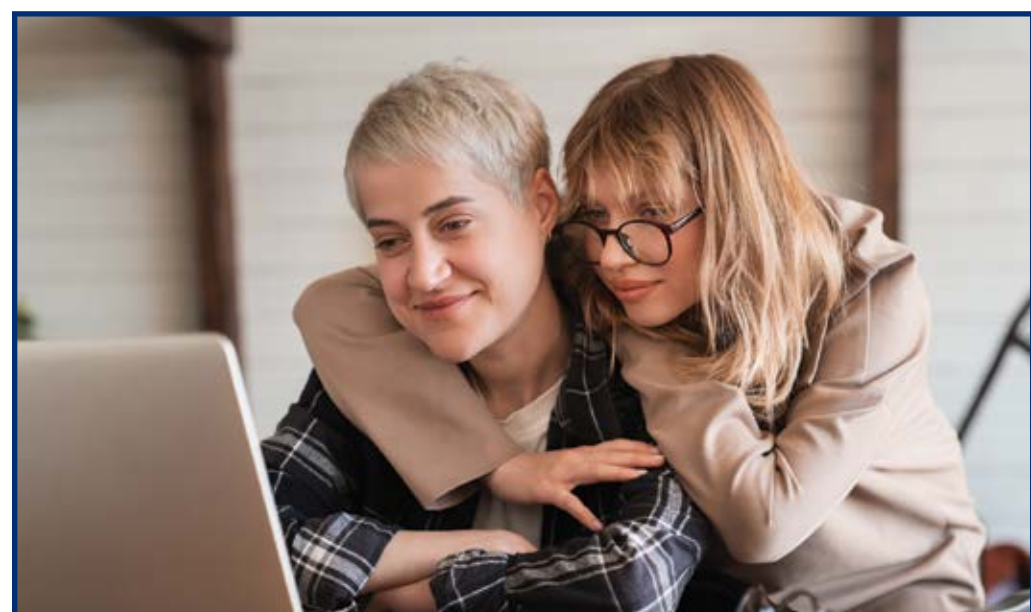
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NorCal Museums Spread Infinite Love

by Chris Narloch

Sacramento's final Second Saturday celebration of 2023 is this October 14th, but that's only the beginning of the artistic options available this fall. Read on for several exciting events already open or coming soon to a museum in Northern California.

CA Museum

This midtown Sacramento museum invites patrons to explore the path of Black history in the West with a timeline of original pictorial quilts, from 1528 through the Civil Rights Movement, currently on view through Oct. 1, 2023. After that, you can enjoy "Boulevard Dreams California" and "Arte Activista: Dia de los Muertos 2023." For more information, visit <https://californiamuseum.org>



Yayoi Kusama. Photo: Yusuke Miyazaki. Courtesy the artist, David Zwirner, Ota Fine Arts, and Victoria Miro

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The art event I am most excited about this year is the arrival in San Francisco of a world-class exhibit featuring the breathtaking work of Yayoi Kusama. Prolific doesn't begin to describe this fascinating artist, a 94-year-old Japanese woman who has lived in a mental health facility near her art studio since the 1970s. "Yayoi Kusama: Infinite Love" hasn't even opened yet, and the entire first month is already sold out. Luckily, you have until Sept. 7 of 2024 to check it out. Visit: www.sfmoma.org



An equine sculpture by Deborah Butterfield at Manetti Shrem in Davis.

Manetti Shrem

This superb, compact space on the edge of the UCD campus will hold its Fall Season Celebration on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 1, and the public is invited to attend the launch, which will include music, art making, special equine guests and a curatorial overview. Go to <https://manettishremmuseum.ucdavis.edu/events>

Gorman Museum

The Gorman Museum of Native American Art has a new home at UC Davis, and it recently celebrated its grand opening. For more information, go to: <https://gormanmuseum.ucdavis.edu>

Crocker Museum

You have until Oct. 1 of this year to enjoy "Estampas de la Raza," colorful, contemporary prints from the Romo Collection and the Sacramento-based RCAF (Royal Chicano Air Force), now on display at Crocker. After that, the museum puts its spotlight on sculpture and also artificial intelligence. Visit: www.crockerart.org

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Why “Just Say No” to Tobacco Fails LGBTQ+ Communities

by Ryan Oda (he/him/his), We Breathe Program Coordinator with the CA LGBTQ HHS Network

Yellowing teeth. Wrinkling skin. A dry as hell cough. We’ve all seen the ads showing the dangers of smoking cigarettes. In school, teachers would pass out red ribbons and “D.A.R.E.” us to be drug-free. “Just Say NO” still lingers in my brain to this day.



We’ve also seen at least one person close to us who has smoked a cigarette, had one too many shots of alcohol, or used some other form of substance to cope with the stresses of daily life. With the FDA declaring youth vaping an “epidemic» in 2018, it is clear that the scare tactics didn’t work. What schools didn’t teach us as kids is truly how stressful and hard being an adult (or even kid for that matter) is and just how easy it can be to turn to a substance such as tobacco to ease your stress ... especially if you are LGBTQ+.

September is National Recovery Month, and anyone on the road toward recovery from a substance addiction should be applauded. What many people get wrong about addiction is the belief that it is a matter of choice. I draw parallels between the experiences of queer people finding ways to cope in our hate-filled world, and the experiences of one of my family members who became addicted to alcohol during the 2008 recession.

This family member’s addiction to alcohol was as much of a choice as they had in losing their job. It was as much of a choice as their parent who abused them growing up. An addiction to tobacco is as much of a choice as it is to be discriminated against for being queer.

I had the (dis)pleasure of recently attending the Orange Unified School District (USD) Board meeting where they passed a forced outing policy that will undeniably put trans and non-binary students at increased risk for homelessness and depression.

The disgusting display of bigotry from the MAGA supporters and Proud Boys who shouted to the top of their lungs “groomers” made me thankful that I wasn’t a teenager who is just discovering my own identity at an Orange USD school. It was ironic to see so many people who said to the Board that they wanted to “protect our kids” all the while supporting a policy that had the potential to increase teen smoking, suicide and depression. A study by the Trevor Project showed that queer youth who had at least one accepting adult were 40% less likely to report a suicide attempt in the past year.

