

A portrait of Jonathan Bailey, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a white suit jacket over a light-colored striped shirt. He is smiling and has his hand near his chin. The background is a lush floral arrangement with purple, yellow, and pink flowers.

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Supreme Court Declines Kim Davis Appeal, Leaving Marriage Equality Intact

The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear an appeal from Kim Davis, the former Rowan County, Kentucky clerk who gained national attention in 2015 for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples after the landmark Obergefell v. Hodges decision legalized same-sex marriage nationwide.

Davis, citing her religious beliefs, stopped issuing marriage licenses altogether rather than comply with the ruling. Her actions led to a series of lawsuits and a brief stint in jail for contempt of court. In the years since, she has continued to pursue legal challenges, claiming her constitutional rights were violated and urging courts to revisit Obergefell.

The Supreme Court's decision to reject her appeal leaves intact lower court rulings that found Davis violated the constitutional rights

of the couples she denied. A federal jury previously awarded two of those couples \$50,000 each in damages.

By refusing to take up the case, the justices effectively upheld Obergefell as settled law—at least for now. Despite the Court's conservative majority, there was no noted dissent or indication of interest in reconsidering marriage equality.

For LGBTQ+ advocates, the decision comes as a welcome relief amid broader national debates over religious liberty and civil rights.

"This reaffirms what the Supreme Court decided a decade ago—that love is love, and marriage is a fundamental right for all," said one advocacy group in response to the news.

Still, the fight over the boundaries of religious freedom and equal protection is likely to continue in other legal arenas. Davis's case, which has spanned a decade, remains a reminder that the hard-won right to marry can still face challenges—even after one of the most significant civil rights victories in modern U.S. history.

MCC Applauds, Celebrates Scotus Decision

source: MCC Church release

Leaders of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) are applauding the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) not to hear a case that might have opened the door to reversing legal same-sex marriage.

Without offering comment, SCOTUS today made known that the nine Justices would not hear the appeal brought by disgraced former official Kim Davis, of Kentucky, who was jailed 10 years ago for refusing to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple and



was later ordered to pay \$360,000 in fines and damages.

"Our denomination was founded in 1968, and performed the first public same-sex union a year later," said MCC Moderator Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston. "We have celebrated each milestone in the work for marriage equality around the world and, today, we

applaud the wisdom of the SCOTUS Justices."

"I thank God that the Supreme Court declined to take up Kim Davis' bogus lawsuit, which she has repeatedly lost in the lower courts," said Rev. Elder Rich Hendricks, a member of MCC's Council of Elders. "But we know this is not the end of our fight. We must be vigilant in asserting and protecting our hard-fought right to marriage equality, and to full equality of all rights for LGBTQ+ people worldwide. For more information about MCC or to find the nearest congregation, visit www.VisitMCCChurch.com.

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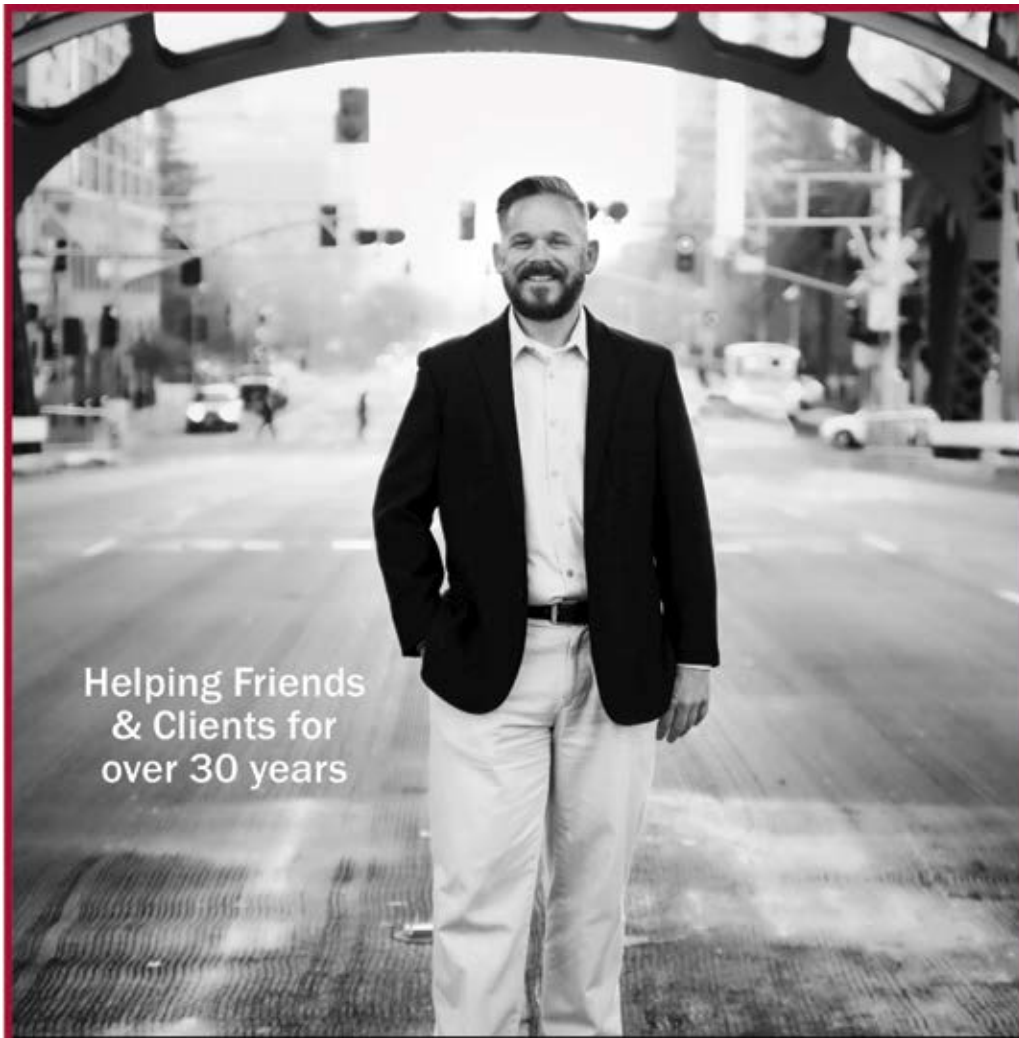
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Mamdani Wins: A New Chapter for New York City

