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LGBTQ Youth Experiencing Homelessness on the Rise in Sacramento

by Staff Writer, Sacramento LGBT Community Center

On an average day, more than 25 community members walk through the doors of Sacramento's LGBT looking for LGBTQ-friendly housing resources, basic survival supplies, support groups, HIV/HCV testing, and mental health respite. The Center also fields dozens of inquiries on LGBTQ community events and requests for cultural humility trainings.

However, a more disturbing trend exists: over the last 12 months, the percentage of youth clients (under 24) experiencing homelessness grew from 10 to 36 percent. Two-thirds of these young people self-identified as LGBTQ.

The Center launched its first-ever emergency housing and Transitional Living Program this year to serve LGBTQ homeless youth aged 18-24 who have been victims of crime. The program provides housing and basic living needs like food, shelter, and clothing, but is also designed to help youth create self-reliance by providing stable housing, medical and mental health resources, and life-skills development. Our program also partners with the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-Op for healthy eating and food preparation classes, Golden 1 Credit Union for financial literacy, and WEAVE for counseling and crisis intervention.

What We Need

As the number of youth in need of services grows, we hope you can help us not only provide safety and security, but opportunities to develop life skills that will empower some of the most vulnerable LGBTQ youth in our community to thrive. If you are passionate about ensuring a brighter future for LGBTQ youth in our community, become a monthly supporter at www.saccenter.org/donate.

There are many ways you can help the Center impact the lives of community members and expand services. Whether you can donate time, money, resources, or help spread the word to neighbors, co-workers and family, your help is needed. As a caring member of our community, will you get involved to help ensure safe and affirming home for all LGBTQ youth? For more information about Sacramento's LGBT Community Center, visit <https://saccenter.org/>.

DNC on Trump's Denial of Diplomatic Visas for LGBTQ Partners:

Following reports that the Trump administration is denying visas to same-sex partners of diplomats and UN officials, DNC LGBTQ Media Director Lucas Acosta issued the following statement:

"The policy of granting visas to the same-sex domestic partners of foreign diplomats helped make the U.S. a leader for LGBTQ rights and freedoms. Now the Trump administration is doing everything in its power to roll back progress and make it harder for LGBTQ people to serve their countries. With same-sex marriage legal in only about 10 percent of UN member countries, LGBTQ diplomats could be forced to leave their posts or their partners. Instead of providing moral leadership on LGBTQ rights and freedoms, the Trump administration is essentially subjecting diplomats to the same discriminatory, anti-LGBTQ policies that they face in their own countries. The Trump administration must reverse this discriminatory action."



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Why Your Vote Is More Important Than Ever in 2018

by Bonnie Osborn

The months and years since the 2016 general election have inspired a generation to speak out against racism, sexism and injustice. As a result, the 2018 midterm elections feature record numbers of women and LGBTQ candidates running for office. According to "The New York Times", nationally, 476 women ran in the 2018 primaries (both Democratic and Republican) and 323 prevailed to run in the general election on November 6. In August, the publication reported that more than 400 LGBTQ candidates, also a record number, are running in 2018.

California is no exception to this trend. Locally, openly lesbian businesswoman Jacalyn "Jackie" Smith left home to stump for Hillary in 2016, then came back home to found the Placer County Stonewall Democratic Club, and is now challenging Republican incumbent Kevin Kiley in

State Assembly District 6. In Davis, community activist Gloria Partida garnered the highest number of votes in the City Council primary, earning the title of Mayor Pro Tem and, in two years, Mayor.

Two other outstanding women candidates in our region are in extremely

tight races that are critically important for our community: Jessica Morse, who is running against incumbent Republican Tom McClintock in Congressional District 4; and Rosanna Herber, who, if elected would become the first open lesbian elected to the SMUD board, and one of just a handful of LGBTQ elected officials in the region.

Morse Offers Best Chance in Decade to Flip District 4

by Bonnie Osborn

In the race for California's District 4 congressional seat, the admonition "every vote counts" has never been more true. Fifth-generation Northern Californian Jessica Morse offers voters their best chance since 2008 to oust Tom McClintock, a termed-out Southern California career politician who has never lived in the district he has represented for the past decade. McClintock, who has lived most of his life in Thousand Oaks, California (even though he listed Roseville as his residence with the Congressional House Clerk), lost to Democrat Charlie Brown in 2008 by just 1,400 votes.

In June, McClintock won the top-2 primary by his tightest margin to date, taking only 51 percent of the vote, and has trailed Morse in for four fundraising periods in a row. Morse has shifted this traditionally conservative district into one of the Democrats' top pick-up targets in the nation. Inside Elections, Cook Political Report and others have moved the race from "Safe Republican" to toss-up, and the Democratic Congressional Campaign

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Quote Worth Repeating

"Brett Kavanaugh may be on the Supreme Court, but he will always have an asterisk next to his name. So we're not thinking solely about him today. We're thinking about the extraordinary bravery of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and all the survivors who came forward. We're thinking about the tremendous energy of Americans who watched this confirmation process and were outraged by it, and are ready to fight for our courts like never before. We're thinking about all the Americans who really understand the stakes for women, workers, racial equity, LGBTQ rights and more, when it comes to our courts. So yes, this is a bad day for the Court, but it is a very important day for the resistance."

AFJ President Nan Aron, following the Senate's vote to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court

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Committee (DCCC) has added the race to its “Red to Blue” targeted list.

