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very October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month shines a spotlight on the most common cancer affecting women worldwide. The campaign began in 1985 as a joint effort between the ▲ American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries, and it has since grown into a global movement dedicated to education, prevention, and support. The now-iconic pink ribbon, introduced in the early 1990s, has become a powerful symbol of solidarity, hope, and advocacy.

The goal of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is twofold: to encourage early detection and to promote continued research. According to the American Cancer Society. about one in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Early detection through regular mammograms, clinical exams, and selfawareness significantly increases the chances of successful treatment. Public campaigns during October often focus on reminding women of screening guidelines, as well as making resources more widely accessible.

At the same time, the month raises critical funds for research aimed at improving treatments and ultimately finding a cure. Countless organizations host walks, runs, and community events to generate both awareness and financial support. Advances in treatment and survival rates over the past few decades can be directly linked to investments in scientific research and clinical trials.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a time to support those currently living with the disease and to honor the memory of

those lost. Survivors often share their stories, families rally around loved ones, and communities turn pink to show solidarity. While progress has been made, the month serves as a reminder that the fight is ongoing—and that awareness, advocacy, and action remain essential tools in reducing the impact of breast cancer.

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- National Breast Cancer Foundation
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month overview

ispanic Heritage Month, observed each year from September 15 to October 15, celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans with roots in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. First established in 1968 and later expanded to a month in 1988, the dates align with the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries. As the month concludes, it serves as a reminder of the vital role Hispanic and Latino communities have played—and continue to play—in shaping U.S. history, culture, and identity.





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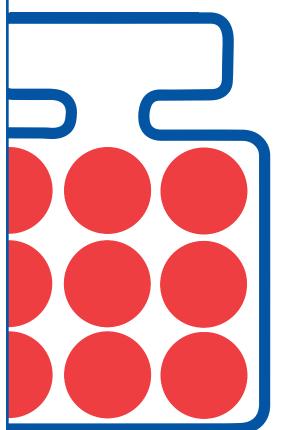
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# American Airlines Shareholders Reject Anti-LGBTQ+ Proposal With Overwhelming Vote

Tn a decisive show of support for inclusion, American Airlines shareholders have voted overwhelmingly to reject a proposal urging the company to withdraw from the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index (CEI). At the airline's 2025 Annual Meeting, nearly 98 percent of shareholders sided with the board's recommendation to remain in the index, leaving little doubt about where investors stand.

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The proposal was introduced by the National Center for Public Policy Research, a conservative group critical of corporate diversity initiatives. It argued that participation in the CEI pushed companies to endorse a "political agenda." But the vote tally told a different story: more than 273 million shares were cast against the proposal, compared to about 6 million in favor.

American Airlines has long been a leader in workplace equality, consistently earning a perfect score of 100 on the CEI, which benchmarks companies on LGBTQ+ inclusive policies, benefits, and practices. The company has also made public commitments to fostering a diverse workforce and inclusive customer experience, citing it as central to

both employee morale and brand reputation.

The outcome underscores how shareholder priorities have shifted in recent years. While some groups have pushed back against diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, major corporations and their investors increasingly view inclusivity as a core business strategy. The near-unanimous rejection of the proposal suggests that, for American Airlines, inclusivity is not only a moral stance but also a matter of long-term corporate strength.

In 2025, with inclusion debates at the forefront of politics and business, American Airlines' shareholders have sent a clear message: equality still wins.

## **Jonathan Bailey Pauses Film Career** to Promote "The Shameless Fund"

ctor Jonathan Bailey, known for his acclaimed roles in "Bridgerton" and "Fellow Travelers," has expanded his Ladvocacy beyond the screen by founding The Shameless Fund, a charity dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ people around the world. Launched in 2024, the initiative focuses on raising money through creative collaborations with fashion houses, artists, and cultural leaders, with funds directed toward grassroots, national, and international LGBTQ+ organizations.

One of the first major projects of the fund was a partnership with luxury fashion brand Loewe, resulting in a limited-edition "Drink Your Milk" T-shirt. The phrase, a playful nod to Bailey's character in "Fellow Travelers," became an instant hit, with proceeds helping fuel the foundation's mission. By blending pop culture visibility with fundraising, The Shameless Fund is working to channel mainstream attention into tangible support for vulnerable LGBTQ+ communities.

