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What's Blooming?

Visit the garden at the Historic City Cemetery for a late spring "What's Blooming Tour" or an early June look at the "Police, Fire and Legal Lore."

Docent, Sharon Patrician will point out the many plant species which thrive in the Sacramento Valley in the "What's Blooming?" tour of the Historic Sacramento Cemetery, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 21.

In June, Jane Howell and Nancy Laran will lead a tour through the cemetery, telling the stories about lawmen, lawyers and firemen who sought to establish law and order in the early days of California.

Learn about how these men saved lives and protected the land on this June 4 tour, starting at 10 a.m.

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The Historic City Cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway. For more information call 916-264-7839.

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The LGBT Veterans group is looking

for motivated and dedicated individuals to help them put their best foot forward as they carry their flags in the Parade. All LGBT veterans and allies are invited to march with the group.

They also need a total of 10 veterans to present the Colors in the opening ceremony. To help make this happen, interested veterans need to be committed to helping make this year's Pride one to be remembered. If you are interested, send an e-mail to info@sacvalleyvets.com.

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Remembering Rich Wilkes

Sunrise January 30, 1948 –
Sunset April 7, 2011

Richard Eugene Wilkes was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 30, 1948, to James A. Wilkes, Jr.,



and Martha Marie Hopwood Wilkes. He was the eldest of seven children. Rich graduated from Dorsey High School in 1966, and earned an AA Degree from Los Angeles City College.

He joined the Air Force in 1968, serving in various areas of Europe and Korea. When his tour of duty ended in 1972, Rich relocated to northern California and began working as an air traffic controller and was a member of the infamous air traffic controllers who were fired en masse by President Reagan for striking against the federal government.

Taking life in stride, Richard not only found a new job at the Department of Motor Vehicles, but found life-long friends there, as well. At DMV, he worked as a Motor Vehicle Technician in the Financial Responsibility Section, where he remained until his

retirement in 2008, after more than twenty years of service.

Rich was always the guy with the biggest smile and warmest laugh, which he enthusiastically shared with everyone with whom he came in contact. Rich also loved to dance. He was a founding member of Sacramento's Capital City Square Dancers, and squared up with friends there for nearly 30 years.

He was also a talented and exuberant member of the Sutter's Stompers Clogging Exhibition Team, performing at fund raisers for the Firefighters Burn Institute and local AIDS charities, as well as for hooting crowds at the State Fair.

He was a member of the Yuba River Recreation Group, enjoying camp-outs with them for 25 years, and serving over the years as board member, membership coordinator, Vice President, and President.

Rich was a talented bowler with the River City Bowlers, and still prized his numerous bowling trophies. He also enjoyed a multitude of events with the Sacramento Valley Bears and the L.A. Bears, and loved the times he spent in the beautiful atmosphere of Guerneville.

Rich was loved a great deal by a great many, and will forever be in our hearts. He was pre-deceased in January 1992 by his beloved partner Lance Brown. Rich leaves behind his devoted parents, two sisters, and four brothers. He also leaves numerous other relatives, as well as scores of loving friends who will miss him very much.

A memorial service was held on April 15 to celebrate the life of this delightful gentleman.

CDP LGBT Caucus Elects New Board & Officers



The California Democratic Party held their state convention in Sacramento on Friday, April 29, that included a meeting of the CDP LGBT Caucus. Newly elected board members and officers of the LGBT Caucus are: (seated) Co-Chairs Pat Washington and Clark Williams; (standing, l-r) Co-Vice Chairs Heather Minton and John Cleary; At-Large Executive Committee Members Denise Penn and Zoe Dunning; and Secretary Cory Allen. Not pictured are newly elected Treasurer Jess Durfee and At-Large Executive Committee Member Ari Ruiz. Other than the election of new officers, the Caucus allowed current office holders and prospective candidates to introduce themselves. Taking advantage of the opportunity were Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly Speaker John Perez, Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird, Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, State Superintendent of public Instruction Tom Torlakson, Assemblymembers Tom Ammiano and Toni Atkins and many others.