In a sweeping upset, Zohran Mamdani has been elected the next Mayor of New York City, defeating former governor Andrew Cuomo by roughly 12 percentage points in the November general election. The 33-year-old Democratic socialist and state assemblymember ran a vibrant grassroots campaign that centered on housing affordability, free public transit, and significant wage increases—injecting new energy into the city’s political landscape.



The next mayor of New York City, Zohran Mamdani.

Mamdani’s surge was powered by volunteer canvassers, multilingual outreach to immigrant communities, and an ever-widening coalition of younger voters and progressives. His platform boldly challenged the status quo, calling for rent freezes on stabilized units, city-owned grocery stores, fare-free city buses, and a \$30/hour minimum wage—policies rarely seen in prior NYC mayoral bids.

For the city’s Democratic establishment, the result marks a turning point. Cuomo

carried the name recognition and seasoned political apparatus, but Mamdani’s victory signals a generational shift toward younger, more progressive leadership amid an affordability crisis and growing public frustration.

Although still mayor-elect until his January 2026 inauguration, Mamdani’s win already reshapes expectations for the city’s next chapter—and for what kind of New York is possible when grass-roots movements meet the ballot box.

Ten States, Ten Women: A Historic Moment for Democratic Leadership

For the first time in the nation’s history, ten states will be governed by Democratic women, marking a remarkable milestone in American politics. This unprecedented achievement reflects both the growing representation of women in leadership and the changing face of political power across the country.

The new lineup includes Gretchen Whitmer (Michigan), Janet Mills (Maine), Kathy Hochul (New York), Katie Hobbs (Arizona), Laura Kelly (Kansas), Maura Healey (Massachusetts), Michelle Lujan Grisham (New Mexico), and Tina Kotek (Oregon) — all continuing in office or newly reelected. Joining them are Mikie Sherrill of New Jersey and Abigail Spanberger of Virginia, who both secured historic wins this election cycle.

Together, these leaders represent a diverse coalition of experience and priorities — from reproductive rights and education to climate action and economic equity. Their collective success signals a shift in American politics, one where women’s leadership at the highest state levels is no longer the exception, but increasingly the expectation.

As Governor Whitmer said, “We’re proving that when women lead, things get done.”



Sherrill Wins New Jersey Governor's Race, Making History

Former Navy lieutenant and four-term Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill has claimed victory in the New Jersey governor's race, becoming the state's second female governor and the first female military veteran to hold the post in any U.S. state. Her campaign featured a strong roster of national Democratic figures: former President Barack Obama headlined a rally in Newark, and former U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg joined her on the trail—telling supporters that he “knows that Mikie Sherrill is the leader this state needs.”

Sherrill, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a former Navy helicopter pilot, transitioned from military service to a role as federal prosecutor before entering Congress in 2018. With a campaign built around the themes of steady leadership, fiscal responsibility, and restoring trust in government, she faced off against Republican Jack Ciattarelli in a race that many viewed as a national bellwether.

Her victory ensures a third consecutive Democratic term in the governor's mansion — a historic feat in New Jersey politics. On taking office, Sherrill has pledged to tackle rising utility costs, expand affordable housing, and prioritize infrastructure and transportation projects. The presence of Buttigieg and Obama on the campaign trail underscores the national significance of her win, signalling that New Jersey may once



again serve as a model for moderate-Democratic strategy ahead of the 2026 midterms.