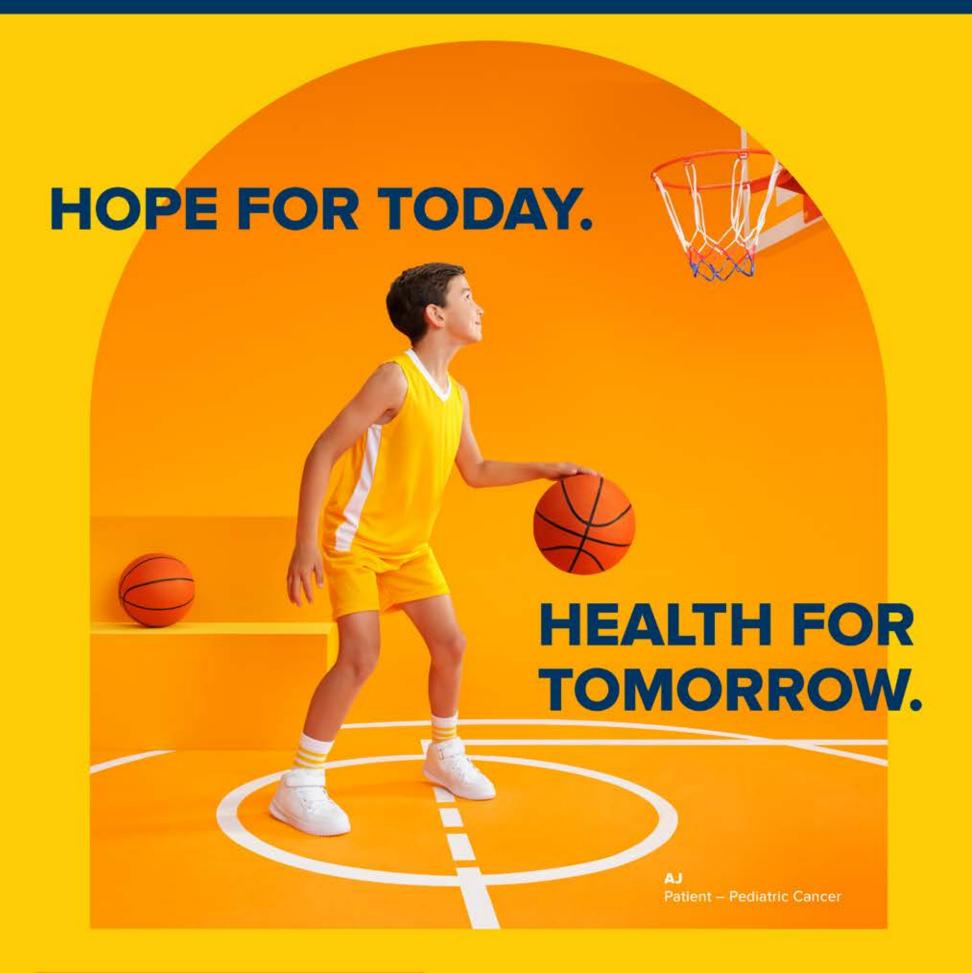
Among its stated goals, the fund emphasizes the importance of supporting LGBTQ+ elders-a group often overlooked in conversations about equality. Many older queer people have lived through decades of discrimination, fought for rights that younger generations benefit from today, and yet still face isolation, limited resources, and challenges in health and housing. Bailey has underscored the need to honor this generation, saying that the fight for equality must also include care for those who paved the way.

With its high-profile backing and innovative approach, The Shameless Fund reflects Bailey's vision of turning visibility into action. It not only celebrates LGBTQ+ culture but also ensures that resources reach communities in need, from elders to grassroots activists. By leveraging his platform, Bailey is proving that visibility in entertainment can translate into real change for those who continue to need it most. For more info visit: theshamelessfund.org

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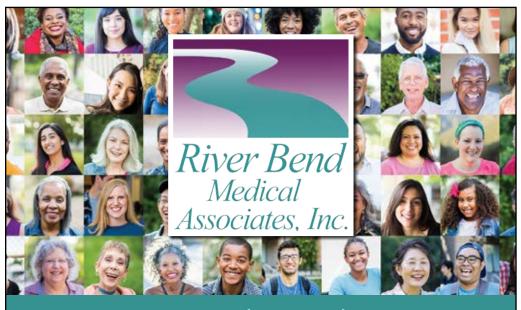


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# **Congressional Leaders and HIV Advocates Push Newsom to Sign AB 554, Protecting Prep Access**

broad coalition of congressional leaders and HIV advocates is urging Governor Gavin Newsom to sign Assembly Bill 554, legislation that would secure access to HIV prevention medications for Californians. Authored by Assemblymember Mark González, the bill passed the State Assembly and Senate earlier this month and now awaits the governor's decision, due by October 12.

AB 554, known as the "PrEPARE Act of 2025," would require health plans to cover all FDA-approved pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medications—including long-acting injectable options-without prior authorization or step therapy. It also ensures future HIV prevention drugs are automatically included and mandates prompt reimbursement for community clinics that deliver care.

The push for the bill has drawn support from across the country. On September 24, 13 members of the U.S. Congress sent a letter urging Newsom to sign the measure, followed by more than 90 advocacy organizations, including Equality California and AIDS Healthcare Foundation. Advocates stress that barriers such as cost-sharing, prior authorization, and insurance delays disproportionately harm Black and Latino communities, which make up a significant share of new HIV diagnoses yet are underrepresented among PrEP users.

Supporters also point to the rapid development of new prevention tools, such as twice-yearly injectable PrEP, which some insurers have already refused to cover. They argue AB 554 is essential to ensure timely access to innovation, protect equity in health care, and prevent backsliding in California's fight against HIV.

In their letters, both congressional leaders and advocacy groups emphasized that the governor's decision could set a national precedent. "AB 554 removes

unnecessary barriers to PrEP," they wrote, adding that Newsom's signature would help guarantee every Californian has access to the tools needed to end HIV. With HIV prevention on the line, they say, California must lead by example. For more information,

Here are two web addresses where you can read more about AB 554 / the "PrEPARE" Act and the advocacy around it:

- The full text of the bill: California AB 554 (Protecting Rights, Expanding Prevention, and Advancing Reimbursement for Equity - PrEPARE Act of 2025) chbrp.org
- A policy summary and advocacy overview from YLI (*Youth Leadership* <u>Institute</u>) about what AB 554 would do and why it matters yli.org





# **Front Runners and Front Walkers Announcement**

n September 25, 2025, Front Runners and Walkers, an LGBTQ Running & Walking Club, presented the Sacramento LGBT Center with a check for \$3,000.00 from proceeds from their first ever Pride 5K Run held on June 14, 2025. Our thanks to the Sacramento LGBT Center for all they do for our community.

In addition, we would like to thank the Pride 5k organizers, sponsors, volunteers, Runners and Walker, family, friends, and children.

It was an Amazing Day where we had 400 Runners and Walkers participate.

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On behalf of everyone at Sunburst Projects, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who joined us this week at our Annual Open House on October 1st. It was a joy to welcome so many friends, supporters, donors, and community partners into our space to celebrate the impact we've made together in 2024/25 and share our vision for the future.