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State Tax Deductibility for Sex Reassignment Surgery Costs Spreads

The California Communities United Institute (CalComUI) has announced plans to approach state tax agencies and urge them to comply with Federal tax laws allowing deductions for sex reassignment surgery.

Previously, a U.S. Tax Court had ruled that the cost of sex reassignment surgery is deductible as a medical expense on federal tax forms. That decision was finalized on February 7 of this year.

A taxpayer would have to have detailed evidence of those costs and his or her medical records would have to clearly show that the patient had been diagnosed with gender identity disorder. Also the medical record would need to show that the surgery was medically necessary to treat the disorder.

Under those conditions a patient could deduct the medical expenses on his or her federal income tax returns. The Tax Court also ruled that patients could submit an amended tax return for previous tax years to claim the deduction for up to four previous tax years.

Many states say they try to match their income tax rules to those of the federal government. However, probably not many state income tax agencies have heard of the Tax Court ruling.

So, recently, CalComUI contacted California's Franchise Tax Board and told them of the federal decision and provided them with a copy of that decision.

They took about a week to determine that the Tax Court

decision was final. Then they agreed to allow the deduction on California income tax returns as long as the medical record was well documented.

They also agreed to permit tax payers to submit amended tax returns for any of the four past years so as to claim the deduction if the expense for surgery had occurred in any of those years. Finally, they put an advisory detailing their decision on the Franchise Tax Board Web site.

"One down and 40 to go," said Boyce Hinman, founder of the Sacramento based CalComUI. "We are going to try to contact all the states that have personal state income taxes and persuade them to allow the deduction on their tax returns."

Seven states have no personal income tax laws (Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming). Two other states (New Hampshire and Tennessee) tax only dividends and interest.

Very recently CalComUI contacted the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and told them about the tax court decision and provided them with a copy of the decision and of the advisory issued by California's Franchise Tax

Board. Massachusetts agreed to consider conforming to the tax court decision and, if so, to consider informing income tax preparers of the new policy.

"We will follow up with them to get their final decision," said Hinman. "We also plan to approach the other 39 states to persuade them to allow the tax deduction on their state income tax returns."

CalComUI welcomes anyone to help in this effort, according to Hinman. Anyone wishing to help would need to be available to telephone state agencies during those state's normal working hours. CalComUI would provide volunteers with copies of the U.S. Tax Court decision and of the Franchise Tax Board advisory. CalComUI would also provide volunteers with what to say and how to contact some of the other states.

People wishing to help should send a message with name and phone number to: B.hinman@calcomui.org or calcomui.org

Assembly Committee Passes AB 887

The Assembly Appropriations Committee has passed the Gender Nondiscrimination Act (AB 887) by a 12-5 vote. AB 887 will strengthen employment, housing, and other civil rights protections for all Californians, especially those who face discrimination based on gender identity and expression.

The bill is authored by Assemblymember Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) and is sponsored by Equality California and the Transgender Law Center and passed the committee on April 4.

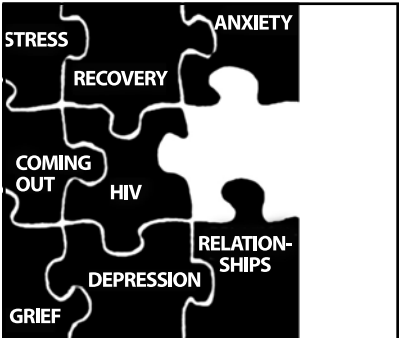
"I am very pleased that the Gender Nondiscrimination Act advanced today," said Assemblymember Toni Atkins who authored the bill. "I believe that the devoted advocacy by members of the transgender community this week set the stage for passage of this important bill, and I am proud to promote this major step toward ensuring equal protection under the law for all Californians."

AB 887 takes existing protections based on gender identity and expression and enumerates them

as protected categories in non-discrimination laws. In addition, the bill clarifies that gender identity

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Every Child Deserves a Family Act Re-Introduced

Congressman Pete Stark (D-CA) has reintroduced The Every Child Deserves a Family Act (H.R. 1681), legislation that would expand the number of qualified foster and adoptive parents for youth in the foster care system.