The district’s current footprint is a long and narrow strip, taking in large swaths of densely populated Placer County, including Roseville and Auburn. It includes all of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa and Tuolumne counties, plus parts of Fresno, Madera, Nevada and Placer. Its fragile landscape encompasses five national forests, Lake Tahoe, and Kings Canyon and Yosemite National Parks. Morse’s family, whose forebears came here in covered wagons, still manages forestland on their original homestead in the Auburn area.

In contrast to McClintock’s cynical allegiance to deep-pocketed pharma and insurance companies, and tendency to vote against the interests of his own district, Morse is a breath of fresh mountain air.

Frustrated with watching McClintock systematically vote against residents’ interests in the areas of economic development, education, health care coverage and responsible forest management for wildfire prevention, Morse entered the race.

She holds a Master’s degree from Princeton University, where she focused on nuclear non-proliferation, and has worked in all three branches of U.S. foreign service: defense, development and diplomacy. Morse

spent most of the past 10 years traveling the world as a national security advisor, working with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. State Department, and as a civilian advisor to the Admiral at U.S. Pacific Command. As a graduate student working for the Congressional Committee on Wartime Contracting and, later, as a State Department employee overseeing the U.S. foreign aid budget for Iraq, she gained valuable experience negotiating with appropriations committees on the Hill.

She kicked off her campaign with a three-month listening tour, visiting every county and talking to voters and local elected officials throughout the sprawling district, because she wanted to understand the day-to-day issues they are facing, rather than the issues making headlines in national media.

“Because I took the time to build that foundation and to really understand the issues, I have been able to reach voters from all points on the political spectrum,” she says. “People are hungry for a representative who offers real solutions. My sense of winning is not beating the other party but finding real effective change for the people of District 4. This should be the standard in politics.”

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Jessica Morse

and the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber’s non-partisan RainbowPAC, Morse is one of a handful of underdog candidates who

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Voters Can Make History By Electing Herber to the SMUD Board

by Bonnie Osborn

This November, voters in Ward 4 (Land Park, Curtis Park, Pocket/Greenhaven, Elk Grove and Freeport) will vote for a new representative on the Board of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD.) The retiring SMUD Director, Genevieve Shiroma, has endorsed LGBTQ leader Rosanna Herber.

"I'm so pleased to have this opportunity to serve on the SMUD Board," said Herber. "I worked at SMUD for 20 years and it's a great company."

The race for the Ward 4 seat is critically important for Sacramento's LGBTQ Community. If elected, Herber would be the first openly LGBTQ person to serve on the SMUD Board. However, that's not why Shiroma is supporting Herber.

"It's rare to find the perfect candidate for any job," said Shiroma. "I asked Rosanna to run because her experience at SMUD makes her perfect for the SMUD Board."

Despite the endorsement of Shiroma and the entire SMUD Board, Herber faces two challengers, Democrat Mark Graham and Republican Angela Spease, both of Elk Grove, home to slightly more than half of the 124,000 voters of Ward 4. Of the two, Spease, is the more formidable because she is well-known in Elk Grove, is a District Rotarian Officer, and can raise money.

Herber has been endorsed by numerous elected officials and civil leaders, including Sacramento's Mayor Darrell Steinberg and most members of the Sacramento City Council. Elk Grove's Mayor Steve Ly, Vice Mayor Darren Suen and Councilmember Stephanie Nguyen all endorsed Herber in March, but when Spease entered the race, both Suen and Nguyen decided to endorse Spease, although they did not pull their endorsement of Herber. Neither of Herber's challengers have any expertise in the utility industry.

"It takes a lot of money to run a campaign when you have challengers," said Herber. "I wouldn't be leading in this race if it weren't for the Sacramento Stonewall Democratic Club and the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber PAC. Their early endorsements and donations were critical to the campaign."

During her SMUD career, Herber, who graduated with honors from the MBA Program at St. Mary's College, worked with the utility's largest business customers and helped write economic development agreements. She also established SMUD's Community Engagement Department, managed the Speakers Bureau and was a Government Affairs Representative.

Herber is a pioneering leader

in Sacramento's LGBT community and a fierce community advocate. She has served on numerous non-profit boards and was the president of her neighborhood association. In 2010, Herber was part of a core group of community leaders who successfully convinced the Sacramento County Board, Sacramento City Council and SMUD Board to designate Sacramento's LGBTQ community a "community of interest" in their redistricting efforts.

Herber welcomes campaign contributions and volunteer support for phone banking and precinct walking. A fundraiser targeting the LGBTQ community is scheduled for October 4 at the home of Ted Ross and Eric Jensen in Sacramento. For more information, visit Rosannaherber.com or her campaign Facebook page "Rosanna Herber 4 SMUD." To donate, visit <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/rosanna-herber-for-smud-board-2018-1>.

Bonnie Osborn is a Sacramento-based writer and marketing professional and a volunteer and supporter of the Rosanna Herber 4 SMUD and Jessica Morse for Congress campaigns.



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A “Rainbow Wave” may change the face of the nation’s elected leaders in November. The only national organization dedicated to electing LGBTQ leaders to public office, the LGBTQ Victory Fund is throwing its support behind an additional 55 candidates. This brings the total number to 272 for the 2018 election cycle, breaking the organization’s previous record of 180 candidates in 2012.

The record-breaking number of endorsements reflects the number of highly qualified LGBTQ candidates seeking office.

“This surge in LGBTQ political power is important not only because the LGBTQ community needs us, but because America needs us,” said Mayor Annise Parker, President & CEO of LGBTQ Victory Fund. “Our nation needs more values-driven leaders determined to find

solutions to the issues that matter most to everyday Americans – and they are finding those leaders in our LGBTQ candidates.”