One of the tangible ways to cope in our community has been to rely on tobacco products. The rush of nicotine can calm a headache ... at least in the short term. Nicotine is a powerful drug that can make you feel more at ease and calm when you first start to use it. But as you become more and more reliant on nicotine, your mind and body slowly grow more and more dependent on it to the point where you can’t function without it.

For decades, tobacco companies have relied on this path toward nicotine to fill their pockets with cash. They know that many of us live with trauma because they relish in it by finding ads and funding Pride events to grow their queer consumer base. This targeting has led to dire consequences for our community. For instance, many doctors will postpone trans affirming care for people who smoke because tobacco can make it harder for the body to heal from surgeries.

We need to go beyond the “Just Say NO” rhetoric; we need systemic change. We need to do the actual work to address why people even start to use tobacco in the first place.

Increased LGBTQ+ rates of tobacco use is a symptom of larger systemic issues. It is a lack of accessible mental health care, livable wages, and stable housing. We Breathe, a program of the LGBTQ+ Health and Human Services Network, aims to create system change and reduce tobacco’s place in LGBTQ+ lives.

Many of my peers who are also working to eliminate tobacco from all Californian’s lives (or Endgame as it’s called) are trying to do so without the slightest idea of how to speak to queer people. We Breathe is working to change that. For more information on how to get involved with We Breathe, contact roda@health-access.org.

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“Fair Play: How Sports Shape the Gender Debates” by Katie Barnes

reviewed by Terri Schlichenmeyer

The jump shot happened so quickly, so perfectly. Your favorite player was in the air in a heartbeat, basketball in hand, wrist cocked. One flick and it was all swish, three points, just like that, and your team was ahead. So are you watching men's basketball or women's basketball? Or, as in the new book, “Fair Play” by Katie Barnes, should it really matter?



For sports fans, this may come as a surprise: we categorize sports according to gender.

Football, baseball, wrestling: male sports. Gymnastics, volleyball: women's sports. And yet, one weekend spent cruising around television shows you that those sports are enjoyed by both men and women – but we question the sexuality of athletes who dare (gasp!) to cross invisible lines for a sport they love.

How did sports “become a flash point for a broader conversation...”?

Barnes takes readers back first to 1967, when Kathrine Switzer and Bobbi Gibb both ran in the Boston Marathon. It was the first time women had audaciously done so and while both finished the race, their efforts didn't sit well with the men who made the rules.

“Thirty-seven words” changed the country in 1972 when Title IX was signed, which guaranteed there'd be no discrimination in extracurricular events, as long as “Federal financial assistance” was taken. It guaranteed availability for sports participation for millions of girls in schools and colleges. It also “enshrine[d] protections for queer and transgender youth to access school sports.”

So why the debate about competition across gender lines?

First, says Barnes, we can't change biology, or human bodies that contain both testosterone and estrogen, or that some

athletes naturally have more of one or the other – all of which factor into the debate. We shouldn't forget that women can and do compete with men in some sports, and they sometimes win. We shouldn't allow overinflated numbers of trans athletes to stand, and we shouldn't ignore the presence of transgender men in sports.

What we should do, Barnes says, is to «write a new story. One that works better.»

Here are two facts: Nobody likes change. And everybody has an opinion.

Keep those two statements in mind when you read “Fair Play.” They'll keep you calm in this debate, as will author Katie Barnes' lack of flame-fanning.

As a sports fan, an athlete, and someone who's binary, Barnes makes thing relatively even-keel in this book, which is a breath of fresh air in what's generally ferociously contentious. There's a good balance of science and social commentary here, and the many, many stories that Barnes shares are entertaining and informative, as well as illustrative. Readers will come away with a good understanding of where the debate lies.

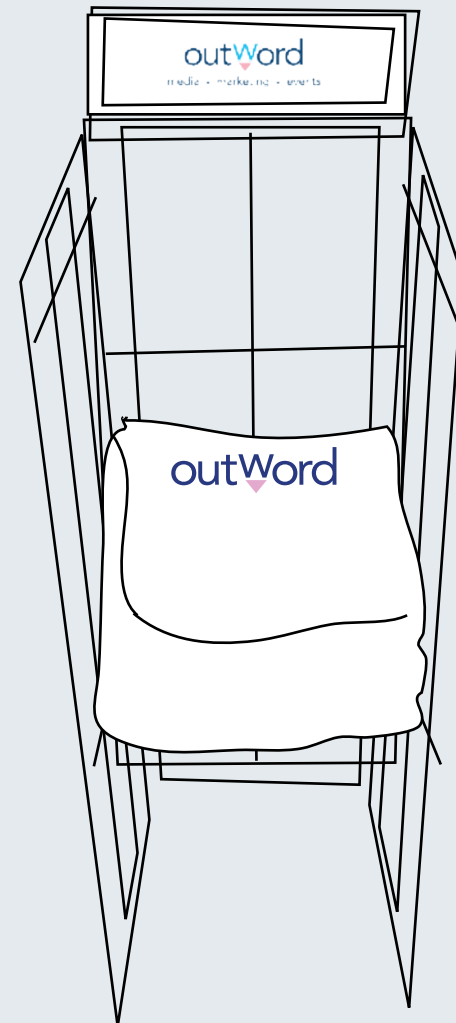
But will this book make a difference?

Maybe. Much will depend on who reads and absorbs it. Barnes offers plenty to ponder but alas, you can lead a homophobic horse to water but you can't make it think. Still, if you've got skin in this particular bunch of games, find “Fair Play” and jump on it.

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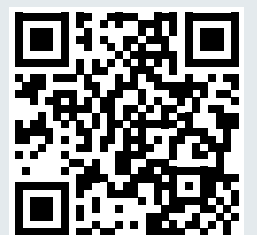
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Fall Theater Heats Up by Chris Narloch

Local theater fans recently enjoyed the superb new musical “Hadestown,” courtesy of Sacramento’s Broadway On Tour, which will follow up that triumph with three more shows yet this year.