The Act would ban all discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the youth involved, in foster and adoption agencies that receive federal funding, potentially opening up hundreds of thousands of new homes to youth in need of placement.

"We now spend more than \$7 billion per year on a flawed foster care system that doesn't serve all the children who are in it, and permits discrimination against capable, loving potential parents and children," said Stark in a released statement. "It's time for a federal fix to this critical child welfare and civil rights issue. Every child deserves the lifelong benefits that come from growing up in a stable home."

In support of Rep. Stark's efforts, PFLAG National has launched a national action alert Web site at www.pflag.org/ecdf2011 where people can get educated on the issues around the legislation, the facts of foster care in our country, the fiscal impact of this excellent piece of legislation, and then take action with that information by contacting their own representatives.

"There are more than 500,000 children currently in the foster care system. While 120,000 of them are available for adoption every year, 25,000 of these youth will 'age out' of the system without ever finding loving families to call their own," said Jody M. Huckaby, executive director of PFLAG National.

"Tragically, more and more states'

laws and practices are creating barriers for these children from accessing permanent homes. This legislation would remedy that problem."

At issue is the problem with discriminatory state and local laws and practices that enable adoption and foster care agencies to legally discriminate against qualified parents for reasons including marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

In the last year, laws have been proposed, enacted and reinforced in states such as Illinois, Arizona and Utah. In fact, only six states - California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey and New York - and the District of Columbia affirmatively allow same-sex couples to jointly adopt.

Leading child welfare, public health, medical and legal organizations including the American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Psychiatric Association agree that opening up the homes of all qualified prospective parents can help support the unique needs of foster youth.

"We at PFLAG are acutely aware of the importance of every child living in a loving and supportive family environment," said Rabbi David Horowitz, president of PFLAG National. "Love makes a family, not marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Any lawmaker who states he or she is truly committed to family values

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Any Man's Death Diminishes Me

Commentary by The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson

Though I can understand the impulse to rejoice in Osama bin Laden's demise, I cannot, as a spiritual leader and minister of the Gospel, countenance the celebration of anyone's death.

I take as my guide now, as I did 10 years ago, not only the Scriptures I reverence, but the people whose losses were most direct and most personal. Though some of them say they are relieved that one of the world's foremost terrorists is dead, many also confess the lack of closure or consolation his death provides.

The truth is, death doesn't overcome the pain of death. Only new life can do that.

Our living in a way that honors the beauty and goodness of all those innocently lost, and the beauty and goodness of the One innocently lost two millennia ago who wisely counseled, "God makes the sun to shine on the good and the bad alike."

As I look back to that day of devastation and forward to the

memorials we will all be part of on this upcoming 10th anniversary, I believe the important things we learned about human beings overall that day were things like the durability of love and its power to triumph over every evil.

To a one, the people who perished on September 11th and who were able to call or e-mail or text someone before their deaths, said this: "Remember, I love you."

That's what I'm trying to remember right now - that they loved us and now join the angels and saints in praying for us and for our world.

I trust that their prayers are for the healing of hatred and the renouncing of violence and greed and religious intolerance and all the things that tear us apart.

I hope that you will join me in

praying with them now that our world will find a way to heal itself of its cruelty and sorrow, so that one day we may live like the brothers and sisters we all felt ourselves to be that bright and crisp day ten years ago.

That, I believe, would be the greatest tribute we could offer to those loved and lost and the most effective counter to terrorism and fear.

The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, is the Moderator of the Metropolitan Community Churches

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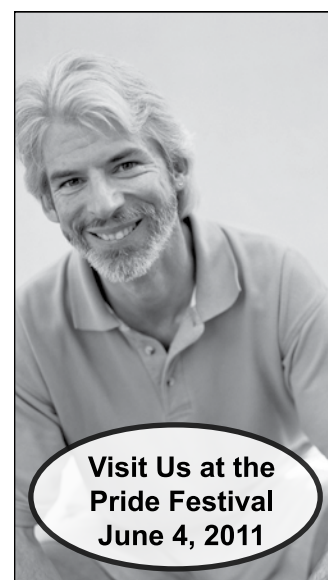
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Paul Curtis

I was 20 years old in 1974 and it was to a college friend exactly five years after the Stonewall riots.



