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# Voting in California? Here's your Step-by-Step Guide

By Joan Cusick

Californians will have multiple options to vote in the general election on Nov. 3 – either by mail or in person, on Election Day or up to 29 days in advance.

Based on information from the California Secretary of State and the League of Women Voters of California, here's a step-by-step guide to voting.

## Register to Vote

The first step is to make sure you're registered to vote. California offers online voter registration, which also allows you to check your registration status.

To register, you must be a U.S. citizen and resident of California who will be 18 years or older on Election Day. Pre-registration is available to 16- and 17-year-olds, who will be automatically registered to vote on their 18th birthday. Currently incarcerated persons, those on parole following conviction of a felony, and those found mentally incompetent are not eligible to vote.

If you register or re-register less than 15 days before an election, you will need to vote in person at your county elections office or polling location. First-time voters should be prepared to show identification, such as a driver's license, passport, student ID, or any document sent by a government agency, such as a recent utility bill.

## Advance Voting

To make voting safe and secure during the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of California will mail paper ballots to every registered voter about four weeks before Election Day. For many voters, this will be a change in their normal voting process.

The steps are simple: Open your ballot. Read the instructions. Mark your vote. Then put your completed ballot in the special return envelope provided in the mailing.

But the voting process isn't over yet. You must sign and date the outside of the return envelope. If your signature doesn't match your voter registration, elections officials are required to notify you, giving you an opportunity to verify your signature and have your vote counted. But if you do not sign and date the outside of your return envelope, your ballot will not be counted.

In fact, your vote can only be counted if

you return your ballot on or before Election Day. Here are your three options:

**1. MAIL-IN BALLOT:** To return your ballot by mail, the postage is now prepaid. No stamps are required. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received in your county elections office no later than 17 days after Election Day.

**2. IN-PERSON RETURN:** To return your ballot in person, take it to any authorized ballot drop-off location. In Sacramento County, walk-in ballots will be accepted up

vote with a regular ballot if you choose.

If you did not receive a ballot in the mail, a poll worker will find your name on the list of registered voters and you will be asked to sign your name before you vote.

If the poll worker cannot find your name on the voter rolls, you may request a provisional ballot, which will be counted only after elections officials determine you are eligible to vote. The poll worker can tell you how to determine if your provisional ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why.

## Ballot Tracking

Voters in all 58 California counties may track their ballots by signing up for the



Photo courtesy of Joan Cusick, from primary election.

to 29 days in advance at the Elections Office at 7000 65th St., Suite A, or at any authorized Vote Center. All walk-in ballots must be returned before polls close at 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

**3. RETURN BY PROXY:** To allow a friend or relative to drop off your ballot, you must fill out the authorization box on the return envelope.

## Election Day Voting

Any California voter may choose to vote in person on Election Day. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 3. As long as you are in line by 8 p.m., you will be allowed to vote.

If you received a ballot in the mail, take it with you. You may surrender that ballot and

Where's My Ballot tool. Voters who sign up online will receive automatic updates when their ballot has been mailed, received and counted, and if there are any issues with that ballot.

## WEB LINKS:

California Secretary of State:  
<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/>  
League of Women Voters of California:  
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CA voter registration:  
<https://registertovote.ca.gov>  
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# California Legislature Passes Bill to Ensure Transgender People Are Housed Where They Are Safest

The California Assembly passed Senator Scott Wiener's (D-San Francisco) bill requiring the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to house transgender, gender-nonconforming and intersex people according to their own sense of where they will be safest.

The bill now heads to Governor Newsom for his signature. Known as the Transgender Respect, Agency and Dignity Act, SB 132 is co-sponsored by Transgender Law Center, TransLatin@ Coalition, TGI Justice Project, ACLU of California, Equality California, Lambda Legal, and Medina Orthwein LLP. The California Senate initially passed the bill in May 2019 with a bipartisan vote of 29-8. The co-sponsors then converted it to a two-year bill so that the co-sponsors and Senator Wiener could meaningfully integrate feedback collected from a survey of the ~1,200 trans, gender-nonconforming and intersex people currently in CDCR custody.

SB 132 would require that incarcerated transgender people in CDCR custody be classified and housed based on their sense of health and safety, which may or may not correspond with their gender identity – as opposed to defaulting to anatomy or dictating placement based on sex assigned at birth. Furthermore, the bill:

Requires that during the initial intake process, CDCR record the individual's self-reported gender identity, gender pronouns, and honorifics.

Requires, unless a specific security or management concern warranting denial can be articulated, that CDCR house a transgender person at a correctional facility designated for men or women based on the individual's preference, whether by the person's gender identity, or, alternatively, by their sex assigned at birth if the incarcerated person believes such housing would be safer.

Requires all staff, contractors, and volunteers of CDCR to consistently use the gender pronoun and honorific that an individual has specified in all verbal and written communications with and regarding that individual.

"Transgender people in prison – particularly trans women – are at severe risk of assault and sexual victimization because they're automatically housed by their birth-assigned sex," said Senator Scott Wiener. "I'm authoring this legislation to ensure they can be housed where they're safest. Transgender people should not be forced into isolation because they aren't protected where they are forced to live. They should be able live by their gender, and SB 132 will allow for that outcome."

"Everyone deserves basic human respect, agency and dignity," said Equality California Executive Director Rick Chavez Zbur. "SB 132 is a critical first step toward ending the violence and harassment to which transgender, gender-nonconforming and intersex people are subjected while incarcerated. We are so grateful to Senator Wiener for his deep personal commitment to fighting for justice for the trans community and to our coalition partners for their leadership and advocacy. SB 132 will save lives."

"While transgender, gender-variant, and intersex (TGI) people will never be safe in prisons, SB 132 will be a useful tool for TGI people housed in California prisons to access safer housing and to advocate that their correct pronouns and honorifics be used," said Transgender, Gender-Variant, & Intersex Justice Project Legal Director Alex Binsfeld.

"This bill is a necessary and long overdue harm reduction measure that will allow our trans family to seek safer situations while incarcerated," said Shawn Meerkamper, senior staff attorney at Transgender Law Center. "As our movements work toward defunding the police and abolishing prisons, California is showing that our governments can and must also take immediate intermediary steps to increase agency and prevent some of the worst violence our incarcerated neighbors suffer."

"SB 132 is legislation that will give the

agency to Trans and Gender-Nonconforming people who are incarcerated to choose a place to complete their sentences where they will be safer," said The TransLatin@ Coalition President and CEO Bamby Salcedo. "This legislation is overdue and we are grateful that we got to work with a coalition of great organizations and amazing individuals who put their minds and their might to push to make sure this historic legislation is set in place."

"This legislation represents a crucial measure toward reducing the violence and harassment faced by trans people incarcerated in the state of California," said Nora Huppert, Renberg Fellow and attorney at Lambda Legal. "Hopefully SB 132 is but the first step toward eliminating the conditions that expose trans people to violence and which are often created or ignored by the state."