Next up at Broadway Sac is the indestructible “Les Miserables” in late October, followed by the spectacular Temptations musical “Ain’t Too Proud” in November, and finally a family musical for the holidays at the end of December (“Dr. Seuss’ How The Grinch Stole Christmas!”).

While we wait for those shows to roll out, you can see two political plays in NorCal this October, one a wacky White House farce and the other a dramatic tribute to the late, great Thurgood Marshall.



Thurgood

With the current controversies involving Clarence Thomas’s horrid homophobia and alleged conflicts of interest on the Supreme Court, it’s important to remember that the first Black justice on the Court was a truly great man.

Thurgood Marshall was the Civil Rights lawyer who argued the landmark case of Brown v. Board of Education in 1954, leading to the end of institutionalized segregation.

Directed by the founder of Celebration Arts, James Wheatley, “Thurgood” spans the impressive 58-year career of Justice Marshall, the first African American to sit on the Supreme Court.

“Thurgood” is described as “a tribute to Marshall’s enduring legacy,” and it performs this Sept. 29–Oct. 22, at Celebration Arts on B Street in Sacramento.

For more information, please visit: www.celebrationarts.net



The cast of “POTUS” at Berkeley Rep
Photo credit: Kevin Berne

POTUS

I drove over to Berkeley recently to see this forced farce with a friend of mine and wished I hadn’t. The wild political comedy left me cold, and my guest liked it even less than I did.

Perhaps I got my hopes too high after reading the glowing reviews the play received during its 2022 Broadway run, which boasted a star-studded cast and a dynamite director in Susan Stroman.

The Berkeley Rep production, on the other hand, features a seven-woman cast that was pushing too hard for laughs on opening night, and a director who seems to not have a knack for staging physical comedy – at least based on this show.

The play is essentially about the chaos that results when the women surrounding the President attempt to do damage control after the Commander in Chief makes a sexist and stupid off-hand remark.

As the action became more and more absurd, I found myself checking my watch out of boredom with the play, which employs copious vulgar language and crass humor to disguise the fact that there is almost no substance beneath the frantic surface of the show.

I should probably add that the sold-out audience the evening I saw the play seemed to be having a great time, laughing their heads off at the shenanigans on stage.

“POTUS: Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive” plays through Oct. 22, 2023. Visit: www.berkeleyrep.org

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Molly & David Bring the Funny

by Chris Narloch

North and west of Sacramento, in Folsom and Davis, respectively, two of our area's finest performing arts centers will host separate appearances this fall by two of the funniest people alive. Read on for details.



Molly Shannon in Santa Monica, CA. Credit: Christopher Patey/Contour by Getty Images

Molly Shannon

The comedic actress Molly Shannon survived an unthinkable childhood tragedy to become one of the funniest performers in SNL history, with memorable characters such as the brash but awkward Catholic schoolgirl Mary Katherine Gallagher and the sassy and spry Sally O'Malley, who was always eager to demonstrate her ability to kick, stretch, and kick again!

Recently, Ms. Shannon put pen to paper (so to speak) and published the New York Times bestseller, "Hello, Molly!" She will celebrate the release of her first book and reflect on her remarkable life and career during her first visit to the Mondavi Center in Davis, on Friday evening, Oct. 20, 2023.

To purchase tickets, please visit: www.mondaviarts.org



David Sedaris in Rackham, Sussex. Credit: Jenny Lewis/Contour by Getty Images

David Sedaris

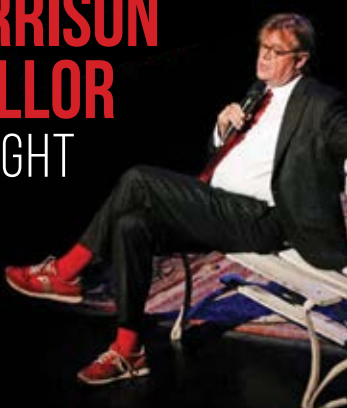
There were a few tickets left last time I checked for this appearance by the premier, queer, literary satirist of our time. His fans can't get enough of Mr. Sedaris, and so he keeps returning to NorCal pretty much every year to share his comic observations, which are unfailingly deadpan and dead-on.

On the page and in person, David Sedaris is one of the world's pre-eminent humorists, with over 16 million copies of his books in print. His appearance at the Harris Center in Folsom on Monday evening, Nov. 13 will almost certainly sell out.

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Out & About

ArtMix: CrockerCon Was a Blast!

photos and text by Chris Allan

The ninth edition of CrockerCon was a lighthearted evening to schmooze with Stormtroopers and congregate with caped cuties. Held each September at Sacramento's Crocker Museum, the event explores the influences that comics and cartooning have on art and storytelling.

This year's cosplay event featured booths full of sci-fi literature, local comic book, Lego and fantasy artists, and a life-size Barbie jeep.

Inside the auditorium, Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonists Darrin Bell and Jack Ohman discussed the state of freedom of expression, while across the way, the League of Heroes Inspired shared the therapeutic work their nonprofit organization does with children, including many queer ones.

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by Chris Narloch

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The Old City Cemetery Committee is hosting this special event, and local movie maven Matias Bombal will serve as master of ceremonies. So, grab your picnic blanket or lawn chair and settle in for a nostalgic movie experience.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of this unique movie night under the open sky, surrounded by the beauty and history of this iconic location.