Viviana Carlross

I was 19 years old to and it was to my sister in law who told me "Oh, I knew that already."



Shawna Fitzgerald

The first time I was eight years old – I tried to come out to my mom and she said talk to me when you're older. The second time she called me out on the subject and I was 21



Josh O'Connor

My first coming out was in 5th grade after sex ed class.

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Transgender Leaders Lobby Elected Officials

Over 60 members of the transgender community and allies from throughout California gathered at the state Capitol to participate in the second annual Transgender Advocacy Day, held Monday, May 2.



Transgender Law Center Board member Allison Laureano speaks of current legislation that addresses concerns of the transgender community.

Organized by the Transgender Law Center and Equality California Institute, members of the transgender community and their allies met with state legislators in Sacramento to raise awareness about issues affecting transgender and gender non-conforming Californians.

Participants were joined by Senators Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) and Leland Yee (D-San Francisco), Assemblymembers Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco), and Bonnie Lowenthal (D-Long Beach) during a rally and press conference at the Capitol.

"The emotional, physical and financial stresses transgender people face are so severe that it will take a movement of fair-minded people working together to protect and secure our shared commitment

to human dignity," said Masen Davis, executive director for the Transgender Law Center.

During their meetings with state legislators, participants discussed the Gender Nondiscrimination Act, AB 887 (Atkins), which calls for strengthening anti-discrimination protections in the work place and ensures equal access to employment and housing opportunities.

Participants also discussed the Survey Data Inclusion Act, SB 416 (Kehoe), which would add voluntary questions to statewide surveys on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and relationship status for same-sex couples in order to gather essential health and safety data on LGBT Californians.

"Every Californian deserves equal rights and protections,

including members of the transgender community who often face discrimination in housing, employment and other areas," said Jim Carroll, interim executive director for Equality California Institute. "By strengthening our state's nondiscrimination laws, California will be able to improve the lives and working conditions of thousands of people. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the courageous women and men who have come to Sacramento to share their personal stories and our allied lawmakers for championing equal rights for all."

"Transgender women and men deserve equal rights and protections just like every other Californian," said Vicki Estrada, President of Estrada Land Planning. "As a business owner and member of the transgender community, I know firsthand how important it is for employers and employees to fully understand our state's nondiscrimination laws. We thank the elected officials who opened their doors today and listened to us talk about the importance of strengthening the rights of transgender Californians."

Participants arrived in Sacramento on Sunday, May 1 to participate in a day-long educational training that covered the legislative process, policy advocacy, media activism and other important leadership skills for community leaders working to change cultural perceptions and treatment of LGBT people.

"As a transgender man myself, it is incredibly powerful to see so many transgender people and our allies in Sacramento," said Davis. "Creating a culture where it is both unpopular and rare for trans and other people who don't fit narrow gender stereotypes to be bullied, beaten or harassed will free all people to live their lives fully and authentically."

Malaysia Urged to Stop Camps that Violate Rights of LGBT Youth

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) is reporting certain schools in Malaysia are forcing male students – some reported to be as young as 12 – into "curative" programs for allegedly failing to conform to stereotypical expectations of masculinity.

In a May 3, 2011 letter to Malaysian authorities, IGLHRC has urged them to put a stop to the practice.

In a recent case addressed in the letter, sixty-six male children, said outwordmagazine.com

to be of secondary school age or approximately ages 12 to 17, were rounded up by their teachers and sent to a camp for "curative" purposes in Besut, Terengganu on the northeast coast of Malaysia. The

order came from the Terengganu Education Department.

In statements to Malaysian press, Razali Daud, Director of Education for Terengganu said, "We understand that some people end up as mak nyah (transvestite) or a homosexual, but we will do our best to limit the number."