A complete list of candidate endorsements nationwide is available at victoryfund.org/our-candidates-2018. Be sure to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6. For more information on early voting, vote-by-mail ballots, and more, visit the webpage for the California Secretary of State at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/.

Update from the President of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento

by Tim Kamermayer, President

We are less than two years into the Trump presidency, and it already feels like we have been living in this nightmare for over a decade. The attacks on the LGBTQ community are constant and substantial. Whether it’s the nomination of Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the numerous states asking to rollback LGBTQ protections, or increased bullying at schools across America. Studies suggest 2/3rds of Americans support same-sex marriage; unfortunately, those in power do not appear to be in that majority.

To change that, we must elect members of the LGBTQ community to positions of leadership. And, we must demand more from our allies. The next evolution of Stonewall will require the full support of our general members. The Stonewall Democratic Club contributed over 30,000 to candidates running for office in the 2018 primaries. We are likely to contribute another 10-15,000 before it’s all said and done. And while that’s a phenomenal testament to our influence, it’s time we start getting a noticeable return on our investment. This year, the Board will embark on some lofty goals; including, establishing a leadership academy focused

on building a bench of candidates.

The academy will feature community leaders focused on helping our members learn and prepare to run for public office or an appointment. Having allies is important, but electing LGBTQ members to leadership will always be our first priority. There are several more developments on the horizon, but I’ll save those for after the elections. For now, I encourage you to attend our meetings, get engaged in the political process (walk for our priority candidate: Rosanna Herber for SMUD Board), and let us know how we can continue to make Sacramento a place we can all be proud to call home.



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The purpose of this event is to raise awareness and to share real life stories of hope and recovery which will give others insight, inspiration, understanding, strength, and connection.

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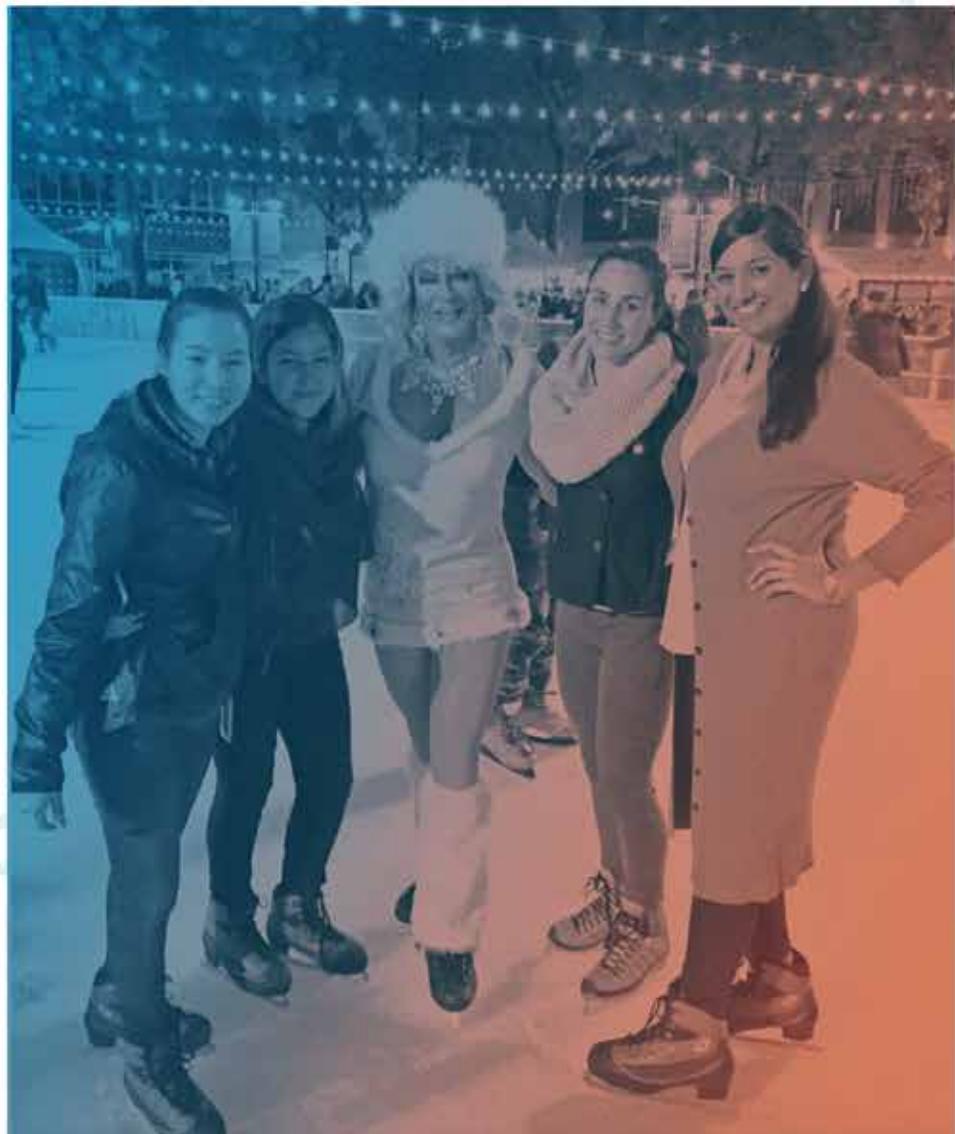
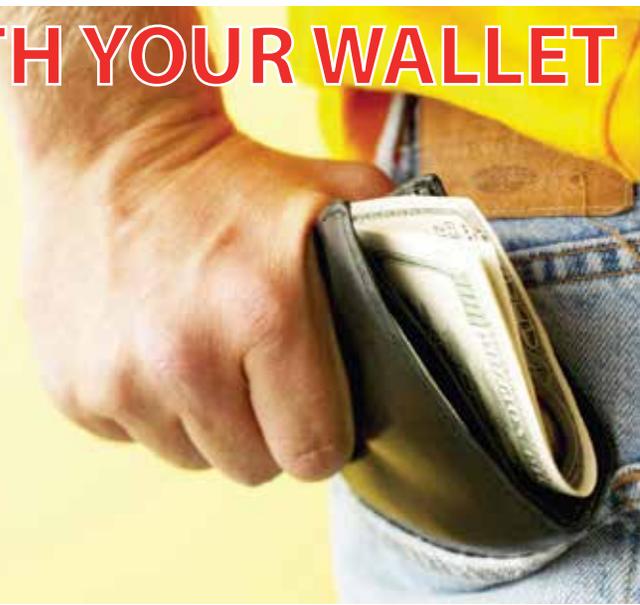
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by Chris Narloch