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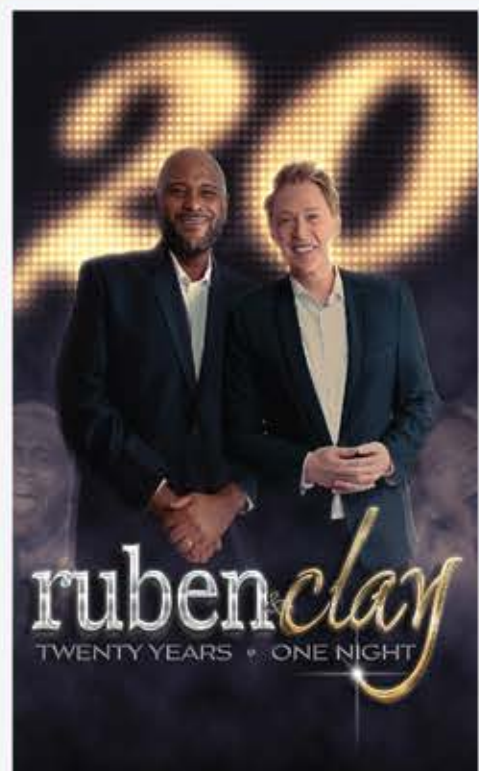
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The other advantage to a livestream is avoiding paying for parking and gas to get you over to San Francisco from Sacramento, or wherever you live in Northern California. Plus, a replay of the livestream will be available for 48 hours, beginning the day after the performance.

In "The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs," acclaimed San Francisco composer Mason Bates and Pulitzer-winning librettist Mak Campbell bring home to the Bay Area this Grammy award-winning opera.

Under the baton of Michael Christie, Bates' score takes us on an operatic journey through a fragmented memory of love, betrayal, obsession, and death, weaving together classical lyricism and a techno soundscape informed by the audio of early computers.

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SWC Ushers In Fall with Showtunes

by Chris Narloch

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You Have Permission to be a Smart Axe

by Chris Narloch

Don't know if they will let you stick a photo of your "ex" – or your least favorite presidential candidate? – on the target at the new Axe Bar near the corner of 20th and K Streets in midtown Sacramento, but wouldn't that be fun?



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In support of Der Biergarten and the annual Oktoberfest celebration, the Midtown Association is announcing a "takeover" of 24th & K Streets on Saturday, September 30 from 3 to 9 p.m. (street closures start at 9 a.m. for set-up). The crowd favorite event will feature entertaining live music by the Gruber Family Band playing the best in traditional Oktoberfest music, as well as the award-winning DJ Eddie Z and their MC Tommy G.

Attendees will enjoy German beer, German entertainment, German food, and the opportunity to play games such as the highly anticipated stein holding competition with the chance to win great prizes. The community is also encouraged to dress in traditional German attire such as dirndls and lederhosen. In addition, 24th & K is home to great dining options, including favorites such as Tres Hermanas, The Golden Bear, Flamingo House, Cantina Alley, Pizzasaurus Rex, Midtown Lounge and Mother, just to name a few.

The 2023 Oktoberfest event is open to adults ages 21 and over (a valid ID is required for admission). A limited number of tickets are available, and the event is expected to sell out early. Tickets cost \$20 per person this year and guests have the option to purchase drink tickets in advance online to save time waiting in line at the (cash only) event. Advance tickets are available here.

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It's A Taylor Swift World & We're Just Living In It

by Chris Narloch

“Swift” – or T-Swizzle, as I like to call her – has done it again. After blowing up Ticketmaster last winter (their fault, not hers), ticket sales for her upcoming concert film also broke records recently.

If you couldn't score tickets to Swift's closest show to Sacramento, in Santa Clara, here is the lowdown on how you can avoid the crowds and the astronomical live ticket prices and still enjoy her music.



The Eras Tour Movie

If I'm being honest, I preferred Taylor when she was a country artist, but that's probably only because I love country music so much. There is no denying Swift's genius with a pop hook, and at this point, she could probably write hit songs in her sleep.

I didn't even attempt to buy tickets to Tay's live show, but I plan to check out her first big-screen concert flick (which clocks in at almost three hours and was filmed at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles) when it opens in movie theaters across the country, on Oct. 13.

Let's Sing Taylor

If her concert film isn't enough Taylor for you, check out this live sing-along show at Sacramento's Crest Theatre on Nov. 8, which invites diehard fans to sing their hearts out and sport Taylor Swift-inspired attire.

A live-band experience touring the country, "Let's Sing Taylor" features faithful covers of Swift's expansive catalog in a communal setting that is sure to have Swifties singing and dancing in the aisles. Visit <https://creststheatre.com/events>

Don't Go in The Shower! - Hitchcocktober is Here...

by Chris Narloch



Every Wednesday in October and Halloween night – which is a Tuesday this year – a different Alfred Hitchcock film will scare the wits out of audiences at Sacramento's historic Tower Theatre. Hitchcocktober has arrived, and five of the finest films by the Master of Suspense will be back on the big screen at the Tower for one night apiece, beginning with "Rear Window" on October 4th. That classic will be followed by "To Catch a Thief," "Vertigo," "Shadow of a Doubt," and, wrapping things up on Halloween night, the classic fright fest, "Psycho." Please visit: www.angelikafilmcenter.com/tower



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GOOD LUCK



Out & About with Matthew Burlingame

Happy National Coming Out Day! On Oct. 11, we celebrate a day of love, acceptance, and courage. Since 1988, this day has embraced the power of authenticity, encouraging everyone to be their true selves. Let's remember that no matter where you are on your journey, you are valued and cherished. Embrace your identity, and let love shine!

Join us for 2023 October Drag Queen Bingo on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. Hosted by the fabulous DoMe Moore at Mango's Sacramento, 1930 K St. Proceeds support the Sacramento Children's Museum. Admission is first-come, first-served, so arrive early for a night of bingo fun! RainbowChamber.com

Get ready to jam with the GRAMMY Award-Winning sensation, Billy Strings, live at the electrifying Golden 1 Center, 500 David J Stern Walk! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Oct. 4. The doors swing open at 6:30 p.m., and the show kicks off at 7:30 p.m. It's a musical extravaganza you won't want to miss! Golden1Center.com

Celebrate 60 years of Greek culture, food, and traditions at the Sacramento Greek Festival Oct. 6 - 8. Located at 616 Alhambra Blvd., this event, hosted by the Sacramento Greek Festival, offers authentic homemade cuisine from various regions of the Greek Mediterranean. Immerse yourself in a village-style atmosphere that embodies the Greek passion for life, food, drink, and dance. Join us for a family-friendly festival experience. Sacramentogreekfestival.com