He explained that the camp was meant for "character-building as

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Gay Couple Together 61 Years, Still Waiting to Marry in New York

Freedom to Marry has released a video, *Richard and John – Haven't They Waited Long Enough?*, telling the story of Richard Adrian Dorr, 83 and, John Mace, 91, who have been together for 61 years and are waiting until they have the freedom to marry in New York to get married.

"Richard and John are the quintessential New York couple. They met at Juilliard and have spent most of their lives together here," said Evan Wolfson, Founder and President of Freedom to Marry.

To view the video, visit FreedomToMarry.org

"They are still obviously so deeply in love after 61 years and yet after all those years of commitment, being there for one another through the ups and downs of life, they are still being denied the one thing they want most – the freedom to marry in New York," said Wolfson. "It is time to change that. After 61 years together, haven't they waited long enough?"

Richard and John met at the Juilliard School of Music in 1948 and have been a couple since 1950. Both are voice teachers who live and work in Manhattan. Over the years, they have taught students including Bette Midler, Vanessa Redgrave and the late Natasha Richardson.



Richard Adrian Dorr, 83 and, John Mace, 91, have been together for 61 years and are waiting until they have the freedom to marry in New York to say "I Do"

"We've thought about doing something up in Massachusetts or Connecticut, but we've always been New Yorkers ... everything has been New York," says Dorr in the video. "We're New Yorkers and after 61 years of togetherness, we feel we have a right to be married in New York."

The video is part of an aggressive online advertising campaign aimed at garnering support for the freedom to marry in New York.

The video, *Richard and John, Haven't They Waited Long Enough?*, was produced and directed by Sako Brockmann of Sideways8Media.

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NY Times Calls Attempts to Toss Out Prop 8 Ruling "Bogus"

In a strongly worded editorial entitled "Fit to Rule on Same Sex Marriage" *The New York Times* has called efforts by Proposition 8 supporters to throw out the historic decision that ruled Prop. 8 unconstitutional "bogus."

The article, printed May 4, 2011, further says that "The idea that a seasoned, Republican-appointed jurist was unfit to hear the case, and that his decision should be set aside on flimsy ethics grounds, is preposterous."

Last August, Prop. 8 was ruled unconstitutional in U.S. District Court after a three-week trial presided over by Judge Vaughn Walker. In late April, Prop. 8 supporters attempted to have Walker's ruling tossed out.

The New York Times' editorial excoriates the lack of evidence presented by Prop. 8 supporters and points out their faulty legal rationale:

"Given ample chance during a 13-day trial to offer an argument apart from prejudice, proponents of Proposition 8, the prohibition against same-sex marriage in California, found no evidence. Now they are trying to disqualify Vaughn Walker, the now-retired Federal District Court judge who ruled that the measure was unconstitutional."

"Indeed, following the open-ended logic of Proposition 8's lawyers, it is hard to think who, if

anyone, is qualified to rule on this case. Certainly not wedded heterosexual judges whose marriages stand to be somehow diminished, according to the anti-marriage crowd, if Judge Walker's ruling survives appeal in federal circuit court."

Chad Griffin, Board President of the American Foundation for Equal Rights (AFER), which is the sole sponsor of the *Perry v. Brown* case said, "Legal experts, former judges



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and news organizations across the nation have strongly criticized the Prop. 8 supporters' desperate action, calling it 'absurd,' 'slimy' and 'deeply offensive.' This is their latest baseless attempt to divert attention from the weakness of their constitutional arguments and the utter lack of evidence they provided in support of Prop 8."

The full editorial can be found at: NYTimes.com/2011/05/04/opinion/04wed3.html

Senior May Lose Home Shared with Partner of 58 Years Due to DOMA

Freedom to Marry has released a video, *Why Ron Is Losing His Home: The Real Cost of the Defense of Marriage Act*, chronicling the true-life impact of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act ("DOMA") on 77 year old Ron Wallen following the death of his spouse and partner of 58 years, Tom Carrollo.

"When two people love each other and enter the legal contract of marriage, the Federal government should respect that. Today, there are tens of thousands of legally married same-sex couples in California, Massachusetts, Iowa, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, and the

away by Proposition 8. Tom's death on March 8, 2011 left Ron without income, apart from his \$900/month social security check.