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The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Annual Boas & Bow Ties Scholarship & Awards Dinner brought glamor and fun to the Hilton Sacramento Arden West on September 20, 2018. From top left: The Rainbow Chamber Foundation honored a record 15 Scholars in 2018 (13 shown here), with Foundation Chair Amy Medina, 2nd from left (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). 2018 Business Leader of the Year Paul Villaluz Weubbe with RCC President Diana DePaola (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). George Raya of the Sacramento LGBTQ Community Center, Past RCC President Richard Hernandez and RainbowPAC Vice Chair Alan LoFaso (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). Emcee Tina Reynolds of Uptown Studios, with Lon Okamoto, 3rd from left, and SMUD team (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). Dave Rupel, Ron Tackitt and Stefan Murphy (Nate Feldman, Artistic Photography). Chamber Executive Director Fred Palmer, 2nd from left, with SMUD's Lon Okamoto (Nate Feldman, Artistic Photography). Jennifer Garland and Anne Fenkner (Nate Feldman, Artistic Photography). Ballroom (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). Performers DoMe Moore (Paul Crouch, Taryn Thru U/Johnathan Cameron and Precious Cargo /Jake Bradley-Rowe (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). Chamber Board member Stephanie Slagel with scholar Meagan Transue, on right, and guest (Nate Feldman, Artistic Photography). Gina Richardson and guest (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). Boas & Bow Ties 2018 Chair R. Paul Villaluz Weubbe with Board member DoMe Moore/ Paul Crouch (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). RainbowPAC Chair Robin Shofner, Board member Kammy Caruss and retiring Board member Alfonso Voychez (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). Sacramento Vice Mayor Steve Hansen installs 2018-2019 Board of Directors (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). Past President Michael Sestak and RainbowPAC Executive Board member Dennis Mangers (Nate Feldman, Artistic Photography). Board member Doug Dransfield, 2nd from left, with Vice Mayor Hansen, right, and guests (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). Sac State performers Alex Agius, Sean Nelson, Alex Reiff and Megan Ugarte (Nate Feldman, Artistic Photography). Boas and bow tie (Nate Feldman, Artistic Photography). California National Guard Chief of Staff Col. Nicole M. Balliet, center, and guests at Silent Auction/Reception (Nate Feldman, Artistic Photography). Chamber Executive Director Fred Palmer and donor Carl Romstadt with Frank and Mary Palmer commemorative quilt, created and donated by Anne Fenkner and Jennifer Garland (Riverview Media Photography/Tia Gemmill). For the story of this event, details about the photos and more, visit RainbowChamber.com.





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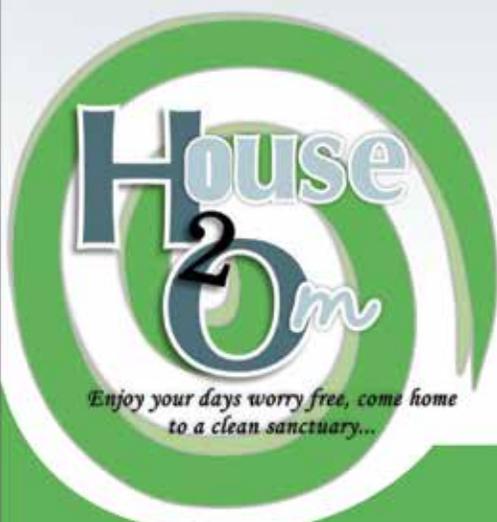
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Out & About With Matt

by Matthew Burlingame

It's LGBTQ History month and once again we find our community at the precipice of an uncertain future regarding our civil rights. That is why it is even more important to not only vote, but to be visible and vocal in supporting Sacramento's LGBTQ events and businesses as we enjoy the cooler evenings and get in early holiday shopping.