As I shared during the event, family has always been at the heart of Sunburst Projects-from our earliest days supporting families impacted by HIV to our ongoing commitment to lift up the lives of those living with HIV, including transgender and undocumented community members. Nearly

40 years later, that commitment continues to guide everything we do: from providing barrier-free testing and integrated case management to offering mental health support and life-saving advocacy for our clients.

We were honored to share stories of our clients like Devon, whose life was saved through the unwavering support of his Sunburst case manager, and Maria, a young transgender woman who gained access to affirming healthcare and support thanks to your contributions. These stories highlight the profound, human impact your support makes possible every day.

Our work in 2024 was extraordinary serving more clients than ever, expanding access to testing and care, and advocating for policies that protect the most vulnerable in our community. But as I emphasized at the Open House, we still face challenges. Funding cuts and policy changes threaten the services that keep our clients safe, and we must continue to stand together, advocate loudly, and ensure that everyone has the right to healthcare

Finally, we are thrilled to invite you to join us for our next fundraising event, Pour It Forward: The Blind Bourbon Tasting, on Friday, November 14, 2025. It promises to be an unforgettable evening of tasting, fellowship, and fun-all while supporting the life-saving programs of Sunburst Projects. Tickets and details are available on our website v.SunburstProjects.org, and we hope you will join us.

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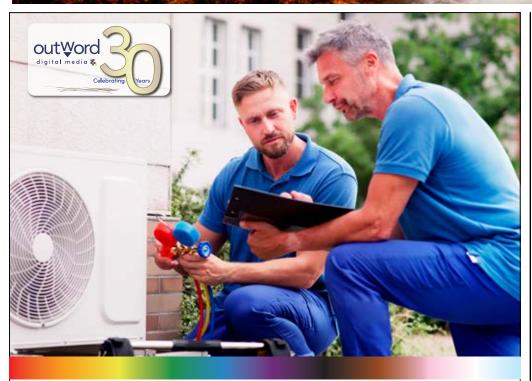
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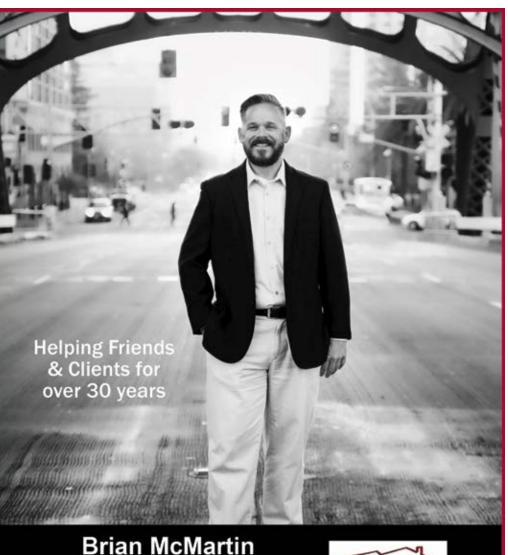


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# **Living Out: Palm Springs' Resort-Style Oasis for LGBTQ+ 55+ Adults**

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Each lease includes a comprehensive range of services designed to simplify daily living. Utilities such as WiFi, cable, and internet are included, along with daily continental breakfast, weekly housekeeping, and bi-annual deep cleaning. Residents can access transportation to and from local destinations, consultations with the on-site fitness director, and both live and virtual concierge services. These thoughtful details allow residents to spend more time focusing on recreation, social life, and wellness.

Dining is another highlight. Living Out residents receive 30% off food and beverages at Alice B., the on-site restaurant and bar managed by acclaimed chefs Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken. The restaurant's welcoming design and diverse menu have made it a local favorite, adding to the property's appeal as a social hub within Palm Springs' dynamic dining scene.

The grounds of Living Out are equally well

planned, offering multiple indoor and outdoor spaces for relaxation and recreation. Residents have access to an art studio, card and game room, theatre and screening room, bocce courts, resort-style pool, and several event lawns. Outdoor enthusiasts can stroll through citrus orchards or enjoy the dedicated dog park and 5,000 square feet of retail space devoted to pet supplies, grooming, and care.

The community features 122 spacious apartments ranging from 1,098 to 1,833 square feet, providing a variety of floor plans and design options. With its combination of modern comfort, comprehensive amenities, and inclusive atmosphere, it's no surprise that Living Out is already more than 90% leased. It stands as a model for how retirement living can be both luxurious and communityfocused-an oasis designed for a new generation of active adults.

More information: *livingout.com* 

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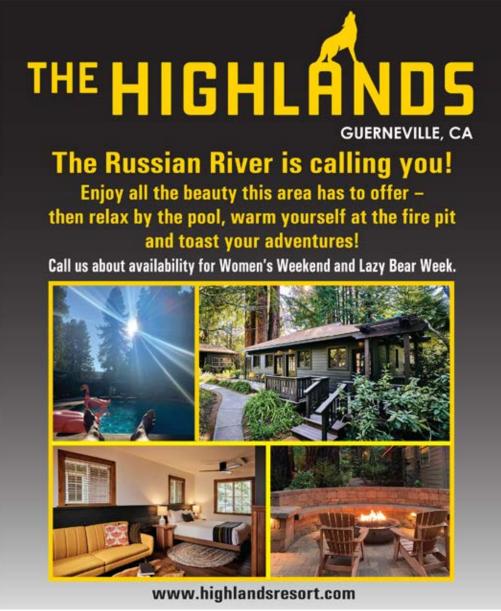
n October 2, 1950, the first Peanuts comic strip debuted in a four-panel format in seven newspapers nationwide. Peanuts creator Charles M. Schulz was 27 years old and had one goal: "All I wanted to do was make people laugh." Peanuts would go on to appear in over 2,600 newspapers worldwide, and for 75 years, Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the Peanuts gang have brought joy, laughter, and comfort to countless fans of all ages. The Charles M. Schulz Museum joins Peanuts Worldwide in celebrating this



This fall, the Schulz Museum presents exhibitions, events, and special guest appearances (including Snoopy himself) to honor the 75th anniversary of Peanuts in the place Charles M. Schulz lived and worked for the majority of his career.