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Don't miss the Sacramento Premiere of "Archduke" by Rajiv Joseph, directed by Michael Stevenson, from Oct. 11 to Nov. 12. Three bumbling young men, torn between patriotism and pudding, embark on a mission targeting Archduke Franz Ferdinand. Join Gavriilo, Nedeljko, and Trifko on their darkly comedic quest for immortality at Capital Stage, 2215 J St. Capstage.org

Get ready for a wild ride! "Evil Dead The Musical" directed by Mike Jimena, runs from Sept. 29 to Oct. 31 at Sutter Street Theatre, 717 Sutter St., Folsom. This show combines elements from cult classic films like The Evil Dead, Evil Dead 2, and Army of Darkness, creating a hilarious and blood-soaked theatrical experience. Whether you're a horror enthusiast or just love fun, this unique production is a must-see, complete with a 'Splatter Zone' for the ultimate experience. Sutterstreettheatre.com

Join us at Pet Food Express, 4710 Freeport Blvd., on Oct. 1 from 11 am to 3 pm for The



On Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6 - 9 p.m. come to the Altar Room at Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. for a spellbinding evening with the Cauldron Of Curiosity. With an expected attendance of over 1000, this one-night event offers live music, featured guest exhibitors, performances, delectable food, drinks, and more! Embrace the season by dressing up in costumes—it's the perfect 18 & over age event. Crockerart.org

Join the Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the California State Indian Museum, 2618 K St. Hosted by NorCal Resist, the event promises music, food, traditional Indigenous performances, and vendors. Explore the museum's exhibits, which honor the rich history of those who've lived on this land and their enduring

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Do you have events, birthdays, or announcements to share? Feel free to send them to matthew@hengemedia.com.

Finally, A Great Sci-Fi Film Arrives Plus, Three More New Movie Reviews

by Chris Narloch

If you're a fan of local films, short films, or documentary films, check out two upcoming River City film festivals: the 23rd Annual A Place Called Sacramento film competition, at www.accessacramento.org and the 2023 California Capital Documentary Film Festival, via www.calcapdocfest.org

Or, if you would rather check out the latest Hollywood releases, read these reviews of what to look for in theaters and on Prime Video.



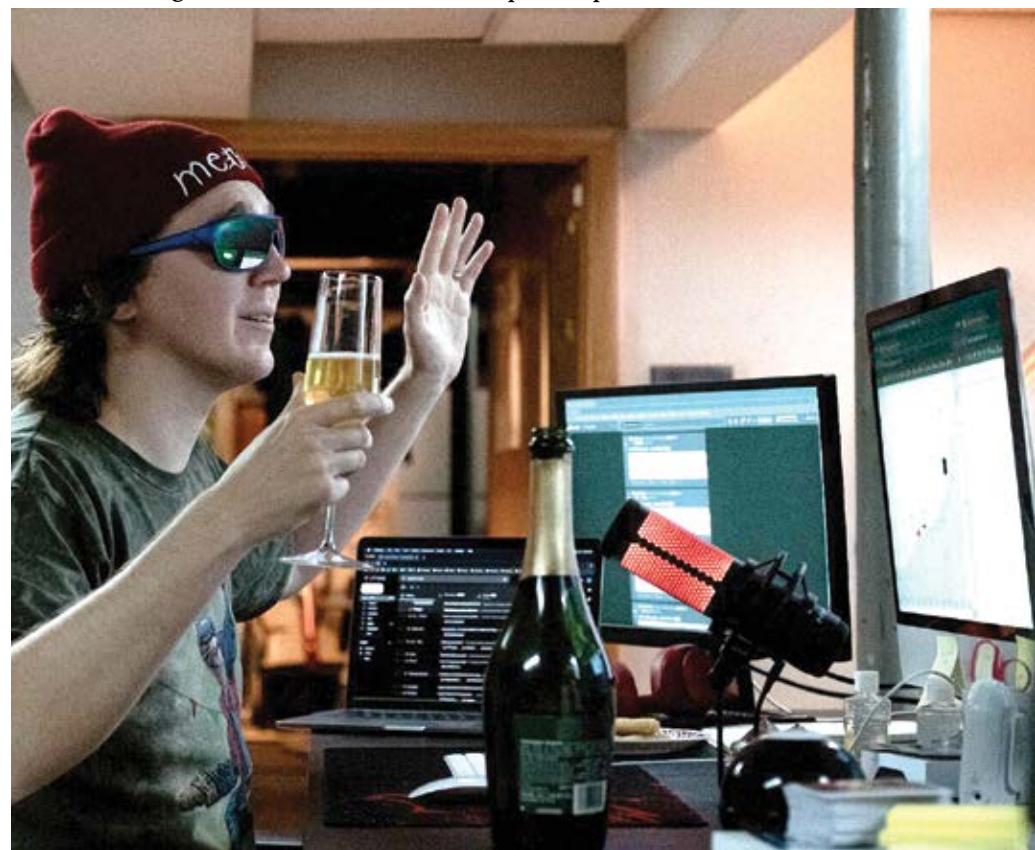
The Creator

Gareth Edwards, the talented director of “Rogue One,” scores his best movie yet with this visionary sci-fi stunner starring John David Washington as an ex-special forces agent who bonds with a mysterious young Asian girl he has been instructed to terminate. Borrowing from a great film like “Blade Runner” isn’t theft if you have the talent to do it well, and Edwards has talent to burn in this thrilling, action-packed but also heart-tugging tale of artificial intelligence at war with mankind. Opens Sept. 29 in wide theatrical release.



A Haunting in Venice

Following his remakes of “Death on the Nile” and “Murder on the Orient Express,” Kenneth Branagh continues his love affair with Agatha Christie murder mysteries (and with Hercule Poirot’s ornate moustache). I figured out who the killer was about halfway through the movie, so the film’s appeal for me wasn’t the plot but instead the gorgeous locations in Venice, and a terrific cast that includes Michelle Yeoh, Tina Fey, Jamie Dornan, and, of course, Branagh. In wide theatrical release.