Sacramento's 2018 Take Back the Night Rally & March will take place at the Sacramento Native American Health Center at 2020 J St. on Oct. 13. The event is free and open to all ages, and features a resource fair with more than 40 community organizations and resources. sactakebackthenight.org

The lineup for this year's Sacramento LGBTQ Film Festival "BENT" on Oct. 12-14 looks amazing. Films includes "Freelancers Anonymous", "1985" starring Cory Michael Smith, "Life in the Doghouse", "Wild Nights with Emily", and "Dykes, Camera, Action!" among other films and numerous shorts. Truly, a year not to miss. bentfilmfest.org

Don't forget on Oct. 15 you're invited to Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Dennis Mangers' special birthday concert at the Sofia Tsakopoulos Center for the Arts, 2700 Capitol Ave. The event will benefit the Dennis Mangers Fund for Young Performing Artists providing scholarships for disadvantaged children applying for personalized training in the arts. Your contribution helps support and inspire future Sacramento artists. sacregcf.org/benefit

A new law that Gov. Jerry Brown has signed requires police officers to undergo training on sexual orientation and gender identity in order to better deal with minority groups in the state of California. Assembly Bill 2504 requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop a training course with input from sexual orientation and gender identity members of law enforcement and community experts.

The joke among gay men used to be that senior life started at 30. Yet, the reality is as the LGBTQ community is now more out and proud than ever, and living long, healthy lives, safe and culturally competent senior living is becoming even more of a necessity. The Wisdom Project/LGBT Elders will host their annual Senior Pride Information & Resource Fair on Oct. 23 from 2-5 p.m. at the E.M. Hart Senior Center. www.servant-hearts.org

Have you got your tickets for "On Your Feet!"? The Gloria Estefan musical? From their humble beginnings in Cuba, coming to

America and becoming a crossover sensation, just when they thought they had it all, they almost lost everything. "On Your Feet!" goes behind the music and inside the real story. The show only runs Oct. 30 - Nov. 4 so get your tickets now! Broadwaysacramento.com

Join *Outword* at Badlands on Oct. 12 for our Liquid Therapy Happy Hour. We'll have ticket giveaways for "Falsettos" at Broadway Sacramento, and showings at the BENT film festival. Plus,



Expect at least one Duran Duran song to play at the "Decades of Dance" party! Maybe two...

don't forget the Decades Dance Party Oct. 20 at Sidetrax.

If you're a business owner fishing for a good time, come to the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber's Oct. 16 Mixer at Scott's Seafood, 4800 Riverside Blvd. Find out more at rainbowchamber.com

Long misunderstood and overlooked Asexual Awareness Week, Oct. 21-27, seeks to educate about asexual, aromantic, demisexual and grey-asexual experiences and to create materials that are accessible to their community and allies around the world. aceweek.org

Happy birthday to Jeffry Davis, Thomas Lothstrom, Carl Brooks, Keith Johnson, Lee Louise, Larry Groves, Richard Munoz More, Patrick Vath, Johnathan Charron, Deanna Quok and all the other mid-October babies!

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

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Start sharpening your skates and perfecting your triple axel, the region's beloved holiday destination is returning bigger and better than ever this November! Located just steps from Golden 1 Center at 7th and K streets, the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink will transform St. Rose of Lima Park into a winter wonderland from November 2 through January 21, 2019.

Just in time for another jam-packed events season at Golden 1 Center and the opening of nearly two dozen unique new businesses nearby, the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink has grown its footprint to increase skater capacity by 25 percent. Redesigned to better utilize the area, the Ice Rink will feature a new group reservation area and orientation to K Street to take advantage of all of the excitement surrounding it.

To maximize space, the famous oval shape of the city's only outdoor ice rink is morphing into a rounded square (like the park footprint), proving a better experience for skaters and bystanders. The change prompted event producers, Downtown Sacramento Partnership, to redesign the Ice Rink logo to embody its new and improved "look."

The new logo, modeled after the shape of the rink, also includes a new brand icon for the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink. A thoughtfully composed snowflake that's more than just an identifier for winter nostalgia, the icon is built from six circles in the ice, each representing one of the six districts - The Kay, Entertainment District, Capitol Mall, Convention & Theater District and Old Sacramento Waterfront - that compose downtown Sacramento. The concept and color, minimal design and elevated modern aesthetic all reflect downtown Sacramento's ongoing transition to a fun, forward thinking destination for entertainment and commerce. It folds seamlessly into the evolving portfolio of Downtown Partnership brands that include Theatre of Lights, Dine Downtown, Concerts in the Park, Downtown Farmers' Markets and more.

On the heels of the highest attended season on record in 2017, expect extended hours and additional special events during the 27th season of the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink. Don't miss \$2 skating all day on opening day (November 2) and

save the date for the always popular Drag Queens on Ice, returning Thursday, November 15 from 6-8 p.m. Presented by Outword Magazine, expect an evening of fabulous entertainment to benefit CGNIE (Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire), NorCal AIDS Cycle and Front Street Animal Clinic.

Speaking of planning ahead, are you organizing a group holiday outing, birthday celebration or company party? Book it at the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink!

For group reservation information and all you need to plan for your favorite holiday outing this year, visit www.GoDowntownSac.com/icerink.

Hours and events vary by day so plan ahead and be sure to follow the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink on Facebook and Twitter for discounts and daily updates.

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Schramsberg Vineyards – A Sparkling Occasion

words and images by Diana Kienle

Many people reserve sparkling wine for special occasions and others allow it to make any occasion special. However you approach it, there is a great experience waiting for you at Schramsberg Vineyards in Calistoga.

This property was one of the first wineries in the Napa Valley, second only to Charles Krug. With that, they have developed a rich history of producing fine sparkling wines that have been served by presidents, including President Reagan and President Obama. Schramsberg produces excellent sparkling wines that are crafted with several

highlighted the hands on process that Schramsberg employs to make their distinctive wines even today.

While the tour of the cave was informative and interesting, the best was yet to come. That of course being, the tasting! Our group was seated, served, and introduced, one by one, to 6 different sparkling wines. The



of the old practices through a history that spans over 50 years.