While grieving the loss of his husband, Ron now must also fight for access to Social Security Survivor's Benefits now being withheld from him



Ron Wallen and Tom Carrollo beginning their life together of 58 years.

District of Columbia," said Senator Dianne Feinstein. "These couples live their lives like all married people, sharing financial expenses and caring for each other, but the Federal government does not recognize their marriages because of the Defense of Marriage Act. That's a mistake and it's time for DOMA to be repealed."

Ron and Tom, both veterans, married in California in 2008 before the freedom to marry was stripped

by the federal government. Surviving spouses are entitled to the higher of either their own Social Security payment or their deceased spouse's; in Ron's case, he should receive the \$1,800/month benefit that Tom earned.

This \$900 shortfall may cost Ron his home.

"The so-called Defense of Marriage Act creates a 'gay exception' that has cruel consequences for the tens of thousands of loving and committed

couples whose marriages are dishonored and discriminated against under DOMA – couples like Ron and Tom who spent their lives trying to protect and care for one another," said Marc Solomon, National Campaign

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Modesto Woman Wins Spot on *The Glee Project*

Reality competition will never be the same as Oxygen introduces the 12 contenders of *The Glee Project*, that will find and train a group of 12 extraordinarily talented performers who compete against one another to win a seven episode guest starring role on *Glee*.

One of the contestants is Modesto's own Lindsay. Her bio for the show says that she "has been performing in amateur shows for 13 years. Deaf for the first six months of her life, she especially appreciates her ear for music more than ever. She hasn't always been accepted as a performer, but she continues to work hard, accept who she is and allow her inner-beauty to shine. Lindsay was discovered through industry channels to audition for *The Glee Project*."

The groundbreaking 10-episode competition series will premiere on Sunday,



Lyndsey from Modesto is holding hands with the woman with red hair.

June 12 at 9 p.m. on Oxygen. "The *Glee Project* is one of the most exciting shows we've ever produced," said Amy Introcaso-Davis, Senior Vice President, Original Programming and Development. "This group of kids is incredible to watch as they

immerse themselves into this series – it's uplifting, heartfelt and emotional."

Across ten episodes, the hopefuls will be narrowed down through intensive rounds of workshops, singing, dancing and acting-based assignments as the creative forces of *Glee* carefully assess which of them has what it takes to be one of the next new faces of the award winning show. Ryan Murphy will join casting director Robert Ulrich, choreographer and *Glee* co-producer Zach Woodlee in the final deliberations of each installment of the series.

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Photography Find Will Benefit GHC

by Debi Stevenson, Gender Health Center

Local collector Tina Stidman surprised even herself as she was making her usual rounds of estate sales to support her business. "You're not going to believe what I just found!"

She had no idea she would run into a find that would resonate in a very profound way. This amazing find proved to be a worldly link to a friend whom had passed, as well as a fund-raising opportunity for a cause in which Stidman believes.

Stidman's interest was initially sparked by a collection of remarkable and professionally framed photographs. A photographer herself, she arrived home to inspect the haul more closely.

The photographs held a surprise: a bio of the artist – fellow church member, community organizer and friend, Carol Ann Byers. Stidman returned to the estate sale later that same day and purchased additional works created by Byers.

Knowing the needs of the Gender Health Center, Stidman contacted Ben Hudson, executive director of the Center to discuss a fundraising ventures. "I'd like to use this collection to help GHC, to fund something [Carol] believed in," Stidman told Hudson. "What a wonderful way to honour her memory."

And memories of Carol abound.

Carol began her gender transition in the 1970s. A down-to-earth, giving person, she found her involvement in the local



transgender community through the comradery and friendship of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento. She served on the Sacramento Gender Association, a predecessor to the Gender Health Center, until its dissolution around 2006.

Sadly, Carol passed away on April 2, 2010 at the age of 71. Although the kind words from *The*

Sacramento Bee's obituary guestbook are too many to include in this piece, one in particular suffices: "A fellow light chaser ... her photos were stunning. With them we were able to see a view of her many faceted talents."