Dumb Money

Anyone interested in how “the little guy” stuck it to some crooked hedge funds and caused temporary chaos in the stock market should invest in this entertaining if somewhat shallow new dramedy about the GameStop stock craze from early 2021. Paul Dano is perfect as the gamer and small-time investor who sent Gamestop stock through the roof and made a ton of money, and the actor is supported by a fun cast that includes Seth Rogen, America Ferrera, Anthony Ramos, Shailene Woodley, Pete Davidson, and Nick Offerman. In wide theatrical release.



A Million Miles Away

There have been several fine, fact-based films about Mexicans and Mexican Americans this year, including Eva Longoria’s “Flamin’ Hot” and Roger Ross Williams’ “Cassandro,” and this excellent movie continues that cinematic winning streak. Michael Pena stars in “A Million Miles Away” as the real-life migrant farm worker turned astronaut Jose Hernandez, who dreamed of making it to the International Space Station and got his wish, after years of hard work and rejection. The smart script doesn’t milk the feel-good plot to death, and the result is a very moving underdog success story. Available on Prime Video.



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Dance Into Fall This October

Both Sacramento Ballet and Crocker Museum have intriguing dance events planned for early October this year. SacBallet even includes an “adult beverage” with its program.



Photo courtesy of Crocker Museum

Hatch

Established and up-and-coming choreographers will activate the Crocker Museum's galleries with cutting-edge, interpretive dance performances as part of “Hatch,” a museum-wide dance spectacle.

At a special post-performance Q&A, performers will delve into the nature of dance and their diverse creative processes. “Hatch” is curated by Lorelei Bayne, Artistic Director of Lorelei Bayne Projects and Professor of Dance at California State University, Sacramento.

“Hatch” takes over the Crocker on Thursday evening, October 5. For more information, visit <https://my.crockerart.org>



Isabella Velasquez and Anthony Cannarella in front of Maren Conrad's “Wishing Wall” mural. Photo by Keith Sutter.

Beer & Ballet

“Beer & Ballet” opens SacBallet's new season with outdoor performances over two consecutive weekends, featuring new works that will tap the dancers' unbounded expression of craft.

In its 30th year, “Beer & Ballet” kicks off the season with this community gathering outside SacBallet's studios at CLARA, on N Street in Sacramento's midtown. Performances are Sept. 29–Oct. 8.

Enjoy one draft beer or glass of wine with every ticket purchased, and plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before show time to see SacBallet's Second Company take the stage for a pre-show.

Beverage purchases and food trucks at the event help raise funds to keep SacBallet dancing all year long.

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Fall Concert Lineup *by Chris Narloch*

There are so many exciting shows coming soon to NorCal – several of them by artists we haven't seen in these parts in a while – that I hardly know where to begin. Read on for details.

Sacramento Area

The big music news for fall in River City is festivals, from country to heavy metal. Discovery Park will go country this Oct. 14 and 15 with a lineup that includes Maren Morris, Eric Church, Wynonna Judd, Jon Pardi, Lainey Wilson, and many more.

The weekend before that, the four-day Aftershock Festival turns the same venue, Discovery Park, into a headbangers' paradise, with big-name bands including Guns N' Roses, TOOL, Korn, Daughtry, Stone Temple Pilots, 311, Megadeth, Incubus, Limp Bizkit, The Cult, and many more.

Golden 1 Center brings P!nk back to Sacramento this Oct. 12, and that same venue will host the return of Stevie Nicks to River City, on Dec. 12.

Our local casinos are great places to catch a show, and Hard Rock Live at Hard Rock Sacramento will offer music fans two great double-bills in October: The Psychedelic Furs with Squeeze on Oct. 7, and Commodores with The Spinners on Oct. 27.

Not to be outdone, Thunder Valley will host too many great artists to mention this fall, including The Lumineers, Kenny Loggins, Janet Jackson, Gwen Stefani, and Jeffrey Osborne with Deniece Williams.

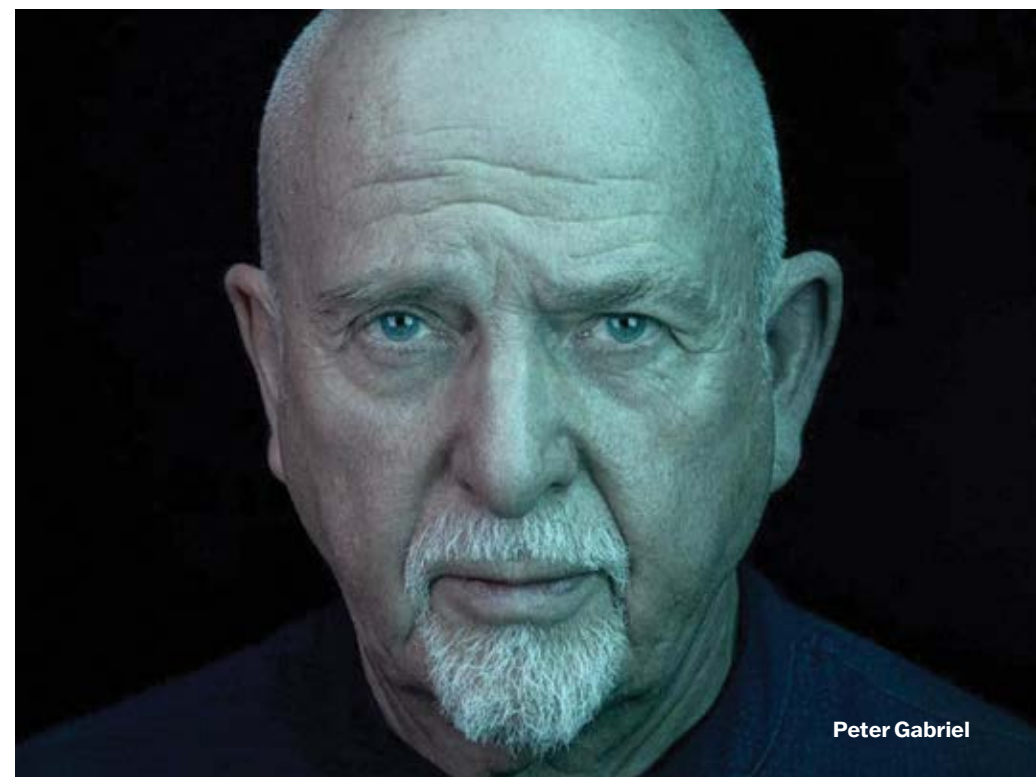
Bay Area

San Francisco's Chase Center has many big names coming this fall, including Peter Gabriel, SZA, and Doja Cat, all with shows this October.