"Peanuts is loved all over the world, but there is only one place that Snoopy and his creator, Charles M. Schulz, called home: Sonoma County," said Museum Director Gina Huntsinger. "We invite visitors to step into Schulz's world, see his original Peanuts comic strips, and realize that his humor is more relatable than ever."

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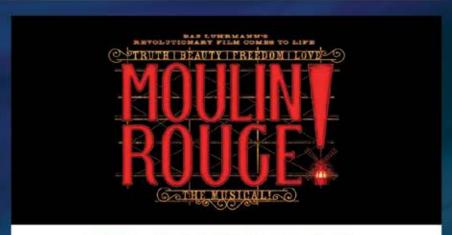
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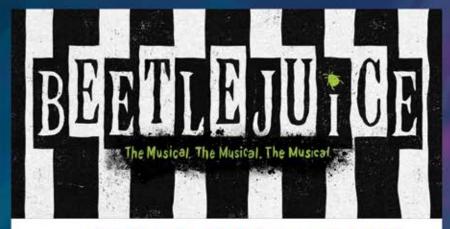
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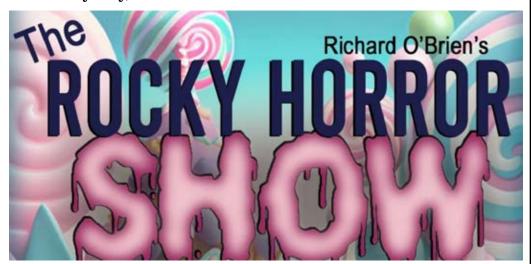
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wo hard-working and very talented local theatre companies have been largely flying under the radar but doing excellent work for years now. Check out Green Valley's take on "The Rocky Horror Show' and/or Teatro Espejo's latest production, "Sanctuary City," this October.

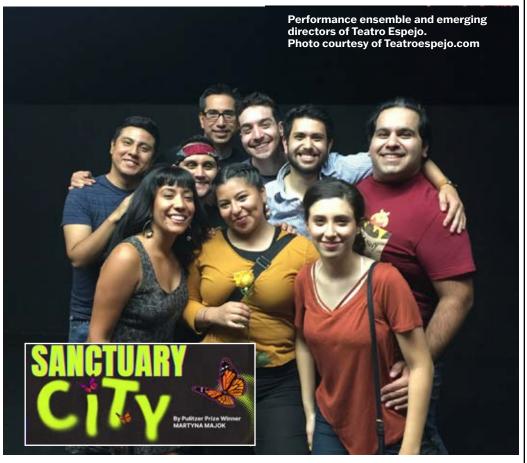


### **Green Valley Theatre Company**

Richard O'Brien's "The Rocky Horror Show" has been a Sacramento Halloween tradition for years, and Green Valley Theatre's high energy live production is not to be missed. It features a live band and a stellar cast of Transylvanians.

Costumes are encouraged, personal props are allowed, throwing items is legally prohibited, and absolutely no one under 18 will be admitted. The show will take place in the recital hall at Cosumnes River College. All tickets are general admission, and seating is open and on a first-come basis. Let's Do the Time Warp Again!

"The Rocky Horror Show" performs Oct. 17 – Nov. 1. Visit: greenvalleytheatre.com



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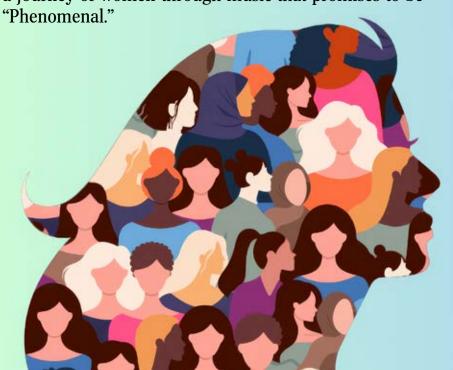
'Sanctuary Ćity," by the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Martyna Majok, is set in post-9/11 Newark, New Jersey, where two teenagers who were brought to America as children become one another's sanctuaries from harsh circumstances.

When G becomes naturalized, she and B hatch a plan to marry so that he may legally remain in the country and pursue the future he imagines for his life. But as time hurtles on and complications mount, the young friends find that this act challenges and fractures the closest relationship either one has ever had.

Teatro Espejo's production of "Sanctuary City" will perform Oct. 10 - 26 at Sacramento's Fat Elephant Theatre. Go to: teatroespejo.com

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# "Kiss of the Spider Woman" Reviewed Plus, "The Watermelon Woman" is Back by Chris Narloch

all has arrived and with it, new movies that are darker and weirder and more to my personal taste. Jennifer Lopez and Daniel Day-Lowis are book or the last. Daniel Day-Lewis are back on the big screen, in separate, serious films. Their current movies and two other titles are reviewed below.



### Anemone

One of our greatest living actors, Daniel Day-Lewis, returns to the big screen after a self-imposed retirement that – lucky for us – turned out to be temporary. Day-Lewis plays an emotionally scarred loner living in the woods in this intense family drama that marks the feature directorial debut of Ronan Day-Lewis, Daniel's son, who co-wrote the screenplay with his father.

The younger Day-Lewis does not appear to be a nepo baby - the film has style - but the script doesn't hang together, and we are left with the movie's powerful performances, by Daniel Day-Lewis, Sean Bean, and Samantha Morton, which are more than worth the price of admission. "Anemone" opened at Sacramento's Tower Theatre on Oct. 3.



### The Watermelon Woman

This iconic pseudo-documentary was directed by Cheryl Dunye, and it follows a young Black lesbian filmmaker (also named Cheryl) who sets out to uncover the forgotten legacy of a 1930s actress known only as the "Watermelon Woman." As her search deepens, it sparks a personal journey through history, identity, and the power of storytelling.