Tours are available by appointment only and they provide great insight into the production and handling of sparkling wines. The experience is informative and intriguing. A big part of that experience is conducted in the cave, which initially was dug by hand. Many visitors are surprised (like I was) to see the stacks and stacks of aging bottles that are gathering dust as they gracefully age - some as long as 7 years before release.

This historic cave serves as a natural storage space for the bottles. Being deep in the mountain, it provides a constant cool, temperature along with high humidity that is needed for long-term storage. Our guide provided a great overview and took the group through the steps of making sparkling wine as we walked through the cave. He

wines ranged from Brut (very little residual sugar) to Demi-Sec, which had great creaminess and more residual sugar. One of the highlights of the tasting was the 2009 reserve. It was big, rich and full bodied with great fruit. I enjoyed the opportunity to experience the differences of each wine - each which were very enjoyable. It was a tour and tasting that was well worth the time. I highly recommend the experience when you get the chance to visit the Napa Valley. <http://www.schramsberg.com>

I use the word sparkling and not Champagne as that name is only used for sparkling wine produced in the French area of Champagne. Sparkling wines in the U.S. simply go by the term sparkling. No matter what the term you use though - it can be a refreshing way to usher in the close of the workday!
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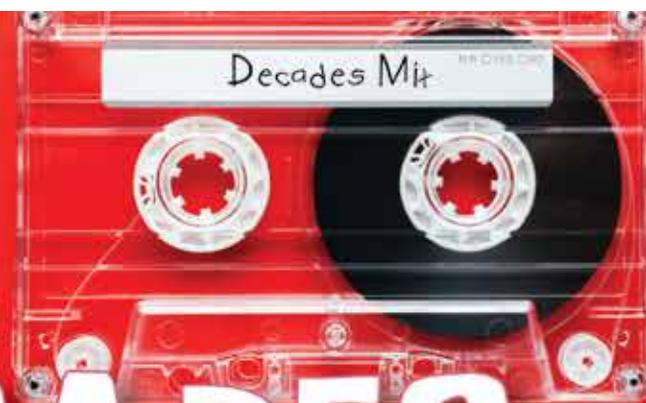
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Do you shiver in delight from things that go bump in the night? Kennedy Gallery has just the show for you. Sacramento artists present their Halloween themed work from the whimsical to the outright disturbing. "Monsters and Mayhem" runs October 11 - November 5 at Kennedy Gallery.

Check out this spooky-fun collection of works with over 20 resident artists, across three air-conditioned floors of open studios. Make Kennedy Gallery your favorite art destination. Located in the heart of Midtown's entertainment district and Second Saturday Artwalk. They have extended hours on Second Saturday and also feature a full-service no-host bar. Kennedy Gallery, 1931 L St., Sacramento. KennedyGallery.net outwordmagazine.com



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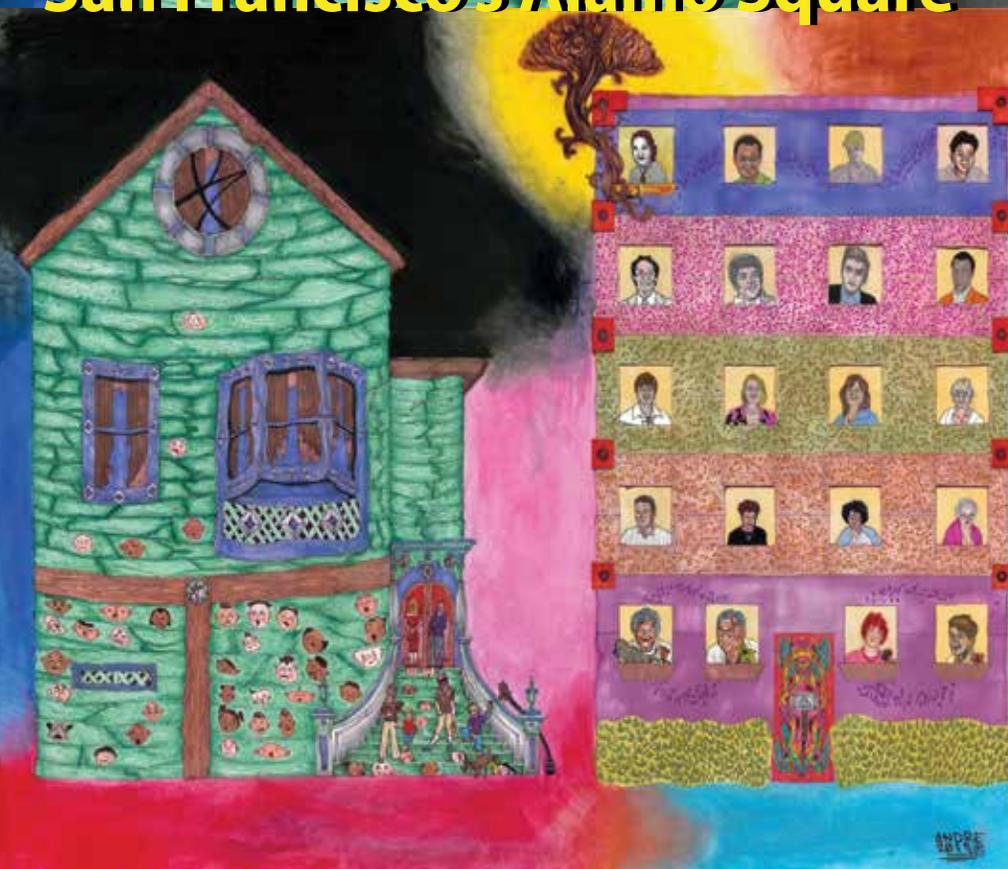
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See A Scary Movie At The Crest In October

by Chris Narloch

Halloween month is the perfect time to see a scary movie, and Sacramento's historic Crest Theatre has you covered with three of the best spooky titles from the '70s and '80s, back on the big screen for your viewing enjoyment.