"For far too long transgender, nonbinary and intersex people have been stripped of their dignity, their sanity, and, for some, their lives behind bars," said Jen Orthwein, Founding Partner at Medina Orthwein LLP. "It was our goal with SB 132 to ensure transgender, nonbinary and intersex people are treated with dignity and respect, and to empower them with the tools they need to seek safety and survive prison with some semblance of mental and bodily integrity intact."

Governor Newsom has until September 30 to consider SB 132. The legislation would become effective on January 1, 2021 if signed.

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**City Allocates Majority of \$89 Million in CARES Act Funding to Help Sacramentans Affected by COVID-19**

The Sacramento City Council recently completed the final significant allocation of the \$89 million in CARES Act funding it received from the federal government. The funding is being used for programs targeted at helping residents, businesses and organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm proud that our City has put its \$89 million federal stimulus check back out to work in our community by providing relief to small businesses, support to the arts, culture and tourism, funding to house the homeless and training for our young people and adults," said Mayor Darrell Steinberg. "This was money well spent both to mitigate the short-term pain caused by the COVID and to put us in a position to regain our momentum once we fully reopen."

"This pandemic is unprecedented and has created a wide-range of issues for our residents and businesses," said City Manager Howard Chan. "City staff were able to quickly rise to the occasion and have been working tirelessly to put together programs that will provide much needed aid to our communities."

The City Council in May approved the basic framework for CARES Act spending laid out by Mayor Steinberg, which includes \$20 million for small business recovery and assistance, \$20 million for youth and workforce training, \$20 million for affordable housing and homelessness and \$20 million to bolster the creative economy.

The City is funding and operating several projects to help those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Small Business Recovery program to provide forgivable loans and technical assistance to local businesses; Workforce Recovery program to provide workforce training to 11,000 Sacramentans; Creative Economy Recovery grants to help arts and culture organizations; #SacYouthWorks, which is a new summer jobs program that puts teens to work; and Great Plates Delivered, which provides three meals a day to seniors.

City Council approved adding an additional \$6.9 million in Creative Economy Recovery grant funding, a \$5.4 million grant for Visit Sacramento and \$1.46 in Small Business Recovery technical assistance. City Council will be reviewing and allocating the remaining \$1.29 million in funds in the coming weeks.

Stay up to date with the City's Coronavirus CARES spending at [cityofsacramento.org/cares](http://cityofsacramento.org/cares). The deadline for expending these funds is December 30, 2020.

Below is a chart of how all the CARES Act funding is being distributed:

**NGLCC Endorses Joe Biden for President**

The National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC), the business voice of the LGBT community, has publicly announced its endorsement of Joseph R. Biden for President of the United States. NGLCC has only endorsed for president once previously in its nearly twenty-year history and the vote was unanimous by the organization's Board of Directors.

"The NGLCC is proud to endorse a champion for inclusion. We need to elect a president with a commitment to LGBTQ equality, ending racism and racial violence, promoting small businesses and entrepreneurship and ensuring a safe and equitable society for every American. Joe Biden is that candidate," said NGLCC Co-Founder & President Justin Nelson.

"Joe Biden proudly affirms an essential core value of the NGLCC: that we all deserve our shot at the American Dream, and that our economy only succeeds when it is available to all LGBT and allied Americans."



"The stakes have never been so high for the future of our country and the LGBT business community. Joe Biden is the champion our businesses and our families need to thrive," said NGLCC Co-Founder and CEO Chance Mitchell.

"The LGBT community has come too far to lose its seat at the table, and we are certain that a President Biden will continue fighting for the collective economic and social longevity of America's 1.4 million LGBT business owners and the more than \$1.7 trillion they add to the U.S. economy despite ongoing discrimination."

# What To Do When Your World Has Stopped and Started All At the Same Time

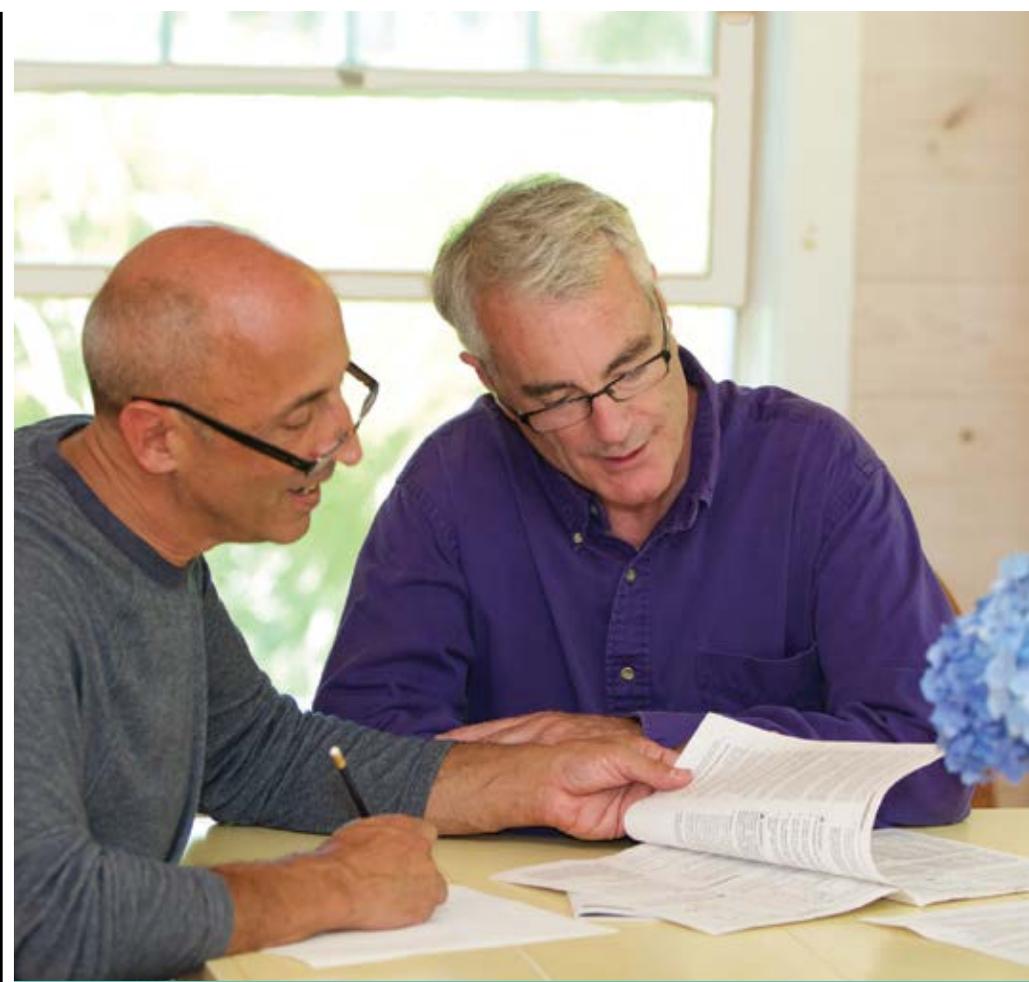
By Sami Allen (she/her)

In March of 2020, California became the first state to officially lay out stay at home mandates in order to prevent the spread of the dreaded COVID-19. Children stopped going to school, adults stopped going to work, and everyone waited, hopeful that this meant a quick end to this virus.

