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Welcome back, it's Wednesday.

[Today's weather](#): Partly sunny. High of 63, low of 51.

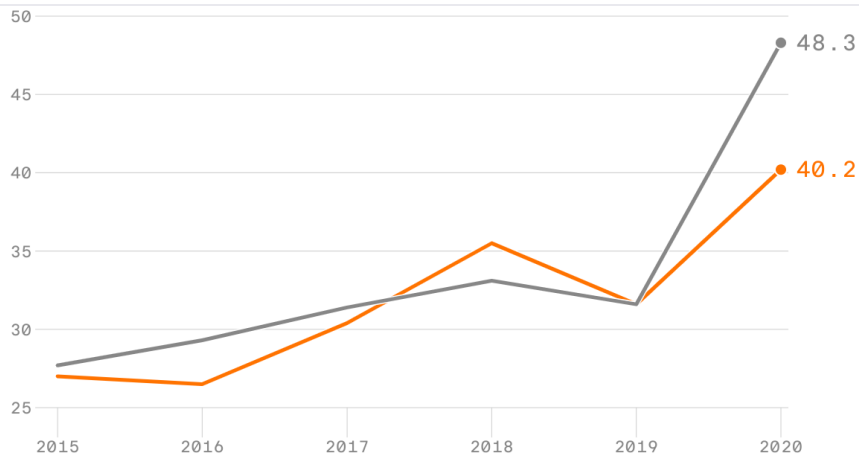
 **Happy birthday** to our Axios San Francisco [member](#) Butch Merideth!

Today's newsletter is 878 words — a 3.5-minute read.

1 big thing: State's prison death rates amid COVID



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Data: The Marshall Project via UC Irvine and Brigham and Women's Hospital; Note: Rates calculated using prison populations at the start of each year; Chart: Axios Visuals
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Death rates among incarcerated people in California, as well as in many other states, significantly increased during the worst phase of the [coronavirus pandemic](#), researchers say.

Why it matters: It's long been clear that [prisons struggled](#) to contain COVID outbreaks, but understanding COVID's true impact in prisons is key to ensuring "we don't do this again in the future when we have another pandemic, another crisis," researcher Naomi Sugie told the [Marshall Project](#).

Driving the news: Researchers from the University of California, Irvine, and Brigham and Women's Hospital combined disparate state and federal prison data to create what they consider "the most comprehensive understanding to date of in-custody mortality during 2020."

Zoom in: In California, the 2020 death rate for those incarcerated was 40.2 for every 10,000 people — a 27% rise in death rate compared to 2019, according to the [Marshall Project](#) analysis of a [study published](#) in *Science Advances*.

- In total, there have been 263 confirmed COVID-related deaths among [incarcerated people](#) in California since 2020, according to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Flashback: Bay Area correctional facility San Quentin State Prison was fined [more than \\$400,000](#) and faced general scrutiny over its safety practices related to COVID-19.

- The prison had a large COVID outbreak in the summer of 2020, resulting in the deaths of 26 incarcerated people and one guard, the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) reported.
- Last October, a federal appeals court ruled that California can be held responsible for the incarcerated people's deaths, per the Chronicle.

What they're saying: The health and safety of "all those who live and work in our state prisons" is "the top priority," Alia Cruz, a spokesperson for the CDCR, told Axios via email. "We have and continue to work diligently to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic with transparency."

2. CREATE! a tribute to SF's Montgomery Block



Shawna Chen



Landing at Leidesdorff in San Francisco. Image: Courtesy of Downtown SF Partnership

A new immersive art experience will come to downtown San Francisco for one day this week, and everyone in the city is invited to participate.

Why it matters: The outdoor immersive arts project, [titled CREATE!](#), is part of a larger effort to revitalize the downtown area and will showcase an array of local artists, performers and chefs to honor the history of the famous artist enclave Montgomery Block.

- The event is [organized by](#) Downtown SF Partnership (DSFP) and admission is free.

Context: Montgomery Block once stood where the Transamerica Pyramid is located today and housed

- "We felt like post-COVID is a time to lean into that idea of creativity as a tool for resilience," DSFP spokesperson Melissa Buckminster told Axios.

What's happening: CREATE! will take place tomorrow 4-8pm at Landing at Leidesdorff.

- Specific exhibits will reflect a period of time — for instance, painting in Studio Frida for the past, abstract art capturing the Bay's landscape for the present and an AI-generated music playlist for the future.
- Attendees will be invited to not only view art but also participate in its process through activities like screen-printing, personalized poetry and songwriting.