Rob Jetten Poised to Make History in the Netherlands

In a milestone for both Dutch politics and LGBTQ+ history, Rob Jetten—leader of the centrist-liberal Democrats 66 (D66) party—is poised to become the youngest and first openly gay Prime Minister of the Netherlands. With results from the October 29 2025 general election showing D66 emerging as the largest party, Jetten now faces the task of forming a coalition government in a fragmented parliamentary landscape

Jetten's rise marks a symbolic shift in Dutch public life. He announced his engagement to Argentine national-team hockey player Nicolás Keenan in November 2024—strengthening his profile not only as a progressive leader on policy, but also as an emblem of modern representation in politics. His platform resonates beyond identity. Jetten ran on a “yes, we can” style message that blended ambitious housing and climate goals with a commitment to social liberalism and Europe-wide cooperation. He's proposed construction of 100,000 homes a year and major reforms to the asylum system,

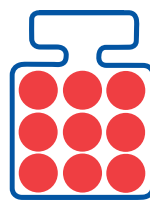


positioning himself as a problem-solver in contrast to the populist waves sweeping other European states. For our Outword audience, this is more than a political headline—it's a cultural waypoint. The Netherlands already has a deep legacy in LGBTQ+ rights (it was the first country to legalize same-sex marriage in 2001). By potentially installing an openly gay prime minister, that legacy advances into the highest echelons of power. It sends a message to queer youth everywhere: having identity visibility and serious policy chops is not only possible—it is politically viable.

Election Night Recap: Big Wins for Democrats

- Virginia: Democrats swept statewide offices — Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General — and regained control of the state House. Abigail Spanberger became Virginia's first female governor.
- Pennsylvania: Democrats held their majority on the state Supreme Court, securing a key judicial victory.
- New York: Alvin Bragg won re-election as Manhattan District Attorney, cementing his role as one of the nation's most prominent prosecutors.
- Georgia: Democrats flipped two statewide seats on the Public Service Commission — their first such wins in nearly 20 years.
- Maine: A Republican-backed measure to impose stricter voter ID and absentee-voting limits was defeated.
- New Jersey: Democrats retained the governor's office, continuing their statewide dominance.
- California: Voters approved Proposition 50, shifting redistricting authority back to the legislature — a move seen as bolstering Democratic strength ahead of the 2026 House races.
- New York City: Progressive candidate Zohran Mamdani clinched the Democratic nomination for mayor, signaling a generational and ideological shift in city politics.

Overall: Election Night 2025 delivered strong results for Democrats across key battlegrounds and policy fronts, with progressive energy shaping races from city halls to statehouses.



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Nancy Pelosi's Legacy of Equality

Nancy Pelosi's announcement that she will retire from Congress marks the close of a monumental chapter in American politics—and in the history of LGBTQ+ rights. For nearly four decades, Pelosi represented San Francisco with a fierce commitment to justice and inclusion, long before such causes were politically convenient.

From her first floor speech urging leadership in the AIDS crisis to her pivotal role in repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and passing the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Pre-vention Act, Pelosi consistently championed equality. She also fought to enshrine marriage equality and expand protections for LGBTQ+ people across federal law.

The Human Rights Campaign has called her "a tireless champion for LGBTQ+ equality," and for good reason: Pelosi made space in the halls of Congress for voices too often ignored.

As she steps away from public office, her influence endures. The institutions she helped shape now reflect the inclusive values she long defended. For many in the LGBTQ+ community, Pelosi's departure is both a farewell and a call to action—to continue the work she began and ensure that the promise of equality remains.



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Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus Partners with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Celebrates "Candy Christmas"

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus (SGMC) has announced a partnership with the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) and United Way California Capital Region (UWCCR), the official local partner for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Sacramento County. The program, launched earlier this year, now serves nearly 100,000 children under five, providing a free book each month to spark a lifelong love of reading.



Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus performs at their 40th anniversary concert in Southside Park. Photo by Andrew Crotto

Since its founding 30 years ago, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has gifted more than 300 million books worldwide. SGMC will help support the local program through its holiday concert and fundraiser, Holiday Hits with a Splash of Sass: Candy Christmas, with two performances on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center.

Inspired by the music and values of Dolly Parton, the show blends classics like Hard Candy Christmas and Coat of Many Colors with SGMC's trademark humor and heart.

Sacramento's own Shelita Taylor will host as "Dolly," adding sparkle and sass throughout the evening. Every child attending the 3:00 p.m. matinee will receive a free copy of Coat of Many Colors.

"Just like Dolly, SGMC stands for belonging, love without limits, and community," said Lindsay McIntosh, SGMC Executive Director. Superintendent David W. Gordon added, "This partnership helps us build strong reading habits and equity for every child."

