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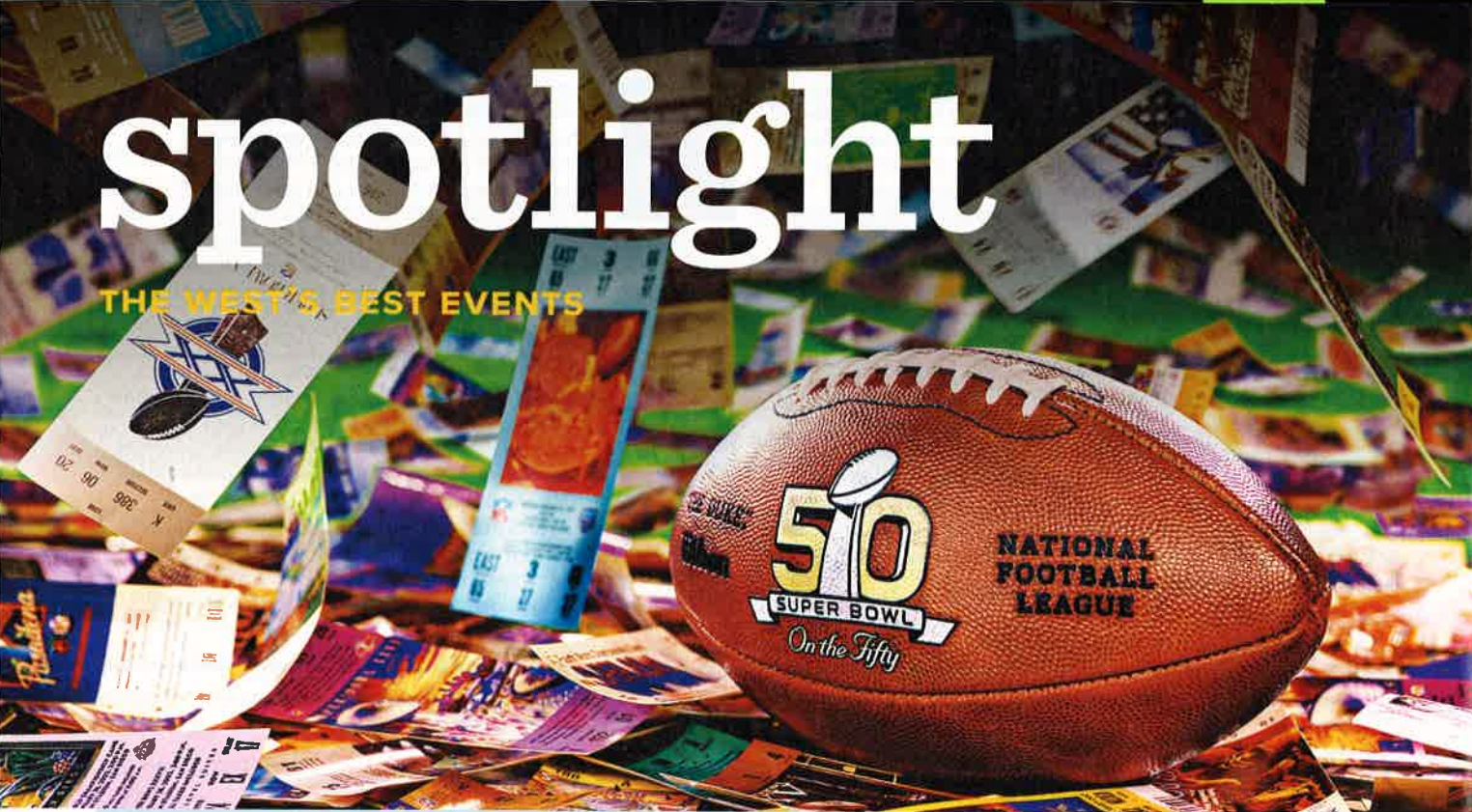
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# spotlight

THE WEST'S BEST EVENTS



## Super Bowl fanfare

**18** Jan to **15** Feb  
You don't need big-game tickets to join the **Super Bowl 50** fervor in the San Francisco Bay Area. Free events in Santa Clara include *Gridiron Glory*, an exhibit of rare football memorabilia at the Triton Museum of Art (Jan. 18–Feb. 15), and a concert with fireworks (Jan. 31) at Mission College. San Francisco's Justin Herman Plaza will field a lineup of family-oriented activities (Jan. 30–Feb. 7). —ETHAN FLETCHER

**6** Jan to **28** Feb  
**FROZEN ON ICE**  
Anna, Kristoff, Elsa, and other characters come to life in *Disney on Ice Presents Frozen*.