Now, months later, the state is stuck in a partly-reopened limbo while the pandemic continues to worsen despite everyone's best efforts. For some, like myself, this pandemic hit during a pivotal moment in our lives. I was in my final semester at Sac State in March 2020 with a BA in English within my grasp and the whole world ahead of me; something I wholeheartedly believed because that was the story I'd been told through all my nine years of high school and college. "Don't worry about not

option made me feel genuinely lost. I was finally comfortable and proud of my identity as a lesbian and ready to tackle adulthood without the adolescent queer-shame I'd lived with for so long. However, moving on from the restraints of college life to the also restricted COVID-19 job market isn't the life-improving change that I was hoping for.

With that being said, my 22-year old wisdom reminds me that I need to be grateful for the things that I am privileged enough to have. I live in a city where I can



Sami Allen

knowing what you want to do" people would say, "once you finish college you'll have a degree and then you can try out anything you want!" I was excited (and very frightened) to create my own blueprint for the future and start out my life however I wanted...and then COVID-19 stopped everything.

It seemed like a cruel joke the universe was playing on me. All those years of being told that post-college is when your life truly becomes your own when you can pick any job or lifestyle in the world and go for it—and I was abruptly stuck in the house I'd lived in my whole life now being told to sit and wait for the future to be ready for me. Not to imply that I have any idea what I want to do in my life career-wise, but to be told that the open-menu future I was starting to believe exists was no longer an

hold my girlfriend's hand while taking socially-distant walks in public without fear of harassment. I graduated from college, I have a bed to sleep in, and a thousand other things that make me grateful for my life. And I believe that the only way to make it through this monstrosity of a year is to be grateful for the things we do have. Because to mourn the future that could have been and the choices in life that might have been available months ago only makes living in the present worse. Sitting around waiting for a future that doesn't exist anymore to happen is not an option and it has never been more necessary for LGBTQ+ people to carve their own future out of the world that they are given. So where do we go from here? I don't think anyone has any idea, just the comfort of knowing we're headed there together (with masks on of course).

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# Capital City AIDS Fund Awards Additional Emergency Scholarship Funds

By Joyce Mitchell

Capital City AIDS Fund scholarship recipients are being awarded additional funds this year to help cover unforeseen costs given these challenging times. Students are returning to college amidst a pandemic and stressful political and social unrest. Hence, they face uncertainties with distance learning and living situations. Add these unusual circumstances to an already difficult reality of being a young person living with HIV, many having contracted the virus in utero.



Charisse Ahmed

Charisse Ahmed found out she was HIV positive at twenty. Her mother died of what she thought was cancer. Later, she found out she had died from complications related to AIDS. When she finally tested, Charisse's results were positive. Somewhat in shock, she reached out to Capital City AIDS Fund (CCAF) and has been funded to attend college ever since. She's taking medication and has an undetectable viral load.

Ahmed is working on a PhD in nursing while living in a dorm on campus. Depending on what happens with COVID-19, she may need to find an apartment. "I am living on campus but with everything going on, I may have to leave campus and find my own place," said Ahmed. "So having these emergency funds is such a blessing."

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Mitchell Scholarship Fund, the annual award of \$1,500 was increased this year by an additional \$500 per student. "It's such a hard time right now," said Ahmed. "I appreciate what CCAF is doing so much. I think I'm going to cry."

Ahmed is one of eight students getting CCAF scholarships this year. CCAF's Helen Veress Mitchell Scholarship Fund was launched in 2002 and to date has raised and distributed about \$300,000 to students pursuing higher education. Every dollar raised goes directly to students living with HIV.

"No question these are difficult times," said Scholarship Chair and CCAF Board Member Stuart Eldridge. "And that's why we want to provide a little extra to not only help but show our students we care about them. It's such the right thing to do."

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# 4 Bills on Newsom's Desk that Impact the LGBTQ+ Community

By: Lauren Pulido (he/him) and Faith Colburn (she/her)

This Monday, the California legislature had its last day of legislative session. Meaning all of this year's bills on criminal justice reform, housing, COVID-relief, and much more now sit on the governor's desk waiting to be signed into law. Here are four amazing bills that you should know about that will impact the LGBTQ+ community:

**SB 145** (Wiener) ends discrimination against LGBTQ young people on CA's sex offender registry. It treats LGBTQ youth exactly how straight youth are currently treated when engaging in voluntary sexual activity. Currently, for example, if an 18-year-old boy has voluntary sex with his 17-year-old girlfriend, he isn't automatically required to register as a sex offender. But if an 18-year-old boy has voluntary sex with his 17-year-old boyfriend or an 18-year-old girl has voluntary sex with her 17-year-old girlfriend, they're automatically required to register as sex offenders, no matter the circumstances. SB 145 only applies when a teenager age 14 or older has consensual sex with a partner who is within 10 years of age. The bill is the subject of a massive misinformation campaign by MAGA/QAnon.

**SB 932** (Wiener) is first-of-its-kind state legislation to mandate the collection and reporting of sexual orientation and gender identity data for all COVID-19 patients in the State of California. The bill was introduced in response to the state's failure to collect data about the crisis's impacts on the LGBTQ+ community – depriving both the government and LGBTQ+ community leaders of invaluable information needed to protect LGBTQ+ Californians. Because rates of respiratory issues (from smoking), HIV/AIDS, cancer, and homelessness are higher in the LGBTQ community, LGBTQ+ people are likely experiencing greater health impacts from COVID-19. Additionally, LGBTQ+ people are more likely to work in the service industry and in front-line jobs. SB 932 will allow healthcare providers and public health officials to understand rates of COVID-19 in the LGBTQ+ community, and help LGBTQ+ people get the resources and support they need.



**SB 741** (Galgiani) will update the law to allow transgender Californians to update their marriage certificates and the birth certificates of their children to accurately reflect their legal name and gender, while still protecting their privacy. Current state law allows transgender people to petition courts to change their legal name and gender to conform with their gender identity. The law then allows such a person's old birth certificate to be sealed and a new one issued as an original to protect the person's privacy and respect their identity. This legislation would simply align the process for updating transgender people's marriage certificates and the birth certificates of their children with the process of updating their own birth certificate. This will help to prevent discrimination when a transgender person enrolls their child in school, applies for a loan, or seeks to make medical decisions on behalf of an incapacitated spouse.