Expose & Reception of Photography by Carol Byers will feature over 100 pieces, with photographs running the gamut

from landscapes to nature to arcane objects of human invention. To keep the artwork affordable to everyone in the community, some are priced as low as \$10.

The exhibit and sale is GHC's debut expo in the Second Saturday Artwalk and will take place on Saturday, May 14, from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Gender Health Center, 2020 29th St., Suite 201.

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National Museum of Am. History Marks 30th Year of HIV/AIDS

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will mark the 30th anniversary of the emergence of what became known as the HIV and AIDS epidemic with a three-part display and Web site beginning June 3.

HIV and AIDS Thirty Years Ago will look at the public health, scientific and political responses in the early phase (1981-87) of the global pandemic. The showcase will be located in the museum's

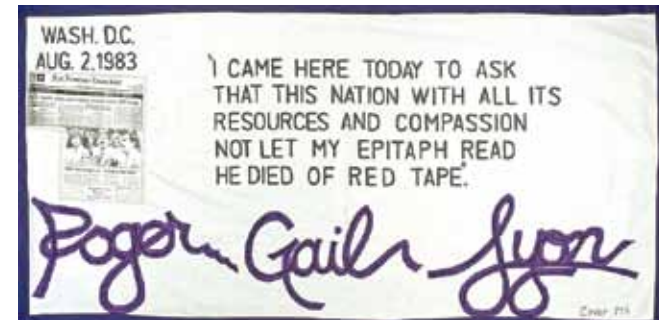
Epidemic: HIV and AIDS, 1985-2009, the museum's Archives Center will show how individuals and society were affected by the epidemic through a selection of archival materials from its

collections, including posters for the 1993 movie *Philadelphia* with Tom Hanks and

history that affected all Americans," said Brent D. Glass, the director of the museum. "This display will help visitors understand the scientific mystery, the public health crisis and the political debates created by the epidemic and why these events gripped America 30 years ago."

Previously, the museum has investigated the history of medicine and science through the 100th anniversaries of the X-ray and the National Institutes of Health, the 50th anniversary of polio vaccine, the 40th anniversary of the Pill and the 10th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Other related displays marked the 25th and 40th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall riots in New



"Science in American Life" exhibition, which focuses on the connections among science, culture and society in American history.

The display will feature photographs, magazine covers and other graphics plus equipment that Dr. Jay Levy used to isolate the virus in his lab at the University of California, San Francisco, a copy of the Surgeon General's 1986 report presenting the government's position, samples of the drugs AZT and Retrovir and public health information pamphlets from AIDS service organizations.

The Web site is at americanhistory.si.edu/hivaids.

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Denzel Washington and the 1989 film *Longtime Companion*; brochures, photographs and other popular culture materials; and quotes from oral histories of people affected by the epidemic.

The museum will also display a panel from the AIDS Memorial Quilt of the Names Project Foundation, honoring Roger Lyon, who died of complications from AIDS in 1984 shortly after testifying before Congress to appeal for funding to combat the growing epidemic. The quilt will be on view in the first-floor Artifacts Wall.

"The early years of the HIV and AIDS epidemic was a time in our

York City, generally associated with the beginnings of the gay rights movement in the U.S., and the 10th anniversary of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The museum's collections of some three million objects includes a selection of gay civil rights activist Frank Kameny's protest signs and materials relating to the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

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Even before its opening, demand for tickets has been so great that the show's run has already been extended, and a special evening performance added for Pride Sunday, June 26.

Three decades after Armistead Maupin mesmerized millions with his daily column in the City's newspapers, detailing the lives and multiple loves of Mary Ann, Mouse, Mona, Brian, and their beloved but mysterious landlady, Mrs. Madrigal, the writer's iconic San Francisco saga comes home as a world premiere musical.

The highly-anticipated production is a collaborative effort between the Tony Award-winning creators of *Avenue Q* (librettist Jeff Whitty and director Jason Moore) and the musical minds behind the glam-rock phenomenon Scissor Sisters (composers Jake Shears and John Garden).