Michael Keaton, along with Geena Davis and Alec Baldwin, stars as "Beetlejuice" in the 1988 movie of the same name.

If you are reading this on or before Thursday, Oct. 11, you can still catch the first title, "An American Werewolf in London," which plays only once that evening.

One of John Landis' finest films, "An American Werewolf..." features great horror makeup effects by multiple-Oscar winner Rick Baker (before CGI took over and made everything look fake).

The delicious David Naughton stars in "Werewolf" as the title character, an American college student backpacking through Britain who gets bitten by a wolf and then turns into one.

Next up is William Friedkin's ultimate shocker "The Exorcist," with Linda Blair puking pea soup after the devil takes over her body and soul. (If you thought "The Nun" was scary, check out this one on the big

screen.)

"The Exorcist" is the head-spinning classic that gave moviegoers nightmares and started a wave of religious-themed horror flicks like "The Omen" and "The Amityville Horror."

"The Exorcist" plays the evening of Saturday, Oct. 20. Don't bring the kids!

The Crest saved the best for last with the wonderful dark comedy "Beetlejuice," starring Winona Ryder and the great Michael Keaton in his iconic title role.

"Beetlejuice" is more funny than scary, and it features a host of great comic and character actors, including Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, Catherine O'Hara, and Sylvia Sidney.

"Beetlejuice" plays the evening of Sunday, Oct. 28. For more information, visit <https://www.crestsacramento.com>.

"Pumpkin Nights" Returns To Auburn

For 18 days, beginning Oct. 17, you can unleash your inner "pumpkin-head" and enjoy family-friendly fun – including more than 3,000 hand-carved pumpkins and "funkins" – at "Pumpkin Nights" in Auburn.

The interactive, multi-sensory Halloween experience returns to the Gold Country Fairgrounds for the second year inviting visitors into a dazzling world that includes eight themed pumpkin lands.

"Pumpkin-heads" can explore Pumpkin Pirate Cove, a tropical island where pumpkin pirates protect the pumpkin treasure, and also lands like Monster Mash, the most interactive of all lands with a pumpkin playground made for everyone's inner child, featuring seesaws and other playground favorites.

In addition to the various lands, "pumpkin-heads" can explore Pumpkin Central and check all the classic must-do's off their fall bucket list. Highlights include tastes and treats, seasonal beverages, a movie screening of Pixar's "Coco," a pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, fire dancers, and meet and greets with pumpkin artists carving giant pumpkins live.

"Pumpkin Nights" continues through Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018. For more information, visit www.PumpkinNights.com.



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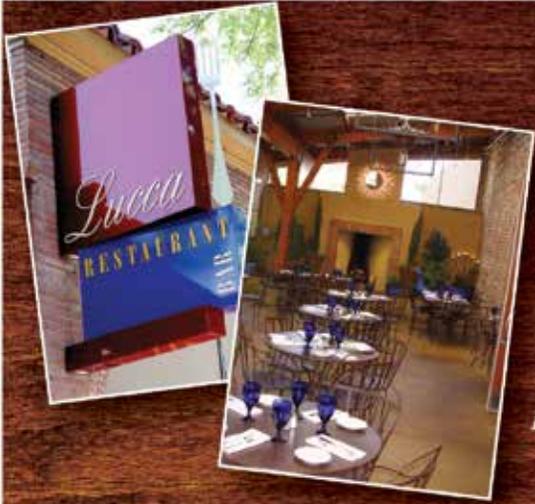
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A Star Is Re-born On The Big Screen Plus Tom Hardy's "Venom" Reviewed

by Chris Narloch

By the time you read these reviews, either "A Star Is Born" or "Venom" will have claimed the top spot at the box office, although it doesn't really matter since one of these two films will be remembered long after the other is finding no takers in the bargain Blu-ray bin at Walmart.

Box office receipts have so little to do with artistic quality anymore that I rarely even look at the weekend numbers. Read on, film fans, to find out whether this critic preferred the new Marvel movie starring the tantalizing Tom Hardy or the big screen debut of the lovely Lady Gaga.

A Star Is Born
The genius of the Lady Gaga persona is that it allows Stefani Germanotta, the real woman behind all the crazy costumes and wacky wigs, to repeatedly reinvent herself: as a Grammy-winning, gay-friendly, dance-pop diva, as a jazz chanteuse singing duets with living legend Tony Bennett, and now as an Oscar-caliber movie star.

I didn't care for Gaga's first album, and I predicted a short shelf life for her music career initially. Boy was I wrong. The artist has shown so much range and maturity since then, as a singer and also an actress, that I now believe she could have a career that rivals those of Cher, Barbra Streisand, and Elton John -- other gay-friendly icons who have enjoyed lengthy, eclectic lives in the entertainment industry.

We can thank the multi-talented Bradley Cooper, who also makes a brilliant big-screen debut (as a director) with "A Star Is Born," for giving Gaga a role that, surprisingly, fits her like a glove.