That same venue has Queen + Adam Lambert in November, plus shows by Aerosmith, Depeche Mode, and Bruce Springsteen, all in December.

Elsewhere in the Bay Area, Sting stops off in Concord for a show this Oct. 2, Janelle Monáe will bring her current tour to the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco on Oct. 17, and Patty Griffin graces the stage of the Palace of Fine Arts in The City on Oct. 24.

Finally, the great Anita Baker returns after a long absence, to play the Oakland Arena on Dec. 23, an early Christmas present to all her fans.



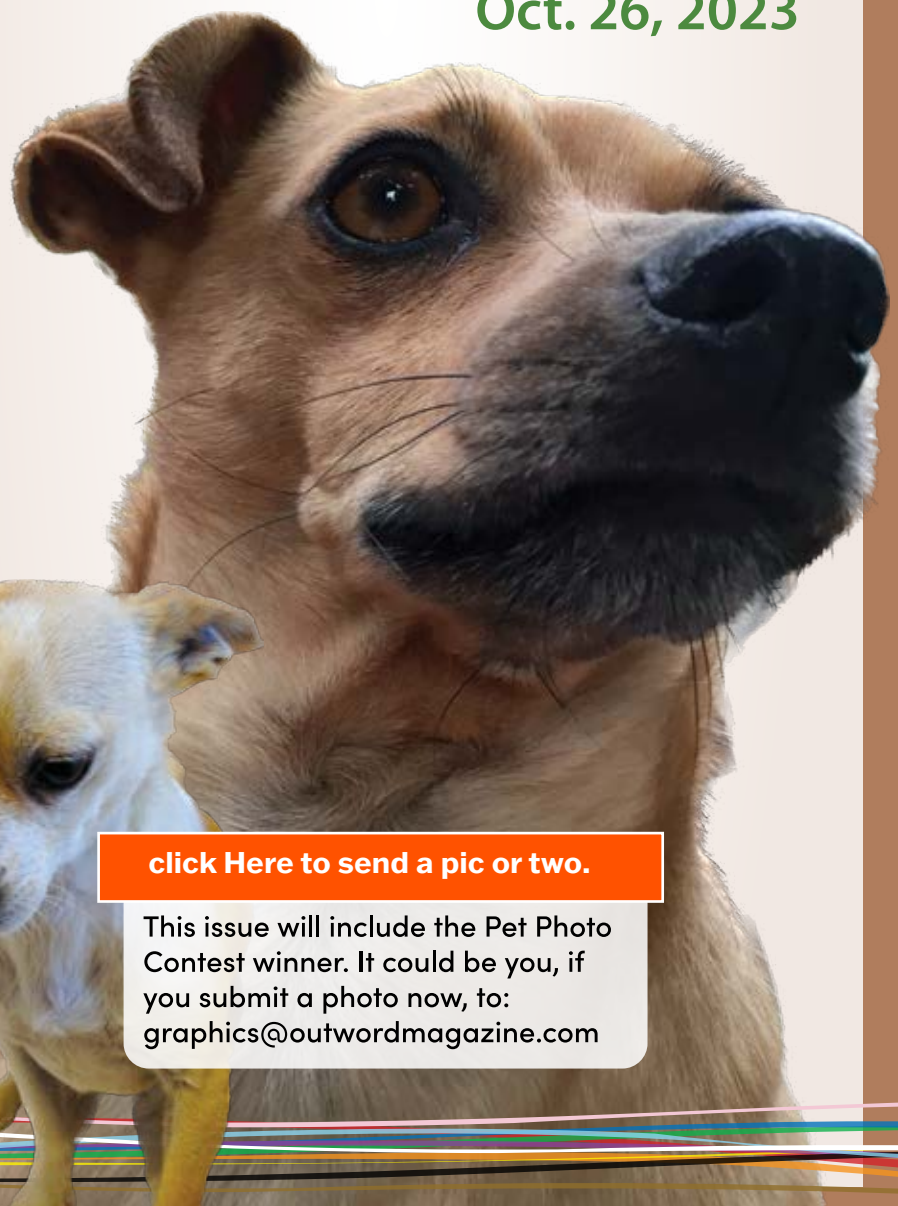
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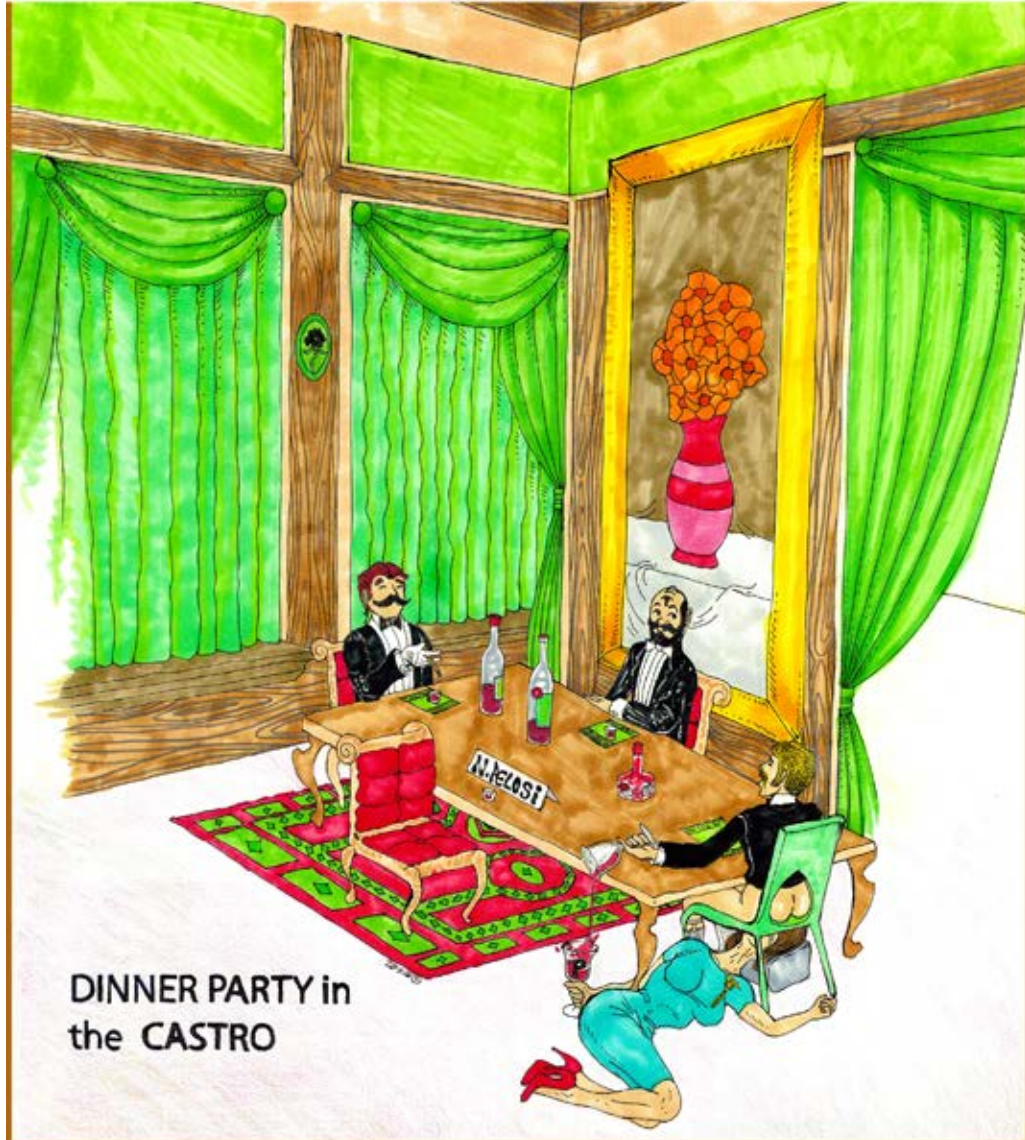