**SB132** (Wiener) addresses a very real problem facing incarcerated transgender individuals, namely, transgender people being housed according to their birth-assigned gender, not their gender identity or perception of safety, resulting in significant risk of violence. Transgender women housed in male facilities face particular risk of rape and assault. SB 132 will change state law to require incarcerated transgender people in the custody of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation be classified and housed based on their gender identity, unless the incarcerated person's evaluation of their own safety is that another housing placement is safest. SB 132 also requires that the preferred first name, gender pronoun, and honorific of the incarcerated individual be used by facility staff in all written and verbal communications. By housing incarcerated transgender people based on their gender identity or perception of health and safety, transgender people will be housed in institutions that decrease their likelihood of experiencing targeting and violence, and they will have access to the programming and work opportunities that will best promote and support their health and safety.



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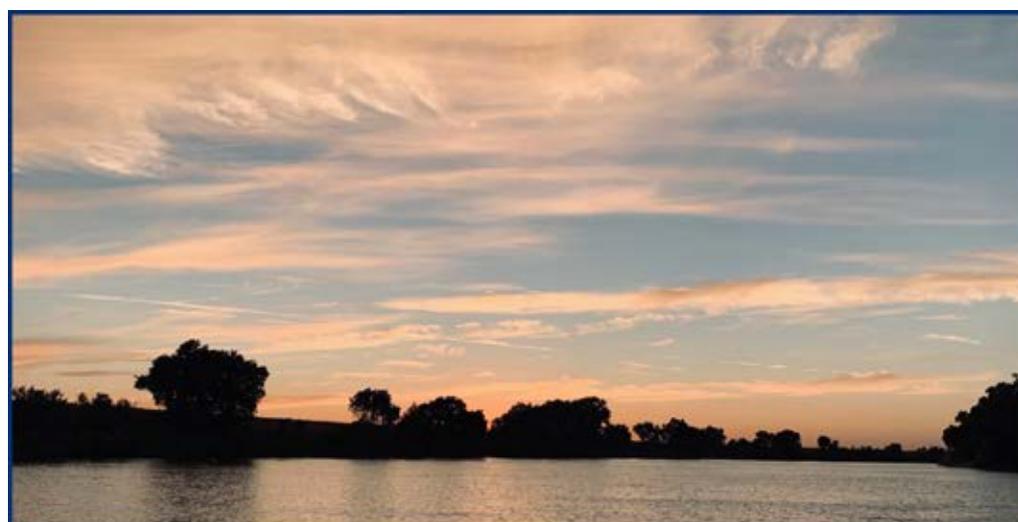
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A contact tracer from your state health department might call if you've been exposed to COVID-19. But scammers are pretending to be contact tracers, too. Here's how you can spot the scam.



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**Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Social Security number.**

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If they do, you can bet it's a scam.



**Do not click on a link in a text or email.**

Doing so can download malware onto your device.

Talking to a real contact tracer helps stop the spread of COVID-19. Reporting scammers helps stop them, too. Report fake contact tracers to your state and at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

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# Placer County Celebrates its first LGBTQ Pride Event

Placer County celebrated its first LGBTQ Pride event on Saturday, August 29. There were more than 20 decorated vehicles and about 50 festive celebrants.

COVID precautions were followed with everyone wearing colorful masks. The caravanners ranged in age from 2 to 86 years. The caravan followed a well-mapped route to drive through Roseville and Rocklin engaging local citizens with friendly horn-honking and waving.

Later in the day there was an online “festival” of performances, interviews and the trailer for the documentary, “Surviving the Silence.” (which will be shown at the BENT Film Festival.)



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## Chadwick Boseman: An Appreciation

*By Chris Narloch*

The first time I saw Chadwick Boseman on the big screen, in the Jackie Robinson baseball biopic “42,” I knew he was destined for superstardom. The handsome actor, who died recently at 43 after a secret, four-year battle with colon cancer, had a smile that lit up the screen and a gift for playing good guys that never slid into dullness or self-importance.

Boseman’s talent for making heroic characters interesting served him beautifully throughout his too-brief career and reached its pinnacle with his iconic performance as Marvel’s Black Panther in several blockbuster films, most notably “Black Panther,” Ryan Coogler’s smash hit from 2018, which centered on that groundbreaking Black superhero.

My personal favorite Chadwick Boseman performance, however, was his complex portrayal of the “Godfather of Soul” (singer James Brown), who he played to perfection in 2014’s “Get on Up.”

I didn’t think anyone could master Brown’s unique stage moves and swagger, but Boseman nailed both -- and also refused to sugarcoat the singer’s difficult personality. (The actor deserved an Oscar nomination for that movie but, regrettably, was overlooked.)

If you haven’t seen Boseman’s wonderful work in “Get on Up” and in Spike Lee’s “Da 5 Bloods,” a recent Netflix film, I urge you to check out both. Boseman was a movie star, an excellent actor, an activist, and by all accounts a truly good guy.

Chadwick Boseman. Image courtesy of (Chadwick Boseman/Twitter)

# Golden Rule Services (GRS) Is Going Above And Beyond

by Matthew Burlingame

**G**reeted at the door by a young man with a clipboard and a temperature gun the questions begin. Have you been out of the country? Have you exhibited any signs of sickness? Are you or anyone in your household an emergency responder? Next comes a sensor activated hand sanitizer and if needed a temporary mask.



Front row (L to R) executive director Clarmundo Sullivan, staff member Mitchell Faust, board member James Douglas, community member Ronnie Miranda. Back row (L to R) interim board member Matthew Couk, board president Michael Kennedy, staff members NeGel Robinson and Kellen Willhite. Courtesy photo Golden Rule Services.

In the time of COVID-19 Golden Rule Services (GRS) is going above and beyond recommended practices to ensure the safety of both their clients and a valiant and dedicated staff.

Founded in 2000 by Executive Director Clarmundo Sullivan in response to a gap in local culturally competent services for People of Color (POC) in Sacramento County, Golden Rule Services provides a variety of free HIV, STD, and Hepatitis C education and prevention services as well as HIV navigation into care and PrEP navigation.

"From the moment a client walks in the front door for testing, we are there for them," says Sullivan. "That includes helping them get into follow up care if needed and going with them to help them navigate the system."

But the coming of the current pandemic did more than just disrupt testing practices. This year marks GRS' twentieth anniversary which was to include a gala night "20th Jubilee" celebration over a year in the planning.

"It was heartbreaking to have to postpone the Jubilee," says board president Michael Kennedy. "Fortunately we have some amazing vendors and sponsors who remain committed to making it a night to remember just as soon as we are able to gather together safely once again."

With multiple awards and accolades over the past two decades keeping the organization in the limelight, in the past year GRS has found itself riding the wave of success to new heights. After a strategic planning session in late 2019 GRS began implementing its plans to expand services.

This included offering three point STI screenings. Three-point testing refers to urine

screenings, rectal and throat swabs as there is a concern that infections may be missed with just the traditional urine testing.