Playing a struggling singer who lacks confidence, and wearing very little makeup, Gaga is at first almost unrecognizable in the film, until she opens her mouth to sing, and that amazing voice comes out.

Ally, the character Gaga plays in the movie, may lack chutzpah, but there is no doubt that Gaga herself has no shortage of

self-esteem.

The director gives her a role previously played by both Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand, and Gaga holds her own beside her

rather than cheesy montages set to sappy soundtrack music, as in many modern movie love stories. "A Star Is Born" deserves to be seen in a theater, on the largest screen you can find. This is one tearjerker that earns its tears honestly, with real talent and depth in the writing, acting and direction.

Venom

Where do I begin with the latest Marvel movie? Should I start with its dopey dialogue, with its paper-thin characters, or with its generic direction?

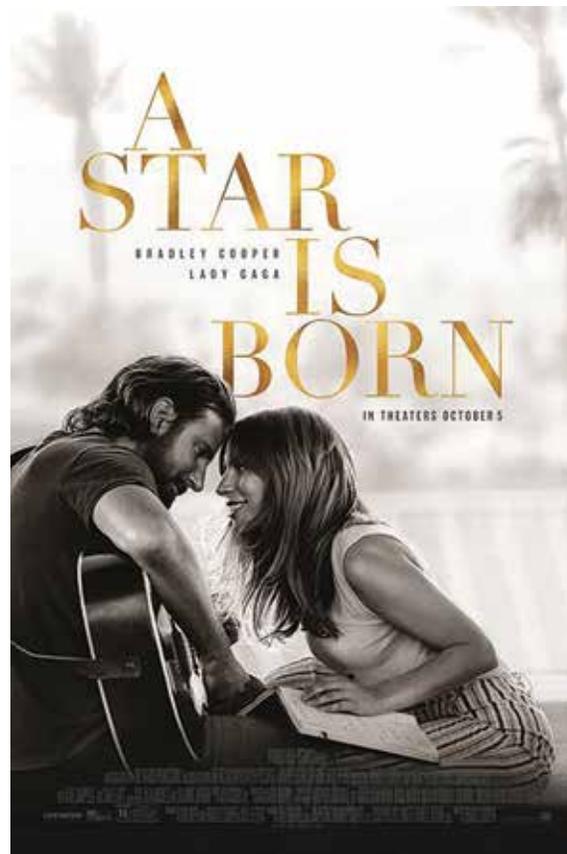
Only the star Tom Hardy registers as interesting, playing a not-too-bright reporter whose body is taken over by an alien, resulting in superhuman strength, rage and hunger.

The film feels so recycled from almost every other Marvel movie (another arrogant, mad scientist-villain who wants to take over the world -- really?) that I found myself feeling sorry for its star after awhile.

Tom Hardy works hard here and he's fun to watch, but I became so bored with the script that I started wondering why he agreed to make the movie -- and why the actor's own bad, British teeth still look almost as scary as those of Venom.

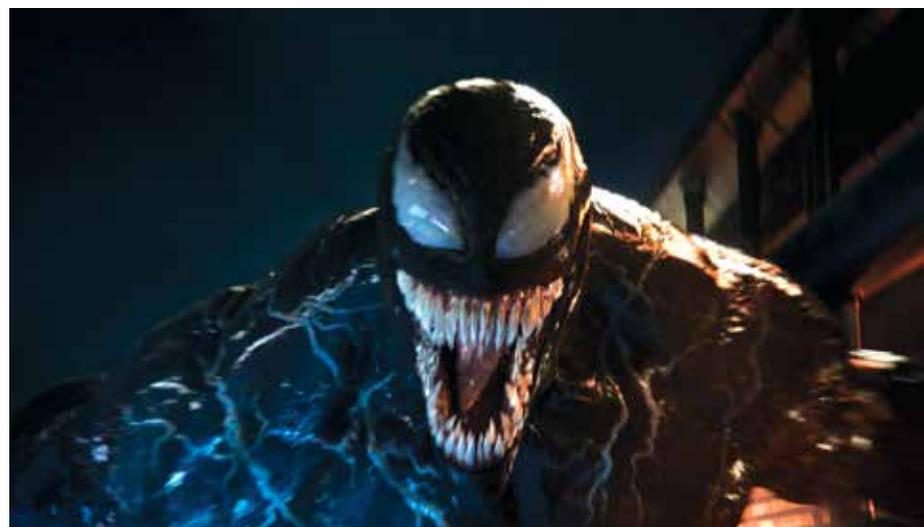
Surely, Hardy can afford some dental work at this point in his career.

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costars, who include Dave Chappelle, Sam Elliott, the wonderful Anthony Ramos, and Cooper, who is superb as Ally's self-destructive lover and mentor.

One of my favorite things about this film is how it uses realistic dialogue, the obvious chemistry between Gaga and Cooper, and many close-up shots that leave them both emotionally naked, to show two people falling in love --



Tom Hardy stars in "Venom?"

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- 16 • Rainbow Chamber Mixer at Scott's on the River
- 20 • Decades Party - Presented by Jody P and *Outword M*
- 23 • Wisdom Project - LGBT Elders 5th Annual Senior Pride

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- 10 • RCC Holiday Mixer @ Beast and Bounty
- 14 • *Outword* Happy Hour - Toy Drive for WEAVE

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- 6 • VOTE VOTE VOTE
- 7 • Vision of Equality Luncheon
- 9 • *Outword* Happy Hour
- 9-11 • Capital City Classic Vball Tournament
- 12 • Stonewall Democrats Meet
- 15 • Drag Queens on Ice
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