The film is the first title in Crocker Art Museum's upcoming Black Feminisms films series, which also includes "Daughters of the Dust" and "Love & Basketball," later this year. "The Watermelon Woman" screens on the evening of Oct. 16 at Crocker. Visit: https://www.crockerart.org/events/3904/black-feminisms-the-watermelon-woman



### **Kiss of the Spider Woman**

Broadway fans (and fans of old-school Hollywood musicals) should see this big screen adaptation of a stage musical from the early '90s that starred such Broadway heavyweights as Chita Rivera, Brian Stokes Mitchell, and Vanessa Williams. The story follows two prisoners - one straight and one queer - who are thrown together in a small, drab prison cell in Argentina.

To pass the time, the gay man, who lives in a protective fantasy world inspired by movies, regales his cellmate with tales of his favorite actress, Ingrid Luna, and her films. Diego Luna plays the heterosexual prisoner, and an actor named Tonatiuh is the gay one. Both men give strong performances, but the movie really sizzles when Jennifer Lopez shows up, playing Ingrid Luna and the Spider Woman, in colorful musical fantasy sequences that totally pop. "Kiss of the Spider Woman" opens on Oct. 10 at Sacramento's Tower Theatre.



### Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle

This movie wasn't top of my list until I saw how much dough it was raking in at the box office, so I had to see for myself what all the fuss was about. Based on a manga (Japanese comic book) of the same name, "Demon Slayer" is a hugely popular anime franchise that includes animated films as well as a TV series. Boiled down to its essence, the plot involves the members of the Demon Slayer Corps, who find themselves in an epic battle at Infinity

Epic is putting it mildly since the film is 155 minutes long and action-packed. Bottom line, I enjoyed the wildly creative and colorful animation, but the comic book gore wore me out before the end. I totally understand the appeal of "Demon Slayer," but I think I would rather rewatch the comparatively peaceful animated movies of Hayao Miyazaki, my favorite Japanese animator. "Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle" is currently in wide theatrical release.

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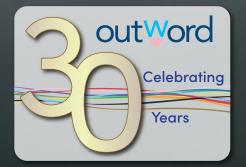
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Activating Taste Buds words and photos by Rahn

recently spent a weekend in Wichita, Kansas—not exactly a getaway Lfilled with sightseeing or wild adventure, but one that still delivered some much-needed family time and a few memorable meals. Top of my list was a return trip to Angelo's, the beloved local pizza spot I'd fallen for on my last visit. The wait for a table was long enough to build anticipation, and when that first bite arrived, it was clear why the place stays packed. The Caesar salad was fine, but the pizza wow, the pizza! Their "Truly Deluxe" pie is a full-on flavor event, stacked high with homemade Italian sausage, spiced ground beef, thick pepperoni, sautéed mushrooms, green peppers, onions, and plenty of mozzarella. The toppings come in generous chunks, so every bite feels hearty and intentional, and though the \$39 price tag might raise an eyebrow, it easily satisfied five hungry diners. Let's just say, when in Wichita, skipping Angelo's would be a real mistake. www.angeloswichita.com





Scan the QR Code or visit SunburstProjects.org to buy tickets and get more information!



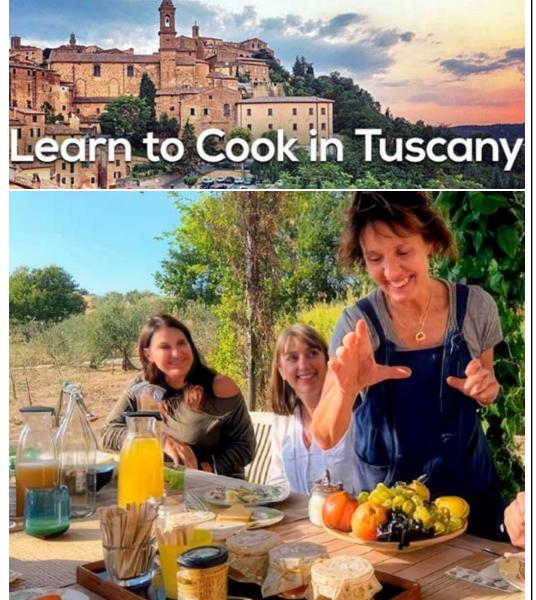
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# **Tuscan Women Cook: Celebrating Fall in Tuscany**

s autumn unfolds across Tuscany, the celebrated culinary immersion program Tuscan Women Cook invites food lovers to savor the region's most bountiful season. Fall in Tuscany is marked by golden evening light, crisp air, and markets overflowing with earthy porcini mushrooms, fragrant truffles, freshly pressed olive oil, and the first pours of vino novello—the beloved new wine.