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Drag Queens for Days This Holiday Season *by Chris Narloch*

BroadwaySF has outdone itself this year with several divine drag shows that are sure to fill your stocking with cheer this holiday season. Read on for details about the “Golden Girls Live: The Christmas Episodes,” “The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show” and “A Drag Queen Christmas.”



The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show

The greatest holiday show south of the North Pole is back with another brand spankin’ new wintertime wonder. Award-winning comedy icons, writers, actors, and drag queen powerhouses BenDeLaCreme & Jinx Monsoon are back with the wildly successful, internationally acclaimed, “The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show.”

Directed, produced, and written by BenDeLaCreme, this year’s 30-city tour will stop at BroadwaySF’s Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco on Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m. The award-winning musical comedy returns for its 8th year with a brand-new show touring across North America.



The Golden Girls Live: The Christmas Episodes

San Francisco’s historic Curran Theatre will host “The Golden Girls Live: The Christmas Episodes,” scheduled for a limited engagement beginning Thursday, December 4 and running through Sunday, December 21, 2025.

Directed by D’Arcy Drollinger, this drag send-up and heartfelt tribute to the characters the entire world has come to know and love features the return of Coco Peru (Dorothy), Matthew Martin (Blanche), D’Arcy Drollinger (Rose), and Holotta Tymes (Sophia). The cast also features Manuel Caneri, Michael Phillis, and Tom Shaw on the piano.

As an added treat, Cindy Fee, the voice of “The Golden Girls” theme song, “Thank You for Being a Friend,” will return to perform throughout opening weekend. Patrons attending performances on December 4, 5, 6, and 7 will get the opportunity to see Fee perform the iconic theme song live from the Curran Theatre stage.



A Drag Queen Christmas

The holiday season is about to get a whole lot more fabulous, when “A Drag Queen Christmas” returns for its 11th year, launching a 38-city national tour this November, including a stop at BroadwaySF’s Orpheum Theatre on Saturday, December 6 at 8 p.m. The 2025 edition is hosted by fan favorite Nina West and features a sparkling lineup of drag superstars from “RuPaul’s Drag Race, All Stars,” and beyond.

This over-the-top, 18+ holiday extravaganza runs two hours and offers fans the chance to add-on a VIP Meet & Greet Experience—including early access to the venue, photos with the queens on stage, autographs, and exclusive tour merchandise.

Note: tickets for all three of these productions are on-sale now at broadwaysf.com



Jonathan Bailey is the Sexiest Man Alive And He is Also Totally “Wicked: For Good”

by Chris Narloch

First, he stripped down and drove women wild as Lord Anthony Bridgerton in “Bridgerton.” Then he drove gay men wild when he took it all off for his wild sex scenes with Matt Bomer in Showtime’s sensational queer series, “Fellow Travelers.”



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

So, it’s no surprise with all that love (and lust) from fans of both sexes that Jonathan Bailey was recently named the “Sexiest Man Alive” by People magazine. (Still, it’s a landmark achievement since the handsome actor is that publication’s first openly gay man to receive the title.)

Get ready for even more Jonathan Bailey – although I doubt the hunky actor will be naked this time – when he returns to hundreds (thousands?) of theater screens as Prince Fiyero in “Wicked: For Good,” this November 21st.

The new movie’s buzz could hardly be buzzier, and (by all accounts) Bailey’s character arc will be more significant in the “Wicked” movie sequel. If you failed to see the first film on the big screen, do not make that mistake again. Movies as spectacular as “Wicked” demand to be seen on the largest screen you can find, and the new movie will be available in 2D, RealD 3D, and 4DX in some locations. Locally, you can even purchase advance tickets to watch “Wicked: For Good” in IMAX, at www.imax.com/imaxesquire-oo

But back to Jonathan Bailey, who recently became a hero in real life when he announced that he is taking a break from acting in 2026 to raise money for LGBTQIA+ organizations via his charity, The Shameless Fund, which he launched in June of 2024. The fund has already partnered with brands like Loewe and Cubitts, raising nearly \$1 million for pro-queer causes.

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FILM ANNOUNCEMENTS NEXT WEEK



Oscar Pre-Season Has Arrived

by Chris Narloch

As we get closer to the end of the year, movies inevitably get more serious, in anticipation of awards season. Read on for reviews of two new films that are potential nominees and two others that could get overlooked.



Bugonia

This corker of a movie is the latest collaboration between director Yorgos Lanthimos and his muse, actress Emma Stone, who won an Oscar as Best Actress for his 2023 film, "Poor Things." Stone shaved her head for the new movie, and her character also gets kidnapped, abused, and electrocuted in "Bugonia."

Stone's chief tormentor in the film is played by the great Jesse Plemons, and the movie is worth seeing if only for their dramatic sparring. The film's wild twist and its crazy ending already have people talking, and I would not be surprised if the movie receives Oscar nominations next year. Currently in theaters, including Sacramento's Tower Theatre.



Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere

At the age of 76, Bruce Springsteen is no longer the force in music that he was in the late 20th Century, and that may account for the lukewarm reception critically and commercially for this interesting, big screen biopic starring Jeremy Allen White, who does not resemble "The Boss" but does a fine job playing him.

The period covered by the movie is just before Springsteen's breakout success with "Born in the U.S.A.," when he was working on his "Nebraska" album. The rock god was clearly afraid of what success would do to his music and reputation, and he suffered from doubt and depression as a result. Allen White does his own singing and guitar playing in the new film, and I was impressed by both the movie and his performance. Look for this film to be available to stream soon, after its theatrical run.



Train Dreams

This gorgeous new movie by first-time director Clint Bentley stars Joel Edgerton, Felicity Jones, and William H. Macy, all of whom give Oscar-caliber performances in the film. "Train Dreams," set mostly in the forests of the Pacific Northwest during the early 20th century, follows a logger (Edgerton) who helps build railroads.

The hero's life story is movingly narrated by actor Will Patton, who frequently tells us what the logger – a man of few words – is thinking, and that voiceover combined with Edgerton's beautiful, quiet performance give "Train Dreams" an epic, almost mythic quality. After a brief theatrical run at Tower Theatre, the movie will debut on Netflix November 21.



Predator: Badlands

Action movie fans have flocked to this futuristic franchise film and with good reason – there have been more than half a dozen "Predator" projects, and this might just be the best one yet. A New Zealand actor named Dimitrius Schuster-Koloamatangi stars, and he gives an impressive, physical performance underneath a ton of CGI and prosthetics, as the first heroic predator.

For her part, Elle Fanning makes a surprisingly effective heroine, playing cyborg sisters – one evil and one good. The movie's special effects and the prehistoric-looking planet where most of the film is set are stunning, and the action is intense but not overly gory. Currently in wide theatrical release.



Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink Returns for Another Season of Winter Magic

Get ready to lace up those skates — the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink, presented by Dignity Health, is once again transforming Ali Youssefi Square at 7th and K Streets into a sparkling hub of holiday cheer. The beloved rink returns to bring family, friends, and visitors together for another season of winter fun in the heart of the city.

Now in its 33rd year, the Downtown Ice Rink has become a hallmark of Sacramento's holiday season, welcoming thousands of skaters every year. "The Downtown Sacramento Ice

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Rink represents what downtown does best — bringing people together to create lasting memories," said Michael Ault, Executive Director of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership. "It's a cherished Sacramento tradition."

Nestled among downtown's most festive attractions — from the holiday tree in Old Sacramento Waterfront to nearby restaurants, shows, and shops — the rink is the perfect place to embrace the season's spirit. Open Tuesdays through Sundays through mid-January, skaters can book group sessions or even reserve the rink for private parties.

For schedules, group reservations, and ticket information, visit GoDowntownSac.com/IceRink or call 916-442-8575.



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Oasis To Close in SF It's The End of an Era

Sadly, Oasis Nightclub, the glittering beacon of queer nightlife located at 11th and Folsom in San Francisco's SOMA district, will close its doors on January 1, 2026, after more than a decade of transformative, community-driven entertainment.



Since its grand opening on New Year's Eve in 2014, Oasis has been a cultural hub for drag, cabaret, live theater, and queer expression. But with rising operational costs and declining post-pandemic attendance, Oasis has operated at a financial loss for some time and the club's leadership has made the heartbreaking, but necessary decision to close its brick-and-mortar location.

"Life is about transformation," said D'Arcy Drollinger, owner and artistic director of Oasis and the City of San Francisco's first Drag Laureate. "We transformed a historic building into a safe, joyful, and groundbreaking space for queer art and nightlife. Now, it's time to transform again. This has been the hardest decision I've ever had to make, but also one filled with hope for what comes next."

If you've never been to Oasis, you have until the end of December to rectify that oversight. From Lady Bunny to Jackie Beat and beyond, there is a sexy, sensational Oasis show for every taste this November and December. You can view a calendar of events here: www.sfoasis.com

Old Sacramento Waterfront Sparkles for the Holidays

The Old Sacramento Waterfront is once again transforming into a winter wonderland, inviting locals and visitors alike to celebrate the season in true Sacramento style. Beginning mid-November, the historic district glows with twinkling lights, festive décor, and a towering 60-foot holiday tree. From boutique shopping to cheerful street performances, it's a one-stop destination for holiday magic.

The highlight of the season, the Theatre of Lights, returns for its 17th year—now with added Sunday shows for 2025. This free, family-friendly spectacle brings "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to life across the balconies of the waterfront's historic buildings, complete with dazzling effects and narration by Disney legend Bill Farmer, the voice of Goofy.

