

When Jen Bradford first opened **Northern California Dance Conservatory (NCDC)**, her heart was touched not by one of her students, but by a sister of a student. "She (was) a girl with Down's syndrome and as I watched her eyes light up when she watched her sister dance I knew I wanted to provide a class for kids like her," explains Bradford. As fate would have it, Lindsey Oester, a dance teacher and behavioral and developmental therapist for special needs children, met with Bradford and began teaching the ACCESS dance program. Now in its second year, **ACCESS**—a free program offered to students who have been diagnosed with mental or physical disabilities—provides a nurturing environment for children who cannot fit into mainstream after-school activities and allows them to experience the joys and therapy dance brings. The growth of the program has been exponential and NCDC is hoping to make it a non-profit organization in order to expand even more. "It's such a joy to see these young dancers in class and the gratitude that their families have for the program," says Bradford. For more information, call 916-791-2061 or visit ncdc.com.



Best Local "Public Bathroom"
In no particular order

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1. "Forget reading material. The bathroom walls at **Bloom Coffee & Tea** feature chalkboard paint that you can write and draw on." bloomcoffee.com
2. "The bathrooms on the second floor at the **Westfield Galleria at Roseville** have a lounge and play area. Never have I ever seen anything quite like it!" westfield.com/galleriaatroseville
3. "**Blue Nami** has a toilet seat that's heated. My buns have never been so happy!" bluenamimisushi.com
4. "If you like amusing bathroom humor that'll make you laugh out loud, then pay a visit to the ones at **Boxing Donkey Irish Pub.**" theboxingdonkey.com
5. "When nature calls while in the great outdoors at **Maidu Regional Park**, it's refreshing to know they have numerous, squeaky clean bathrooms." roseville.ca/parks

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FACTS & FIGURES

The year the Auburn City Council passed a measure naming Auburn the "Endurance Capital of the World," in recognition of its status as a destination for endurance athletes. Signature events include the Tevis Cup, Western States Endurance Run, Cool Mountain Bike Race, Auburn Triathlon, and the American River Classic, among many more!

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401 California Historical Landmark number of Iowa Hill, the "ghost town" located nine miles east of Colfax. Difficult to access due to the steep and winding roads, Iowa Hill is often inaccessible during cold months.



According to Wikipedia, a phone line was established in 1955 but lasted only 10 years because there was no one to maintain it; landlines weren't available again until 2010.

14 Day in March that is National Pi Day. Huh? Pi is a mathematic constant that has a value of 3.14; or, expressed as a date, March 14, thanks to a playful physicist at the San Francisco Exploratorium in 1988 who decided to celebrate Pi Day with delicious pies. You heard the man, eat up!

Length of the longest Oscar acceptance speech, given by Greer Garson in 1942 for her performance in Mrs. Miniver. For comparison, the current cut-off for Oscar speeches is 45 seconds. Let that one sink in...

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569 Highest estimate of the number of F-words in Martin Scorsese's Oscar-nominated The Wolf of Wall Street, making it the movie with the most swear words in "Best Picture" nominee history. The previous record was held by Goodfellas, which clocked in at 300. Hey nominees: Go get your (cough) shine box.

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