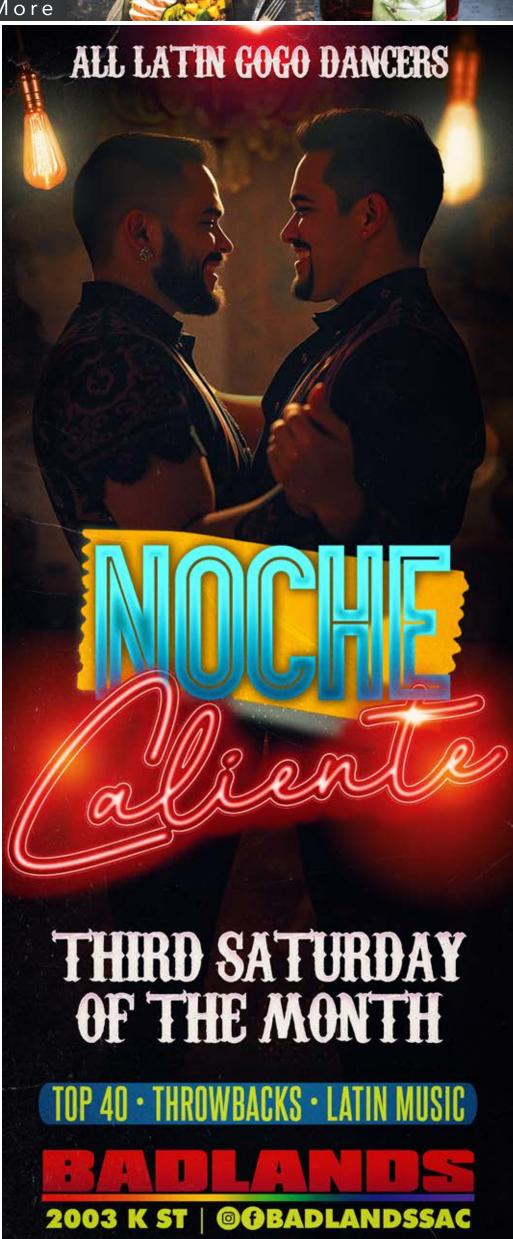
For 25 years, Tuscan Women Cook has welcomed guests from around the world to the medieval village of Montefollonico, where local women and nonne (grandmothers) share the traditions of la cucina Toscana. More than cooking classes, the program emphasizes slowing down, gathering together, and embracing the rhythms of rural Tuscan life. As owner and host Coleen Kirnan explains, the experience is about "discovering the joy of creating something

Autumn also marks prime mushroom foraging season, a beloved ritual throughout Italy. Guests learn how the interplay of rain and sunshine awakens wild fungi in forests and fields, making September and October the pinnacle months for gathering mushrooms—a practice woven deeply into Tuscan culture.

Beyond the kitchen, participants explore Tuscany's rolling landscapes, historic landmarks, vibrant food markets, and family-run trattorias. Visits to acclaimed vineyards and excursions through picturesque villages round out a week of authentic culinary and cultural discovery. Dining together becomes an act of community, with every meal celebrating the abundance of the season.

To honor its silver anniversary, Tuscan Women Cook has expanded its offerings, adding year-round day classes and exclusive new adventures designed to deepen connections with the region's rich heritage. Despite these additions, the program remains intimate and personal, preserving the spirit that has defined it since its founding.

Programs run May through June and September through October, with 2026 reservations already open. More details are available at <u>www.tuscanwomencook.com</u>.



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# **Out & About**

with Matthew Burlingame

**Trom Coming Out Day celebrations to spooky season thrills, Sacramento is alive with events that bring our community together.** Trom Coming Out Day celebrations to spooky season thrills, Sacramento is alive with events that bring our community together.

While we continue the important work of marching to preserve the civil liberties of all Americans, it's just as vital to pause, gather with those we love and recharge our spirits. From vibrant festivals and music to family-friendly outings and cultural gatherings, the with those we love and recharge our spirits. From vibrant festivals and music to family-friendly outings and cultural gatherings, the city offers endless ways to connect, celebrate and find joy. These moments of fun and togetherness remind us why we fight for freedom and equality, because everyone deserves the chance to live and thrive in a welcoming community.



Movies Under the Stars presents "Coco" on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. at Old Sacramento State Historic Park, 111 I St. This popular outdoor movie series features Halloweenthemed films, festive vendors and specialty cocktails from Long Drink. Grab headphones, popcorn or dinner, and settle in for a magical, spooky night under the stars. Oldsacramento.com

# Oct. 10

Join us Oct. 10 at *Outword's* monthly happy hour at Badland's. 2003 K St. for a dose of Liquid Therapy! Enjoy the fun from 5:30-7 p.m. with chances to win prizes and enjoy drink specials. Reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Badlandssac.com

# Oct. 11

The first Folsom Family Pride Picnic takes place Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Folsom City Lions Park, 403 Stafford St. in Folsom. This free, familyfriendly celebration features live music, food, vendors and activities supporting the LGBTQIA+ community. Presented in partnership with Reflection MCC of Folsom, everyone is welcome to join. Folsomcapride.

The Falling Leaf Fall Festival returns Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Vernon Street Town Square, 115 S Grant St. in Roseville. Enjoy a pumpkin patch and painting, costume contest with prizes, fall treats and drinks, live music, and early shopping with local makers for a perfect autumn dav.

# Oct. 11

During the Dia De Los Muertos Fiesta Conjunto Liberación brings its lively, crowdmoving sound to the California Museum, 1020 O St. on Saturday, Oct. 11 with two dynamic sets at 7:15 and 8:25 p.m. The celebrated group promises an evening of infectious rhythms and vibrant energy, perfect for fans of Latin music and anyone ready to dance the night away. Californiamuseum.org

The Midtown F'n Record Swap spins back Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Auditorium at CLARA, 24th and N streets. This free event features vendors from across Northern California, thousands of new and used records, cassettes and CDs, plus giveaways, community vibes and plenty of parking for crate-digging music lovers.

# Oct. 12

Congregation Beth Shalom presents the 48th Annual Sacramento Jewish Food Faire, Sunday, Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St. Expanded into a lively Harvest Market, the event features live entertainment, artisan vendors, traditional Jewish cuisine, a beer and wine garden, and more. Free admission and parking. Sacjewishfoodfaire.com

The cult-favorite Halloween comedy "Hocus Pocus" screens Sunday, Oct. 12 at noon at the Crest Sacramento, 1013 K St. Three 17th-century witches, executed for their dark deeds, are accidentally resurrected in modern-day Salem by an unsuspecting boy, who must find a way to banish them once more before their magic takes hold. Cresttheater.com

# Oct. 14

Beer & Pretzels with Adoptable Dogs comes to Midtown BierGarten, 2332 K St., on Monday, Oct. 14 from 3 to 6 p.m. Hosted by the Sacramento SPCA, the event donates all pretzel sales to support shelter animals. Meet adoptable dogs, enjoy a cold brew and help pups find their forever homes in a lively beer garden setting. Sspca.org



Nevermore Gorelesque presents "Sinister Soiree" on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 8:30 p.m. at the Colonial Theatre, Sacramento. Hosted by Asia Consent, the spine-chilling showcase features The Boulet Brothers of Dragula fame, along with Vander Von Odd and Abhora. The 18+ event blends horror, drag and burlesque into one unforgettable night. Lovehorrorevents.com.