Also expanding are the current staff and facilities which was made possible by securing multiple grants aimed toward capacity building, HIV and COVID-19 information and education, and PrEP navigation. Starting in 2020 GRS also became a Ryan White provider which will allow the organization to provide even more essential services to the POC and LGBTQ communities.

"I can't even begin to explain how thankful we are for the amazing opportunities these grants are providing for GRS," says Sullivan. "Not only are we able to continue the work we have already been fortunate enough to do but now we can provide services that are critically needed in communities that are often still in crisis."

GRS will have the ability to take those services directly to the community with their new mobile testing unit which will become a regular feature at community events.

Reaching their 20-year milestone anniversary the organization is also seeking new board members who can bring their expertise and enthusiasm towards the needs of the thriving nonprofit.

"Those with backgrounds in the fields of law enforcement, education, employment development, social work, mental health, finance and law are encouraged to apply," says Kennedy. "We strive to maintain a diverse board and encourage People of Color, women, youth, HIV-positive, LGBTQ and differently-abled individuals to join us."

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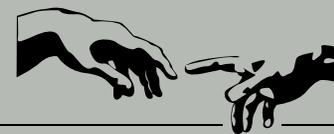
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# Kennedy Gallery Does It Again

by Matthew Burlingame

It seemed as though fate was smiling on Kennedy Gallery. In May one of the most loved exhibits in Sacramento was celebrating its 20th anniversary in the year 2020. Even more perfect was the exhibit was named 20-Twenty! Twenty artists. Twenty-five pieces each. One theme.



**Dragonfly In Amber. Photo by Janet Waltz. Art courtesy of Kennedy Gallery. (Artwork shown is not from the current 20-Twenty exhibit.)**

But California's shelter-in-place order due to COVID-19 forced the exhibit to be postponed before the paint was even dry on the entries. While the gallery was able to reopen over the summer with strict social distancing guidelines the exhibit had to be postponed.

Now opening on September 10 the exhibit will feature 500 new pieces of 8"x8" art in a variety of media including acrylic, oil, photography and other mixed media pieces. A panel of five judges evaluated the submissions and chose the top 20 themes from a flood of entries from eager artists—some as far away as Texas. They were judged based on creativity, originality, technique and execution.

The gallery will be taking all measures available to make it safe for exhibit attendees during the current conditions. Those concerned about coming to the gallery in person will be able to view the exhibit online. Over the summer the gallery's website has been going through renovations which includes a store allowing the online purchase of over 450 pieces of art that are currently on display in the gallery. 20-Twenty pieces will be available for purchase online once the exhibit opens.

"We're still working out the kinks," chuckles Kennedy. "But not only is it important for our customers to have accessibility to purchase online, it's something I want to be able to offer to our amazing resident artists who call the gallery home."

For the past 15 years owner Michael Misha Kennedy has worked hard to

provide a level of excellence in his award-winning gallery. Located in a renovated Victorian in the heart of midtown Sacramento the gallery features three floors of art and boasts over 20 resident artists.

"It's important not only to provide an enriching and enjoyable experience for art lovers," says Kennedy, "but to provide a safe, creative space for emerging artists."

But the gallery has done much more than merely display over 200 exhibits since its opening. It has also hosted over 3000 artists, countless events, meetings, micro-concerts, three weddings and won multiple "Best of Sacramento" awards. It has also been hailed by PBS as "The Jewel of Midtown."

"Not bad for a gallery I was told would never succeed," laughs Kennedy.

Through all of its successes Kennedy Gallery very proudly makes no bones about being an LGBT business. Kennedy and his resident artists have donated many pieces of artwork to charity functions over the years. The "giving back" page on the gallery's website lists close to 80 organizations and events that the gallery has supported.

"There are still many LGBTQ artists who struggle with being recognized on the same level as their mainstream counterparts," says Kennedy.

"We are accepting of all artists and welcome submissions from everyone. But we also have a strong commitment to promoting and exhibiting LGBTQ artists. It's important to keep telling our stories and making our voices heard in all artistic media for future generations to enjoy."

For more information about the 20-Twenty exhibit visit [KennedyGallery.net](http://KennedyGallery.net)



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# “In The Heights” Gets The Deluxe Vinyl Treatment

By Chris Narloch

Among the many movie releases disrupted by the coronavirus, I was looking forward to seeing the big-screen version of “In The Heights” the most.

Directed by Jon M. Chu, the talented filmmaker who helmed “Crazy Rich Asians,” the movie version of Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Tony Award-winning musical was scheduled to come out this summer but will now debut in theaters in June of 2021.

I’m thinking the movie must be really good if Warner Bros. is willing to wait a year to see a return on their investment, and I am happy to hold on for “In The Heights” to receive the proper theatrical release that it deserves.

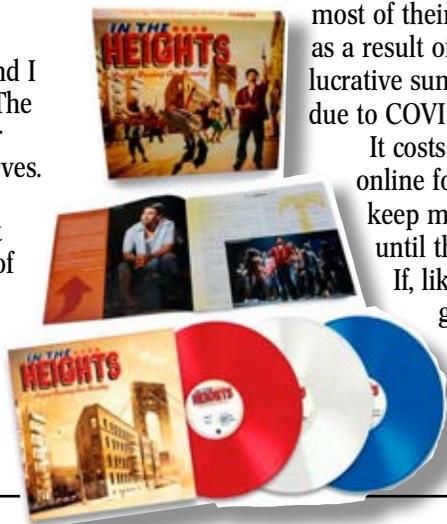
While we await the movie version, the good news is that there is a brand new release of the original Broadway cast recording for “In The Heights” that comes as a special red, white and blue-colored vinyl, 3-LP box set.

To order the new edition of the original cast album, please visit: [ghostlightrecords.lnk.to/intheheights\\_specialvinyl](http://ghostlightrecords.lnk.to/intheheights_specialvinyl)

I also urge you to go to [www.saveyourcinema.com](http://www.saveyourcinema.com) and sign a petition to ask Congress to rescue movie theaters, which have already lost most of their revenue for the year as a result of closures during the lucrative summer movie season, due to COVID-19.

It costs nothing to fill out the online form, which hopes to keep movie theaters alive until they can fully reopen.

If, like me, you cherish going to the movies, take a few seconds and tell your legislators to help save local cinemas.



# Sac Open Studios Returns For 2020

By Chris Narloch

Like so many other arts events in The Age of Corona, Sac Open Studios has gone ‘virtual’ for 2020, which is great news for lovers of local, Sacramento artists. This year’s Sac Open Studios takes place Sept. 10-20 and includes some 120 artists.



2020 marks the 15th Anniversary of Sac Open Studios, the Sacramento region’s oldest and largest open studio tour (and Verge Center for the Arts’ leading community program).

The free, self-guided tour will showcase artists who live and work in the greater [outwardmagazine.com](http://outwardmagazine.com)

Sacramento area, and allow arts lovers to support the regional artists they love and discover new favorites.