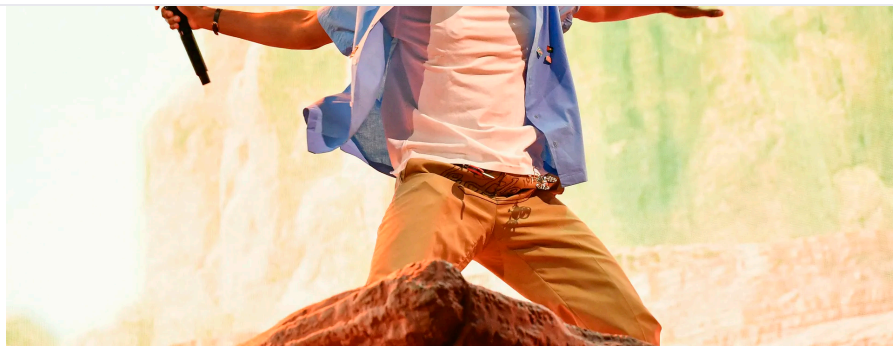
What they're saying: CREATE! is part of a citywide push to "reshape and reimagine" how downtown is used, Buckminster noted.

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3. Outside Lands unveils 2024 lineup



Claire Reilly, Shawna Chen



Tyler, the Creator performs at Coachella earlier this month. Photo: Valerie Macon/AFP via Getty Images

Time to get your crew together! Outside Lands has released its full 2024 lineup.

The festival in Golden Gate Park will feature some huge names — including Tyler, the Creator as well as the Killers, Grace Jones and Post Malone, who will perform a "special country set."

- Outside Lands is slated for Aug. 9-11. General admission tickets go on sale [today at 10am](#).

TYLER, THE CREATOR
THE KILLERS
STURGILL SIMPSON
THE POSTAL SERVICE
GRACE JONES
KAYTRANADA
JUNGLE
CHRIS LAKE
GRYFFIN

SNOH AALEGRA • YOUNG THE GIANT • SCHOOLBOY Q
 TEDDY SWIMS • RENÉE RAPP • VICTORIA MONÉT • KNOCK2
 SLOWDIVE • KILLER MIKE • FLETCHER • TV GIRL • TYLA
 CHAPPELL ROAN • CHANNEL TRES • CHARLEY CROCKETT
 MEN I TRUST • BEN HOWARD • AMYL AND THE SNIFFERS
 KEVIN ABSTRACT • PAUL CAUTHEN • THE JAPANESE HOUSE
 ROMY • THE LAST DINNER PARTY • BADBADNOTGOOD
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 CHANCE PEÑA • MIMI WEBB • DAILY BREAD • BALTHVS
 SHABOOZEY • BILLY WOODS • THE LEMON TWIGS • TRUENO
 SONS OF THE EAST • CMAT • CIMAFUNK • KATIE PRUITT
 AG CLUB • LADY WRAY • ODIE LEIGH • FRENCH CASSETTES
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SOMA ANGRYBABY • ANISH KUMAR • AYYBO
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 IDRIS ELBA • JACKIE HOLLANDER • JOE KAY B2B JARED JACKSON
 KALEENA ZANDERS • MARSH • SETH TROXLER • SHIBA SAN B2B CID
 SIDEPIECE • SOFIA KOURTESIS • TSHA • UNCLE WAFFLES • YULIA NIKO

PERFORMING A SPECIAL COUNTRY SET
POST MALONE

Image: Courtesy of Outside Lands

4. "Mechanic Shop Femme" book tour comes to the Bay



Christine Clarridge, Shawna Chen



Photo: McKenna Patterson Photography/Courtesy: Chaya Milchtein

The author of a new how-to book on car ownership is taking a tour of a different sort, stopping not at bookstores but queer- and women-owned car repair shops around the country, including tonight in the Bay Area.

Why it matters: Cars can be one of the most expensive and consequential purchases for many people and making the right choices can save thousands of dollars, said automotive journalist Chaya Milchtein, who wrote the "[Mechanic Shop Femme's Guide to Car Ownership](#)."

- Milchtein, who was named one of Out Magazine's [most influential](#) LGBTQ people in 2021, told Axios she wanted to share practical information with people who are outside traditional, often male-dominated, car spaces.

What they're saying: "I wrote this to arm women and queer folks with the knowledge and power to make educated car choices," she said.

- "It's chock-full of a decade of automotive experience and insights, written for the regular car

Santa Clara [tonight at 6pm.](#)

5. Say hello to your 2024 Pride grand marshal



Claire Reilly



Rebecca Rolfe (second from right) was announced as the 2024 Pride grand marshal at a soirée last weekend. Photo: SF LGBT Center/Onyx and Ash


SF LGBT Center's executive director, Rebecca Rolfe, has been named the community grand marshal for SF Pride 2024.

Catch up quick: LGBTQ icons Honey Mahogany, Sister Roma and Juanita MORE! announced the honor at the Center's Soirée on Saturday night, where the center also raised \$360,000 for its programs.

- "For the past 20 years, the center has been here providing a literal and figurative home," said Rolfe. "Embracing our incredible, authentic, colorful and sometimes challenging Queer-with-a-big-Q community."

 **Megan is contemplating** buying tickets for OSL to see the Postal Service and relive her teenagehood.

 **Shawna is ecstatic** that Fletcher is performing at the festival too.

 **Claire is so excited** for Outside Lands! Grace Jones, Chappell Roan and Tyler, the Creator? That's one [awesome lineup!](#)

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