Sacramento Leather Invasion marks its seventh anniversary Saturday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. in Lavender Heights, 2000 K St. The night honors founder Daddy Black Widow (Dustin Thurman, 1992-2021) with leather pride, guest titleholders, raffle prizes and community connection. Proceeds benefit The Trevor Project, supporting LGBTQ+ youth in crisis. Come loud, proud and geared up.

Peter Petty & His Double P Revue bring their high-energy swing and jazz spectacle to The Torch Club, 1426 I St., on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 p.m. Known as "Da Man wit' Da Flop," Petty and his Titans of Terpsichore promise a wild, toe-tapping night of jumpin', jivin' and irresistible big-band splendor. Peterpetty.biz

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

# Oct. 24

Nevermore Gorelesque presents Cabaret Macabre on Friday, Oct. 24 at 8:30 p.m. at the Colonial Theatre, Sacramento. The darkly dazzling lineup includes Frankie Fictitious, Evah Destruction, Meatball, and more, blending horror, drag and burlesque into a haunting spectacle. Expect eerie elegance, bold performances, and gothic glamour. Lovehorrorevents.com.

# Upcoming

Foreigner & Rock Orchestra take the stage Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at Harris Center for the Arts, 10 College Parkway, Folsom. With 10 multi-platinum albums and 16 Top 30 hits, Foreigner remains one of rock's most iconic bands. Fans can expect classics like "Juke Box Hero" and "I Want to Know What Love Is." Get tickets now! Harriscenter.net





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# **Happy Halloween Horror!**

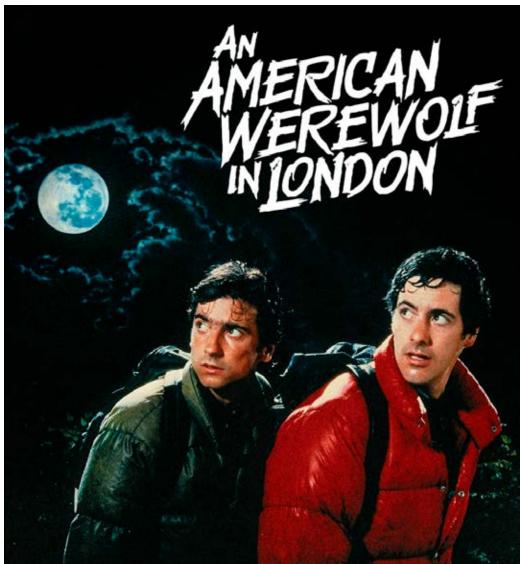
by Chris Narloch

cary films are a mainstay in movie theaters every October, and this year is no exception, with Sacramento's Crest Theatre, Dreamland Cinema, and Tower Theatre all getting into the act. Read on for details.



### **Tower Theatre**

You can celebrate the Master of Suspense, director Alfred Hitchcock, all October long courtesy of Sacramento's Tower Theatre and its annual Hitchcock-tober celebration. "Rope" is in the rear-view mirror – that was on October 8 – but the other three titles screen in the last half of October, and all of them are winners: "Marnie" (on 10-15), "Dial M For Murder in 3D" (10-22), and my personal favorite, "Psycho," on 10-29, 10-30, and 10-31. Visit: https://angelikafilmcenter.com



### **Crest Theatre**

The '80s were a peak period for modern horror films, and Sacramento's historic Crest Theatre is showing three terrific titles from that era, back on the big screen this October: John Landis' "An American Werewolf in London" on 10-16 (and only \$2), John Carpenter's superb remake of "The Thing" on 10-21 (again, only \$2), and Wes Craven's original "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (the first and still the finest of the franchise, and only \$5) on 10-27. Visit: cresttheater.com/

### **Dreamland Cinema**

This no-longer-secret cinematic sanctuary on P Street in midtown shows scary movies off and on all year round - and many other genres of film as well. This October, Dreamland has added classic Universal monster movies to their calendar, and they are the cream of the crop among early fright films: "Frankenstein," "Bride of Frankenstein," "Dracula," "The Invisible Man," and "The Wolf Man." For dates and details, go to: www.thedreamlandcinema.com

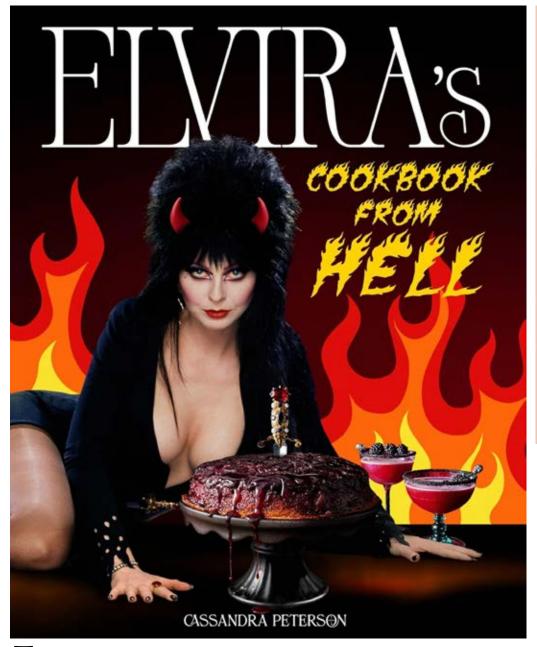
**Terra Madre Americas** 

The new version of Sacramento's Farm-to-Fork Festival gave visitors a chance to experience more than 75 local and L international vendors. With a special emphasis on California's indigenous tribes and producers, the three-day event included panels and demonstrations, with everything from Negronis to fermented peanuts available for sample or purchase at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center. Held the last weekend in September, the inaugural event also included a street festival outside the Center with live music and food trucks.