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Earlier this summer, Visit Sacramento had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Tower Bridge Dinner. However, it wouldn't be in the spirit of Sacramento to just sit by and let the date pass without celebrating - and supporting - our region's farm-to-fork community.

Enter Tower Bridge Dinner To Go. From Sept. 12-19, 2020, Visit Sacramento has invited restaurants, food trucks and caterers across the Sacramento region to offer their take on the famous Tower Bridge Dinner menu. Diners can enjoy locally sourced, multi-course meals that are paired with regional wines, beers and more...right from home. All proceeds go directly to participating eateries. Save Mart has generously stepped in to sponsor Tower Bridge Dinner To Go promotion efforts.

"Sacramento's restaurants are so critical to our community," said Visit Sacramento President and CEO Mike Testa. "Our culinary and agricultural industries put us on the map as a food destination and are key to our identity as a region. We want to do whatever we can to support them during this time of uncertainty so that they continue to be a part of Sacramento's story."

Created and executed by Visit Sacramento, the annual Tower Bridge Dinner is one of the nation's most unforgettable dining experiences. Each year, hundreds gather to enjoy a locally sourced

dinner prepared by some of the region - and the world's - top chefs, served along Sacramento's famed Tower Bridge. Visit Sacramento's inaugural Tower Bridge Dinner was held in 2013 and led by farm-to-fork pioneers, Chefs Patrick Mulvaney and Randall Selland.

Proceeds from the Tower Bridge Dinner help Visit Sacramento keep its annual Farm-to-Fork Street Festival admission-free. The two-day Festival features more than a mile of food, drinks, farms, music and more that showcase America's Farm-to-Fork Capital. Ticket proceeds also fund a series of scholarships for CAMP students at Sacramento State, who are the children of migrant farmworkers. Bank of America has stepped in to fund this year's scholarships in the absence of ticket proceeds.

Visit Sacramento plans to bring back the Farm-to-Fork Street Festival and Tower Bridge Dinner in 2021. To learn more about Visit Sacramento, check out [visitsacramento.com](http://visitsacramento.com). Find out more about Visit Sacramento's Farm-to-Fork Festival events at [farmtofork.com](http://farmtofork.com).



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# Seven Trader Joe's Essentials - Especially With SIP

by Ron Tackitt

There are few day to day things that are as daunting as the Trader Joe's parking lot in East Sac or even the one out by Marconi Ave. But, once you find, and get used-to, some of the things that TJ's has to offer, it's much easier to find the gumption to navigate your way into the store. Here is a short list of seven items that are staples for me, especially now with the amount of home cooking that SIP is requiring, in no particular order:

## Organic Extra Virgin Spanish Olive Oil

Any grocery store will have a wide range of olive oil to choose from, but I have enjoyed the mild flavor and body of this particular bottle of oil. I have also tried several others TJ has to offer, and they are fine, but this one, for its full character and its very reasonable price, is almost always the one sitting next to my stove.

## Breads and Tortillas

For store-bought, sliced bread, I have always been pleased with TJ's offerings. Their sliced sourdough is delicious, their European Whole Grain Style Bread is practically Pumpernickel but, maybe, a little milder. The hand-made flour tortillas taste great, and definitely look hand-made. And, the English muffins are just what you would expect.

**Mashed Potatoes** (Frozen into small pucks that can be doled out as needed)

I have loved these frozen mashed potatoes for years. I even served them to my Grandparents as part of a Thanksgiving dinner I was hosting. Gma was surprised, but enjoyed them just fine in the end. While they are not purely potato, the other ingredients don't overpower the taste, and the use of salt is nominal - unlike most of products of this nature. They are great for someone cooking for one, because you can easily control the amount you use.

**Mélange À Trois** (Frozen, chopped bell peppers in yellow, red and green)

Again this is packaged to allow for specific amounts to be used at a time. They go well with the mashed potatoes mentioned above, or with maybe a chicken breast or piece of fish. They are also perfect for someone cooking for one. Lately I have been using them in macaroni salad. I like the three different colors in the mix. (see page 22)

## Their Cheese Selection

Triple Cream and Double Cream Brie are immediate go-tos. I usually keep a wedge in the fridge for impromptu guest, and serve with TJ's cracker assortment. Either version of the brie is a certain crowd pleaser. Their selection of cheddar is wonderful as is their Feta. I like the Greek Feta in brine. It comes as two decent sized blocks in a salty brine that helps preserve the cheese. It's very Greek. Overall, TJ's has a wonderful selection of all kinds of cheeses and the very best part is that the prices are so reasonable. That may sound trite, but check out some of the fancy cheeses at a regular grocery store, and prepare to shell out some cash, for very modest amounts.

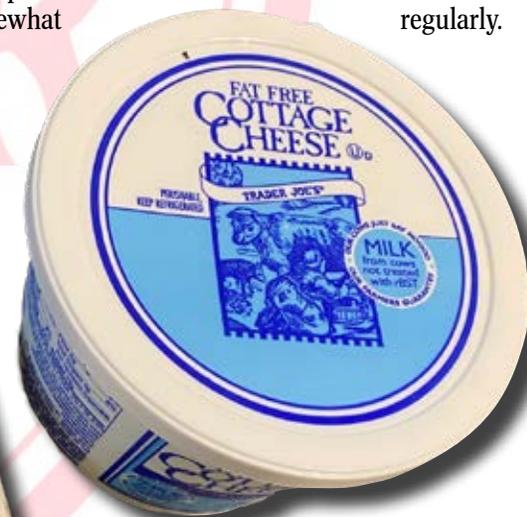
## Fat-Free Cottage Cheese

I know not everyone likes cottage cheese, and this probably wouldn't have made this list, even though I buy a refill every time I go to TJ's. However, I bought a name brand low fat tub at the regular grocery store not long ago and was slightly horrified at how terrible that version of cottage cheese was. TJ's is clean and light. Not thick, with the consistency of glue, like the brand name's. Not to mention the brand name's tasted, very much, of chemicals. At this point, I will go without cottage cheese, if I can't have TJ's.



## House Spice Mixes

There are three spice mixes that I particularly enjoy, Everyday Spice, Everything But the Bagel and the sometimes elusive, South African Smoke. Their names are no-nonsense and describe just what you can expect. They are not expensive, and I usually stock up on the South African Smoke since it can disappear from the shelf regularly.



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# Ron's Version of Macaroni Salad

words and photo by Ron Tackitt

There is a difference between using mayonnaise to create a cold salad, and having so much mayo that the salad's ingredients are forever swimming in the stuff. Since the SIP rules started I have, like everyone else, been eating at home a lot. So, I like to have some quick and easy snacks that keep me from going out and buying ice cream, or something like that. I found "Deli Style Macaroni Salad" at the grocery store and have been eating that, as a guilty pleasure. However, part of my guilt is the situation I describe above. The store-bought stuff is kinda... terrible. (But I ate it anyway.) So, I decided to try and make some from scratch so I would have more control of the ingredients. I took a recipe (thank you Hellman's) and have done all sorts of different things to the original, and here's what I have come up with.