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Out & About

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As the harvest season winds down and winter holidays draw near, Sacramento is alive with celebration. From festive markets and dazzling light displays to inspiring community gatherings, concerts, comedy shows and cultural events, this month offers something for everyone. The city feels especially magical with our trees bursting in vibrant autumn colors, creating the perfect backdrop for holiday cheer. Embrace the season!

Nov. 13

Get ready for intrigue and laughter when the cult-classic comedy “Clue” screens at the historic Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. Join fellow fans for an unforgettable night of mystery, mischief and campy fun as Miss Scarlet, Colonel Mustard and the rest of the iconic cast race to solve a hilarious whodunit on the big screen. Cresttheater.com



Nov. 14

Join us at Outword's monthly happy hour on Nov. 14 at Badlands, 2003 K St. for a dose of Liquid Therapy! Everyone is welcome to 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

Celebrate local climate leadership at the Environmentalist of the Year Awards on Friday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. at Fox & Goose Public House, 1001 R St. Hosted by the Environmental Council of Sacramento, the evening honors committed environmental stewards, highlights impactful achievements across the region and fosters collaboration to build a more sustainable, resilient future for our community. Ecosacramento.net

Nov. 15

Celebrate leadership and empowerment at the 2025 Business & Community Awards Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento, 1230 J St. Hosted by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Sacramento Chapter, this uplifting gathering honors changemakers and celebrates Black excellence while fostering connection, entrepreneurship and community strength. Join the movement and rise together toward a brighter future. Ncbwsacramento.org



Catch comedy star Zarna Garg at Punch Line Sacramento, 2100 Arden Way, on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 9:15 p.m. Presented by Live Nation and Punch Line, the Indian American stand-up comic and New York Times bestselling author brings her bold, witty storytelling and sharp cultural humor to the stage. Hailed as a zany, outspoken voice of the Indian American woman. PunchLineSac.com

Discover festive treasures at the Gift & Ornament Market on Friday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bliss Marketplace, 2529 Mercantile Dr., Suite C, Rancho Cordova. Browse one-of-a-kind gifts and holiday ornaments from more than 50 local vendors – plus the full warehouse of unique finds. Gather friends and shop local to kick off the season with creativity and cheer.

Nov. 16

Rise Up Theatre Company invites performers to audition for its upcoming production of “The Drowsy Chaperone” on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 5:30–9:30 p.m. at the Cosumnes River College Recital Hall, 8401 Center Pkwy. Directed by Peter Demarzio, the musical promises lively comedy and standout roles. Songs and materials will be emailed upon sign-up – don't miss your chance to shine. Riseuptheatreco.com

Nov. 18

Connect with local LGBTQ+ professionals at the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Monthly Networking Mixer at Bear & Crown, 1022 2nd St., on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 6–7:30 p.m. Enjoy great company and community-building in the heart of Old Sacramento. Free for members; \$10 for non-members. Expand your network, support local business and make meaningful connections in a welcoming, inclusive space. Rainbowchamber.com

Nov. 19

Rock legends collide when Bryan Adams brings his Roll With the Punches tour to the SAP Center, 525 W. Santa Clara St. in San Jose, on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The Grammy-winning “Summer of '69” icon joins forces with Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo for a powerhouse night of timeless hits and unstoppable energy. Bryanadams.com

Nov. 21

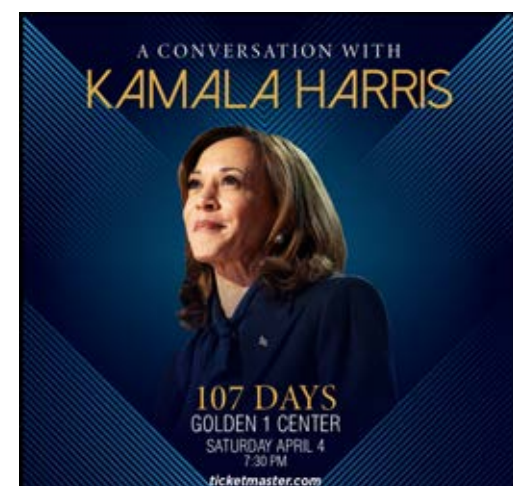
Step into pure wonder at Imaginarium Sacramento: Utopia, the state's largest walk-through light festival, returning to Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Nov. 21–Jan. 4. Wander through 20 immersive worlds glowing with 15 million lights, meet Santa, enjoy carnival rides and food, and catch two live shows included with admission. Open 5–10 p.m. Wednesdays–Sundays (open until 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays). Celebrate the holidays in dazzling style. Imaginarium360.com

Nov. 24

Honor compassion and community at the Music & Community Night in Memory of Dr. Ben Harouni on Wednesday, Nov. 24, from 4–7 p.m. at SacYard Community Tap House, 1725 33rd St. Presented by Hearts Over Hate and LuvLine Floss, this free event celebrates kindness, healing and connection with live music and ways to support local programs that continue Dr. Harouni's legacy of love. Heartsoverhate.org

Nov. 25

Experience an intimate evening with Andy Bell of Erasure at the historic Crest Sacramento, 1013 K St., on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Emporium Presents, the night features special guest Savannah Pope and Bell's iconic voice, beloved hits and captivating stage presence. A must-see performance for synth-pop and Erasure fans alike. Andybell.com



Upcoming

Hear former Vice President Kamala Harris live in conversation on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Golden 1 Center, 500 David J. Stern Walk. Harris, who served as the 49th vice president of the United States from 2021 to 2025, will reflect on leadership, public service and the future of American democracy. Tickets are on sale now.