Negroni bartender, Terra Madre Event Sacramento



ust in time for Halloween, Elvira's Cookbook: Hell-ish Celebrations for Any Occasion invites you to stir up a little kitchen magic with a side of campy fright. From batwing brownies to "gore-ghetti" garnishes, the Mistress of the Dark serves up dishes that are equal parts spooky and scrumptious—perfect for a haunted house party, a moonlit dinner, or simply a devilish night in. Overflowing with Elvira's trademark wit and wicked flair, this cookbook makes every occasion feel like a frightfully fun celebration. Who knew the scariest thing about your Halloween could be how fast the dessert tray disappears? **Buy it here.** 

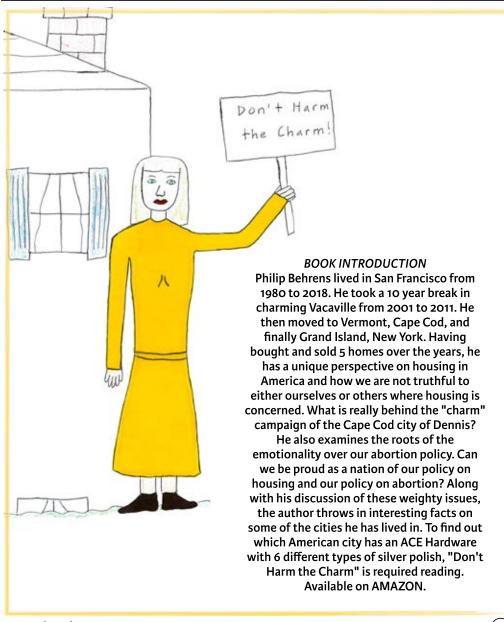
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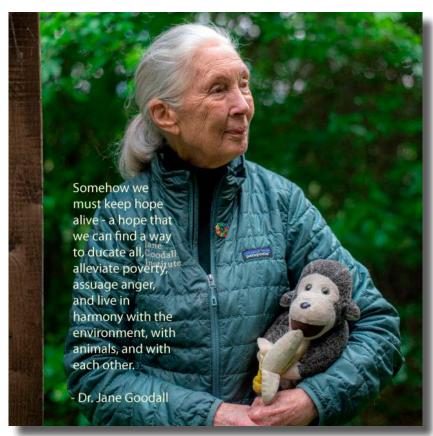


# **Scary Comfy Undies**

lip on those Death of Me undies, and you're not just wearing underwear—you're making a graveyard statement. These cheeky bottoms whisper of haunted harvest moons and phantom parades, with skeletons doing ballet and bats performing aerial maneuvers (all in very breathable cotton). Whether you're trick-or-treating or just trying to survive Monday, your nether regions are cloaked in ghostly charm. One glimpse at your waistband might even raise eyebrows (or spirits). So get ready: the afterlife called, and it wants its underwear back—but you're keeping them. *Get yours here*.



# Memes from Facebook





Daniel Shipwreck @daniel\_swensen

If you suffered in life and want other people to suffer as you did because "you turned out fine," you did not in fact turn out fine.



Its almost as if Trump is inept at being a good president and just wanted power and revenge against people who hurt his feelings.

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If she earns the same money as him, then his paycheck is no longer power. If she chooses her life and happiness, then tradition can't chain her.

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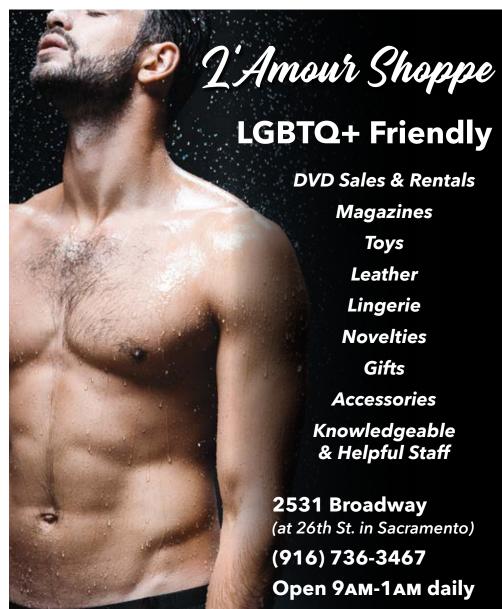
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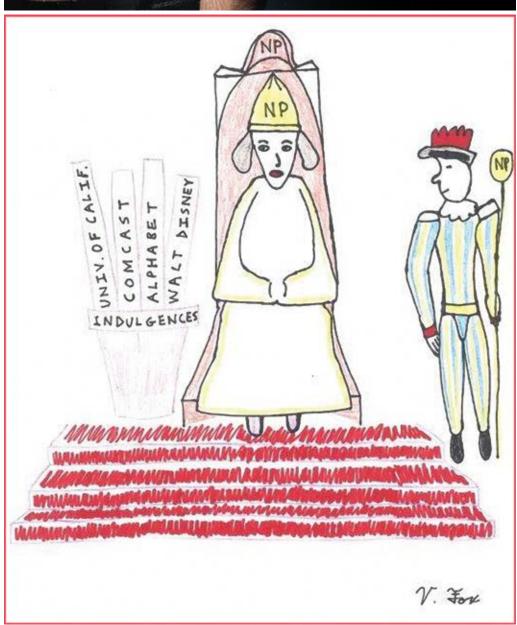
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