## The ingredients you will need for this recipe:

- One pound bag of elbow macaroni
- 1 1/4 Cups of good mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp of Dejon mustard
- 1 Tbsp of whole grain mustard
- 1 Tbsp of sour cream
- 2 Tbsp of white vinegar
- 1 tsp of sugar
- 1 tsp of salt (or more, if desired)
- 1/2 tsp of fresh ground pepper
- 2 finely chopped kosher dill slices
- 3 medium stalks of celery, sliced down the middle, then chopped - as fine as you like
- 1/2 medium/small white onion, chopped pretty fine
- 1 Cup chopped bell pepper (I used Trader Joe's frozen, chopped trio so there is yellow, red and green - then chop them a little finer)

Cook the macaroni as per the package instructions. I like mine well cooked, but a lot of people like it a little "al Dente" so it's a little firmer. However you like it is fine. When it is finished, drain it, and run cold water over the noodles to cool them completely.

*This step can be skipped if you are fine with fresh vegetables.*

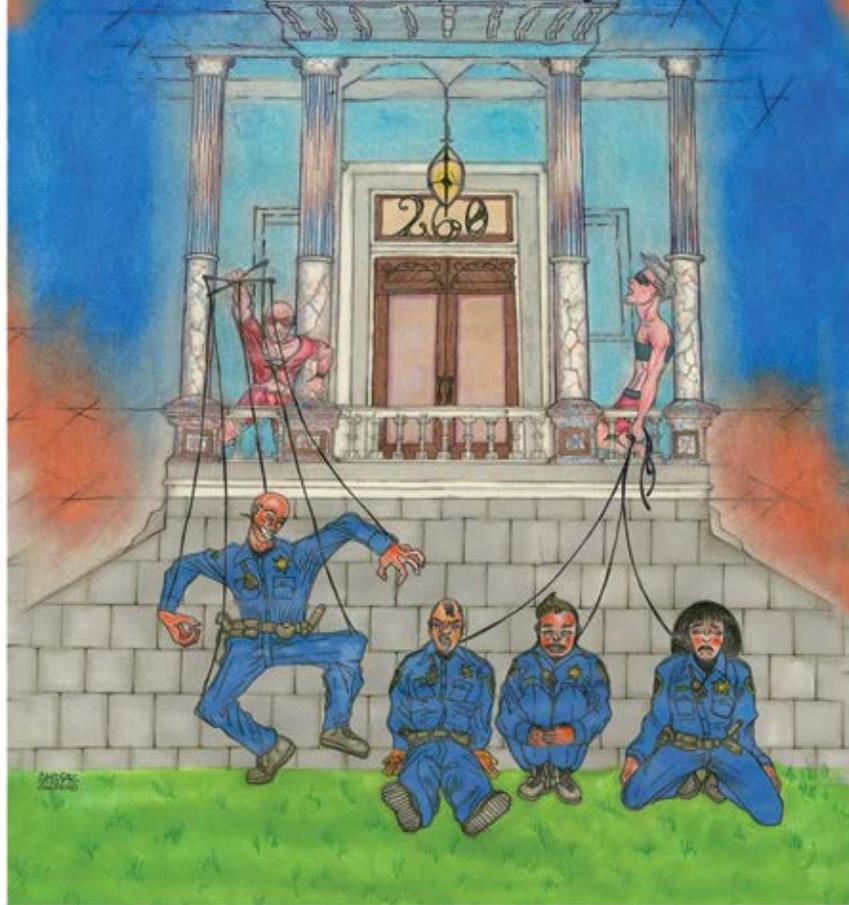
I have issues with fresh onions. My stomach really doesn't like them. But, if I put them in a pan and just sweat them out, I do not experience that discomfort. I also like to have my peppers and celery just a little cooked, to smooth the texture slightly, and bring out the flavor. Not too much, or you will end up making something completely different!! Put the chopped veggies, alone, in a frying pan and cook them lightly, I usually cook them until they are dry, then lay them out on a large plate so they can cool to room temperature.

In a large bowl, combine the mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, mustard, salt and pepper, sour cream and chopped dill slices. I use a whisk to combine and make sure all the ingredients are well stirred. Mix in the cooled, and drained, macaroni and the cooled veggies. Fold all the ingredients together, making sure to not harm the soft macaroni. Then the mixture will need to chill in the fridge for several hours. Overnight is great, if you can, because the ingredients will blend and the whole dish will taste different, better, once it's had a chance to set.

If you come back to it the next day and it is really dry, put a little bit of milk in it. This will re-hydrate the mac salad, without making it taste like it has too much mayo in it. Just a bit of milk - you can add more, but you can't take it away once you put in too much! Enjoy.

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# “Tenet” Finally Opens In Sacramento

By Chris Narloch

As some counties drop off our Governor’s coronavirus watch list, indoor movie theaters are gradually reopening in Northern California, with increased safety measures and social distancing in place.

It remains to be seen when Sacramento’s brick and mortar cinemas will return full force, but the West Wind Drive-In in Rancho Cordova is going strong and has finally started playing some high-profile new titles (as opposed to the many wonderful vintage movies they have been showing).

As I wrote this, “Tenet” had just opened at the West Wind on several screens, but I

chose to see that two-and-a-half hour film from the comfort of a recliner rather than from the front seat of my Prius.

I had to drive to El Dorado Hills to the Regal Theatre there, which is just off Highway 50 and was the nearest indoor cinema (to me) that was showing “Tenet” the week it debuted in the U.S.

The theatre had opened on Sept. 2, the day before I arrived, and I was surprised

how many patrons were there on a Thursday afternoon.

Masks are required in the lobby, hallways and bathrooms, but once you are in your socially distant seat, you can remove your face coverings and enjoy any concessions that you purchased in the lobby. (Empty recliners are not taped off, but the cashiers leave space between strangers when they sell you your tickets.)

Unless you are at high risk or super-squeamish about going out in public during the pandemic, I would recommend returning to theaters, based on my experience. Obviously, it’s safer to stay home and watch Netflix, but there is

nothing like the big screen – and movie theaters need our support.

I felt much safer at this cinema than I do when visiting the gas station or the grocery store these days, where mask wearing by my fellow Rancho Cordovans is often hit-and-miss. (I long to create a t-shirt that says, “PRETEND IT’S HALLOWEEN AND WEAR A FUCKING MASK!” but, alas, I am not a confrontational person.)

Incidentally, I chose not to see “The New Mutants” (an “X-Men” spin-off) or “Unhinged” (Russell Crowe’s road rage thriller), both of which have received mostly bad notices. Read on for my reviews of the new movies I did watch in El Dorado Hills.



Elizabeth Debicki and John David Washington star in “Tenet.”