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The rapid growth of Tahoe Blue Vodka has been recognized by two prestigious beverage industry organizations. Impact Databank recently cited Tahoe Blue Vodka on the list of Top 10 Fastest Growing Brands in the US, achieving the highest growth rate of all ten – 57% over five years (2017-2022). And, earlier this month, Shanken News Daily – a leading beverage industry outlet – recognized Tahoe Blue Vodka as an Impact Hot Prospect Brand for the second consecutive year.

"It's an incredible honor to have the growth of our brand recognized by two of the beverage industry's leading market research organizations," said Tahoe Blue Founder Matt Levitt. "The sales and revenue data is driven by a growing base of enthusiastic and committed customers who have discovered Tahoe Blue tastes better."

Founded in 2012 by entrepreneur Matt Levitt, Tahoe Blue Vodka is distributed in several thousand retailers and establishments throughout California and Nevada. To date, Tahoe Blue has won more than 30 prestigious awards at the highest regarded spirits tasting competitions.

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Thursday
SEP 28 ◀

Friday
OCT 13 ◀

Thursday
OCT 26 ◀

September

- ▶ 28 Farm to Scholar Dinner

November

- 2 Drag Queen Bingo
- 3 Celebrate Dia de Muertos Davis
- 7-12 Ain't Too Proud @ Broadway Sacramento
- 13 Diversity Summit
- 16 Silkroad Ensemble with Rhiannon Giddens @ Mondavi Center
- 17 CoCo Live-to-Film Concert @ Mondavi Center
- 23 Chosen Family Feast Hosted by LGBT Community Center

October

- 4 Rainbow Chamber Networking Mixer-Chico
- 5 Drag Queen Bingo
- 6 Happy Hour at Roscoes with Primetimers @3PM
- 8 Q Prom Hosted by LGBT Community Center
- 10 Veggie Nite @Pho Fresh with Primetimers- Rancho Cordova
- 12 Dinner with Primetimers @ River City Brewery in Carmichael
- ▶13 Outword Happy Hour @Badlands
- 15 FREE Museum Day @Crocker Art Museum with Primetimers @12
- 16 Movie Nite @4PM with Primetimers @ Tower Theatre
- 17 Rainbow Chamber Networking Mixer
- 24-29 Les Miserables @ Broadway Sacramento
- ▶26 Rainbow Chamber Boas and Bow Ties
- 29 Frankenstein @ Mondavi Center

December

- 2 Mark O'Connor's an Appalachian Christmas @ Mondavi Center
- 10 Chamber of Music Society @Mondavi Center
- 13 Rainbow Chamber Holiday Mixer
- 27-31 Dr. Seuss The Musical @ Broadway Sacramento

2024 Events for future planning

- 1/25 You Better Werk! Career and Job Readiness Fair
- 6/2 10th Annual Run/Walk for Equality-Davis
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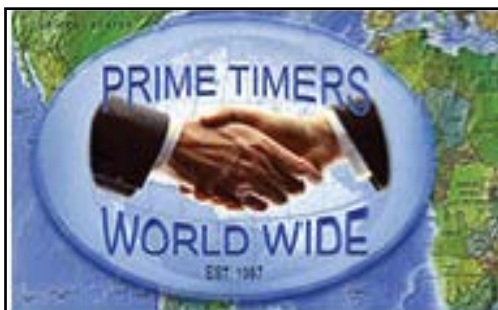
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