

This week
 THINGS TO DO

Fairfield

6:30 p.m. Saturday
Live music
 Sticky Rice Bistro,
 5030 Business Center Drive.
<https://stickyricebistro.com>.

Suisun City

7 p.m. Thursday
Karaoke
 Marina Lounge, 700 Main St.,
 Suite 106. www.marinaloungesuisun.com.

Vacaville

5:30 p.m. Monday
Ryan Allay
 The Main Grape, 444 Main St.
www.themaingrape.com.

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday
'The Vagina Monologues'
 Journey Downtown,
 308 Main St. <https://onstagevacaville.org/events>.

Jim Brickman

8 p.m. Friday
 Vacaville Performing Arts
 Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive.
www.vpat.net.

Dueling Pianos

8 p.m. Saturday
 Makse, 555 Main St. <https://makserestaurant.com>.

Benicia

2:30 p.m. Sunday
Evan Thomas Blues Band
 Lucca Bar & Grill, 439 First St.
www.luccabar.com.

Trivia

6 p.m. Tuesday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

Open mic

7:30 p.m. Tuesday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

Karaoke

7 p.m. Wednesday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

Jim Funk

5 p.m. Thursday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

Sweet Marie & The Suspects

6:30 p.m. Thursday
 Lucca Bar & Grill, 439 First St.
www.luccabar.com.

DJ Jerry Ross

8:30 p.m. Thursday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

Daph & Steph Duo

4:30 p.m. Friday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

Jewels Hanson & Company

6:30 p.m. Friday
 Lucca Bar & Grill, 439 First St.
www.luccabar.com.

Soul'd Out

8:30 p.m. Friday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

The Breedloves & Friends

1:30 p.m. Saturday
 Lucca Bar & Grill, 439 First St.
www.luccabar.com.

Scott Bell

4:30 p.m. Saturday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

The Inflatables

6:30 p.m. Saturday
 Lucca Bar & Grill, 439 First St.
www.luccabar.com.

The Tahoes

8:30 p.m. Saturday
 Rellik, 726 First St. www.therelliktavern.com.

Vallejo

3 p.m. Sunday
David Gonzalez
 Vallejo Naval & Historical
 Museum, 734 Marin St.
<https://vallejomuseum.net>.

Bryan Girard Jazz Trio

5 p.m. Sunday
 Manny's Steakhouse,
 295 Mare Island Way.
<https://mannyssteakhousevallejo.com>.

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Courtesy photo

Christine Mani, left, and Liz Towne Andrews in 2019 at Solano College Theatre.

'The Vagina Monologues'

performances benefit local organizations

Preview

'The Vagina Monologues'
 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday,
 2 p.m. Feb. 11
 Journey Downtown,
 308 Main St.,
 Vacaville
www.onstagevacaville.org/events

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The Vagina Monologues" opens Friday for a three-show run, with proceeds benefiting SafeQuest Solano and The Empowerment Project.

Liz Towne Andrews is one of the performers. She is a staple on the area arts scene. The last time she was on stage was in 2009 in the Solano College Theatre production of "Noises Off."

"It was directed by the late,

and wonderful, Carla Spindt," she wrote in an email. "I almost didn't audition, as the timing was on the heels of my mother's passing. Carla talked me into it, and it was the experience of a lifetime.

"It was the therapy I didn't know I needed. I was even blessed to win the Arty Award for best lead actress in a comedy that year."

Andrews has been working behind the scenes, doing choreography for several theater groups in the area.

She remembered "The

Vagina Monologues" creating a stir when the Eve Ensler play was released.

While Andrews has never seen the show, nor performed it, she said she is very familiar that the play explores consensual and nonconsensual sexual experiences, body image, genital mutilation, direct and indirect encounters with reproduction, vaginal care, menstrual periods, prostitution, and several other topics through the eyes of women with various ages, races, sexual-

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Fundraiser set for Glass Cactus summer tour to Portland, Seattle

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VACAVILLE — Glass Cactus Booster Inc. is hosting a Rock and Roll Gala supporting the local teen rock band, Glass Cactus. Proceeds will fund the group's summer tour to Portland and Seattle.

The event takes place from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. March 2 at the Vacaville Opera House, 560 E. Main St., Suite C.

The event will showcase the teens' talents. It's a cocktail-attire affair, including a no-host bar, dinner, dessert, live music, DJ and dancing.

In addition to the live performances by Glass Cactus, the



Courtesy photo

See Glass, Page B3 Glass Cactus is a local teen rock band.

'First Black Astronauts' screening in Vaca

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VACAVILLE — The Tri-City NAACP and On Stage Vacaville will screen "Space Race: The Untold Story of the First Black Astronauts."

The event begins at 2 p.m.

Feb. 24 at Journey Downtown, 308 Main St.

The movie screening is free for students and active duty military and veterans.

Adult tickets are \$5.

There is a plan to have a panel to talk about science, technology, electronics and

mathematics.

Learn more about the film at <https://films.nationalgeo.com/the-space-race>.

You can learn more about Black astronauts at www.nasa.gov/history/honoring-black-astronauts-during-black-history-month-2024.

A youth's voice on love

Many people associate February with love because of Valentine's Day, sometimes thinking it is only affection between two people. Looking at it from a wider perspective, love

can be viewed in many disciplines and in multiple ways. Numerous poets, past and modern, have written poems encompassing the theme of love, but it is 13th-century poet Rumi who said it best: "Love is the bridge between you and everything."

Today, I am featuring a young student, Kyah Barton, who is a fourth-grade student with Visions in Education. She is 9 years old and one of her favorite things to do is to make new friends.

I met her in December when she and her parents, Jeff and Jennifer, attended my "December Cultural Celebrations Poetry Open Mic." Not only did her parents both participate with poetry, Kyah and her father sang holiday tunes together that put smiles on all our faces.

I watched Kyah's face as poetry was being presented

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