## Tenet

After all the hype and fuss, director Chris Nolan’s long awaited blockbuster turns out to be much too long and not really worth the wait. Full disclosure, I am not a big fan of the director, and I don’t care for movies that shift time, but I intensely disliked “Tenet.”

The doomsday thriller costars Kenneth Branagh as a Russian baddie with a terminal illness who wants to take the rest of the world out with him, and after an hour of that tired premise I was very depressed to look at my watch and discover that I still had another 90 minutes to go, at a film that I was already bored by.

Several of the action sequences in “Tenet” are exciting, but lead actors Robert Pattinson and John David Washington have both been directed to give such low-key performances that the tension leaks out of the film in between the car chases and fight sequences.

A confusing, convoluted script with dopey dialogue about algorithms and entropy doesn’t help matters, making “Tenet” one of the most disappointing major movies in recent memory.

## The Personal History of David Copperfield

I highly recommend this delightful new big-screen version of the classic novel by Charles Dickens, which features a superb cast that includes Dev Patel, Tilda Swinton, and Hugh Laurie and is directed by the great Armando Iannucci.

Chief among the new film’s charms is its progressive, multi-cultural cast, and any doubts about an East Indian playing David Copperfield are banished immediately thanks to the incredibly charismatic screen presence of Dev Patel, who plays Dickens’ largely autobiographical hero.

The indispensable Tilda Swinton adds another crazy character to her long list of priceless oddballs, as does Hugh Laurie, who goes toe to toe with her. Fast-paced and funny, “The Personal History of David Copperfield” is a real winner.



Dev Patel and Tilda Swinton star in “The Personal History of David Copperfield.”

## Words on Bathroom Walls

I usually don’t enjoy movies made from YA (young adult) novels – if I see them at all – but this film is the rare exception and probably the finest such adaptation since “The Fault In Our Stars.”

Rising stars Charlie Plummer and Taylor Russell have terrific chemistry, as a pair of high school seniors who fall hard for each other, despite the mental illness of Plummer’s character.

“Words on Bathroom Walls” manages to be both surprisingly entertaining and very moving in its depiction of what schizophrenia can look and feel like, and director Thor Freudenthal avoids almost every pitfall of the YA genre.



Taylor Russell and Charlie Plummer star in “Words on Bathroom Walls.”

# Frameline44 Brings Queer Cinema Home For Gay Film Fans

**F**rameline44, the world's largest LGBTQ+ film festival, recently announced the full program for its first virtual event - an 11-day extravaganza featuring 10 world premieres, four international premieres, three North American premieres, and one US premiere, including new narrative features, documentaries, episodics, and shorts programs.

Frameline44 highlights include the world premiere of D'Arcy Drollinger's "Shit & Champagne," a wacky send-up of '70s sexploitation flicks featuring a who's who of drag, including the one-and-only Alaska Thunderfuck. "Shit & Champagne" will be shown at the West Wind Solano Drive-In only.

Frameline44 will also showcase films that touch on the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement, including the Toronto International Film Festival favorite and Frameline44 Centerpiece, Ali LeRoi's "The Obituary of Tunde Johnson," and Ashley O'Shay's inspiring documentary, "Unapologetic," highlighting Black feminist voices who stand up to



The cast of D'Arcy Drollinger's "Shit & Champagne"

police violence and usher in change.

You also won't want to miss Elegance Bratton's timely documentary, "Pier Kids," which highlights queer and trans homeless youth on the West Village's piers, and Laurie Lynd's "Killing Patient Zero," the groundbreaking exposé of how a Canadian flight attendant became vilified

as the "man who brought AIDS to North America."

Frameline44 will also present a free Community Screening of the groundbreaking Pixar Animation Studios short film "OUT," followed by a live panel with writer/director Steven Clay Hunter, producer Max Sachar, and members of the

filmmaking team to discuss queer storytelling in animated film.

Frameline44, which ordinarily unreeals at San Francisco's Castro Theatre and other Bay Area venues, is scheduled to take place online Sept. 17-27, 2020. To view the full slate for this year's virtual festival, please go to [www.frameline.org](http://www.frameline.org).



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By Chris Narloch

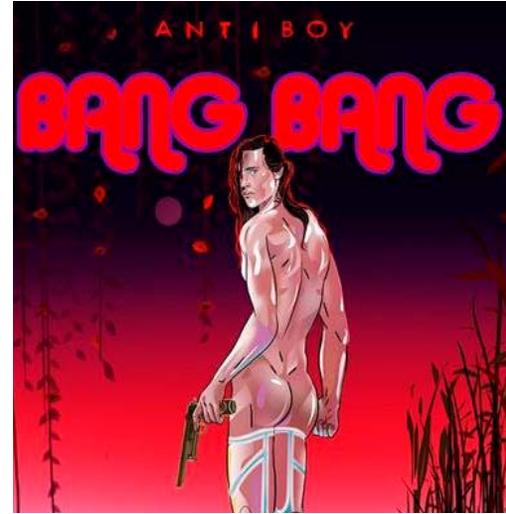
If you want to see a super cool, CGI-filled mini-movie, check out the new music video for "Bang Bang" by ANTIBOY, a haunting, three-minute reinterpretation of "Bang Bang (My Baby Shot Me Down)," which was previously a hit song for Nancy Sinatra and also for Cher.

The video brings the song into the 21st century with a very clever, futuristic, computer game concept that perfectly visualizes this classic song for a new generation of music fans (and gamers!).

Sadly, Harry Hains, the talented musician, actor and model who created the musical alter-ego ANTIBOY, died earlier this year at the tender age of 27, but he leaves behind an impressive body of work, including his performances in "The OA" and "American Horror Story" and his fascinating, gender-fluid, queer music.

To see the video for "Bang Bang," please visit

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# Having Sex During COVID-19?

By Ariela Cuellar (she/her/hers)

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Let's face it: People are still having sex during a pandemic. The Center's mission is all about creating a region where LGBTQ+ people thrive. Their mission includes supporting your sexual health and wellness. Knowing your status and understanding prevention strategies that work are the keys to protecting yourself, your partner, and your community.

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For folks who set up an appointment, you can mention this article or any of the Center's testing related social posts and you'll receive a free visa gift card. Please be mindful that gift cards are intended for low income and most affected community members.

If you are in need of condoms, lube, or dental dams the Center has got you covered! You can pick up free insertive and receptive

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In addition to these resources the Center also has a support group for people living with HIV/AIDS called Strength in Numbers (SIN). SIN provides a safe, welcoming forum for people living with HIV/AIDS to come together for a sense of camaraderie, mutual strength, and support. Support members can range from newly diagnosed to people who have been living with HIV/AIDS for years. SIN meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 6 - 7:30 P.M. via Zoom. For more information please contact facilitator Arturo at [acjackson3@comcast.net](mailto:acjackson3@comcast.net) or join the group on Facebook.



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