Capital Stage presents “I and You” by Lauren Gunderson, directed by Imani Mitchell, running Dec. 3–28 at 2215 J St. in Sacramento. In this special limited production, two teens—one homebound, one unexpected—connect over Whitman's Leaves of Grass, discovering that poetry, life, and love can reveal far more than they ever imagined. Capstage.org

The nine-time Tony Award®-winning hit “The Book of Mormon” brings its outrageous humor and heart to the Harris Center for the Arts, 10 College Parkway in Folsom, from Feb. 17–22, 2026. This wildly acclaimed musical follows two mismatched missionaries on a hilarious, faith-testing journey that's been called “the funniest musical of all time.” Harriscenter.com

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

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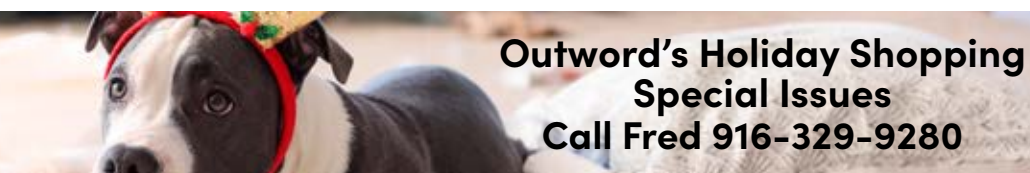
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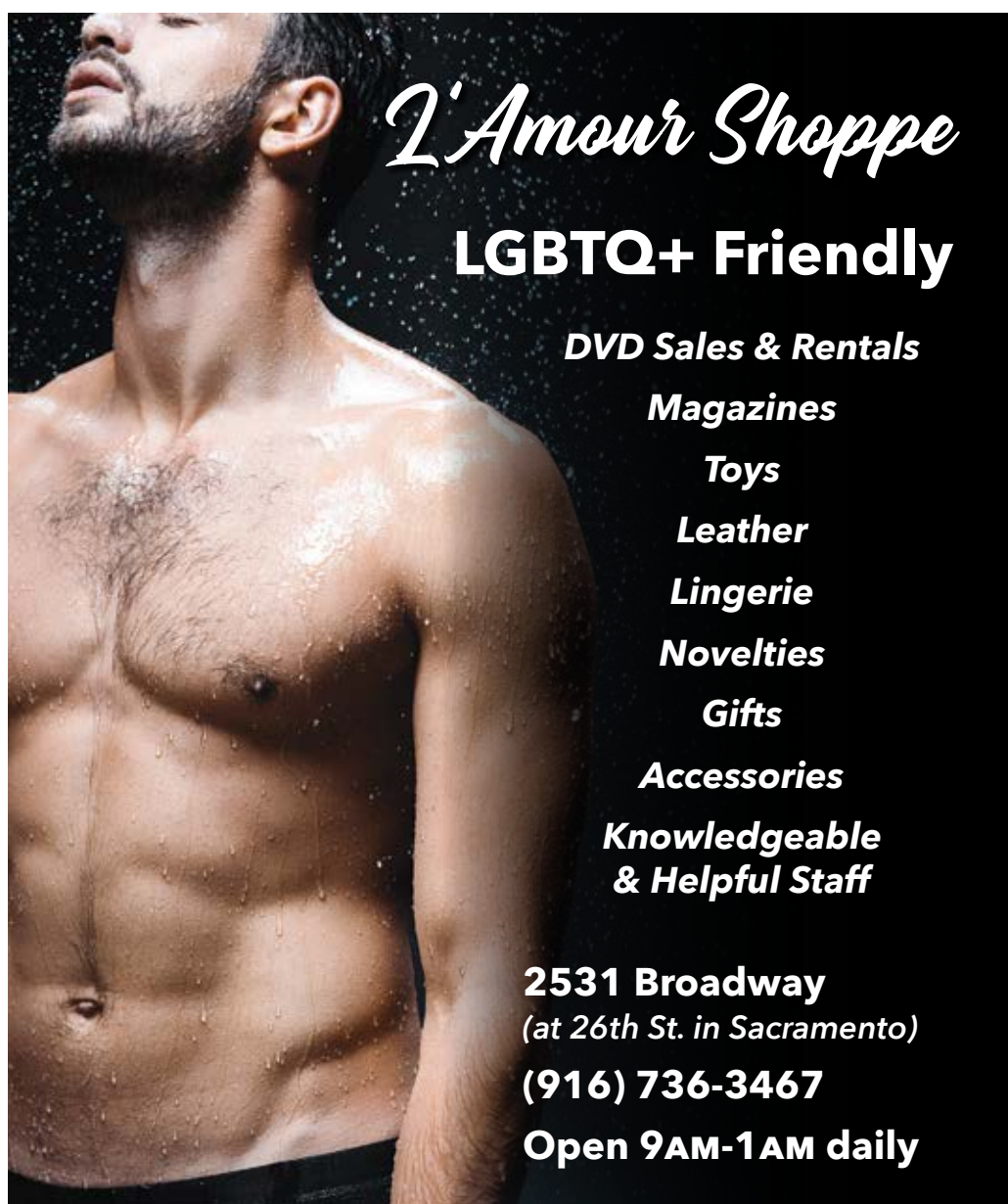
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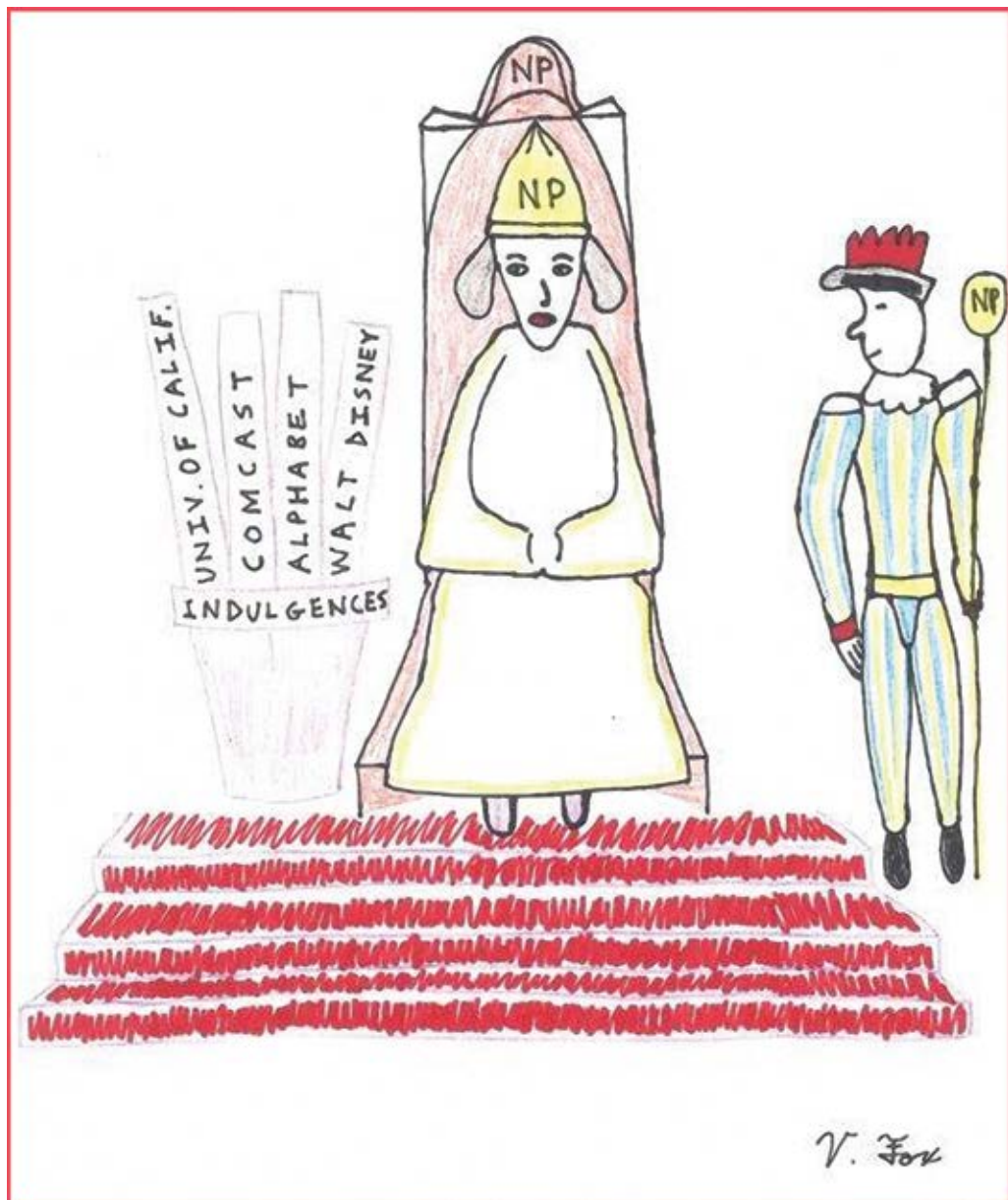
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