*Frozen*. Featuring top-tier skating and the film's popular tunes, the show glides into Las Vegas and Fresno, Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose, and Stockton, Calif. —CHRISTOPHER HALL



## Wild about truffles

Foodies flock to the **Oregon Truffle Festival** to sample the aromatic fungi. The event takes place over three weekends: Jan. 16–17 and 29–31 in the Eugene area and Jan. 22–24 in Newberg and Yamhill Valley. Attendees can enjoy lavish dinners, go on truffle hunts, take cooking classes, and watch pups sniff out the edibles in the Joriad North American Truffle Dog Championship. —C.H.

**31** Jan to **29** May  
**BUILT IN BERKELEY, CALIF.**  
Contemplate the walls around you while you're inside an edifice that calls attention to construction. *Architecture of Life*, at the newly reopened Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, showcases models and illustrations of structures that transcend functionality in their ability to illuminate the human experience. Spanning 2,000 years, the works include examples from renowned creators, thinkers, and builders. —E.F.

## Moving pictures head to Utah

Stories shared on the big screen can shed light on diverse cultures and compel audiences worldwide to effect social change. That's the idea behind **Telluride Mountainfilm on Tour**. Popular shorts from the annual film festival in Colorado will be screened in Alta, Utah, a ski town near Salt Lake City. The tour features a selection of titles, such as *Force* (left), in which climber Mikey Schaefer takes viewers to the peaks of Patagonia in the southern Andes. —E.F.



**15** Jan to **16** Jan



**9** Jan to **10** Apr  
**CLOSE-UP OF A MASTERPIECE**  
 San Francisco's Legion of Honor mounts an extremely focused show in *Sublime Beauty: Raphael's "Portrait of a Lady with a Unicorn."* Visitors can examine the small oil painting (above), on loan from the Borghese Gallery in Rome, while learning new details about Raphael, his 500-year-old work, its beautiful subject, and the enigmatic animal she holds. —E.F.

**7** Jan to **24** Jan  
**Golden State guffaws**  
 Kick off the new year with a healthy dose of humor: *Lily Tomlin* (below), whose recent turn in the TV series *Grace and Frankie* received critical acclaim, entertains (Jan. 15) in Turlock, Calif. *SF Sketchfest* (Jan. 7–24) brings comedians such as Maria Bamford, Jeff Garlin, and Andy Kindler to venues throughout San Francisco. —E.F.

**23** Jan  
**Farewell to Downton Abbey**  
 Will Lady Mary find love? Will Mr. Carson and Mrs. Hughes marry? As the PBS drama's final season launches in the United States, an expert on all things *Downton* discusses its beloved characters and twisting plotlines. "**Jessica Fellowes: The World of Downton Abbey,**" at Sunset Center in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif., will also lend context to the shifting class structure of post-WWI Britain. —E.F.



**20** Feb

**14** Jan to **17** Jan  
**Vegas on the rocks**  
 A player slides a stone across an icy surface toward a target, and two teammates help determine the stone's path by sweeping the ice in front of it with brooms. Although it may sound odd, the sport of curling—which dates to the 16th century—is booming in popularity. Some 55,000 fans are expected to watch curlers compete in the **2016 World Financial Group Continental Cup** bonspiel tournament in Las Vegas. —C.H.

**IMPROV DANCE PARTY**  
 Utah's Repertory Dance Theatre—the nation's oldest such company—celebrates its 50th season in 2015–16. In honor of its golden anniversary, RDT hosts **Regalia**, a gala during which attendees can watch choreography in the making and vote on their favorite pieces, the best of which will be performed next season. It's the kind of spontaneous artistry that has kept the company fresh and exciting for five decades and counting. —E.F.

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**Mystery Spot answer** (from page 52): Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu.

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