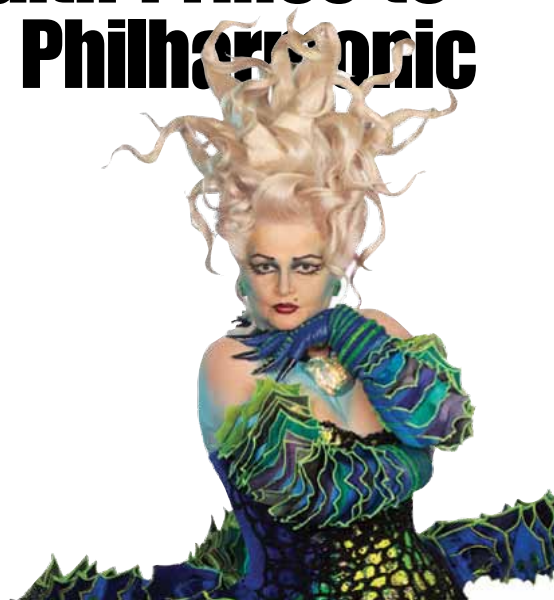
Tony Award-winner Judy Kaye, Betsy Wolfe, Mary Birdsong and Wesley Taylor have been cast as the eclectic denizens of 28 Barbary Lane, with Kaye nabbing the plum role of the pot-smoking landlady, Anna Madrigal.

The capstone of American Conservatory Theater's 2010-2011 season, the musical adaptation of *Tales of the City* promises to capture the irrepressible spirit that made Maupin's beloved books the ultimate literary celebration of the City by the Bay.

Tales of the City plays at A.C.T. through July 10. For more information, visit www.act-sf.org.

Broadway's Faith Prince to Sing with Sac Philharmonic

Tony Award winner Faith Prince, currently starring in the national tour of Broadway's *Billy Elliot*, will join The Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra for two shows this May, one at the Community Center Theater and the other at Three Stages at Folsom Lake College.



Prince, who currently resides in Sacramento when she's not on tour or performing on Broadway, will be the featured vocalist when The Sac Philharmonic presents "Homegrown Sacramento" on May 21 (Sacramento) and May 22 (Folsom).

A Tony winner for the 1992 revival of *Guys and Dolls*, Prince has also starred on Broadway in *The Little Mermaid*, *Bells Are Ringing* and *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*.

Her local shows will conclude the Orchestra's 2010-2011 season, and Prince will be joined on stage by her husband, trumpet player Larry Lunetta. For more information, visit www.sacphil.org.

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Let Your Body Rock a Rhythm with Luciana

You wanna lick it, lick it? You know you do, so grab your pocket rocket and shock it for dance club circuit hit Luciana Caporaso as she rocks your body with the rhythm of her smash hit "I Like That" at a special performance at this year's Sacramento Pride.

Dubbed the Queen of Electro, Luciana is the UK's most exciting dance music artist with an impressive list of hits to her name. At the forefront of the electro nu-wave movement, she pioneered a whole new sound that many have since followed.

Luciana's fierce attitude and feisty in your face punk edged vocals have won her a legion of fans and critical acclaim from her musical peers including a prestigious Ivor Novello Award Nomination for her work on the UK No2 smash hit "Yeah Yeah."

She's also found success in TV, making her debut in 1994 in the final

episode of the British TV series *Anna Lee*, her adding vocal

talents singing "Sister Sister" and other hits.

She got her first solo single up "Get It Up For Love" that same year. Two follow-up singles came soon after, but after poor sales, Luciana parted company with her record company, Chrystalis Records.

In 1996, Caporaso joined Donna Air, from the TV series *Anna Lee*, in the group Crush. Their self-titled album was released in 1997 and featured Luciana's vocals on four tracks.

She performed with several other artists until she achieved mainstream star status after teaming up with Bodyrox for the 2006 single "Yeah Year," reaching No. 2 on the United Kingdom Singles Chart that year.

Her big break came when she performed her single "I Like That" on Gaydar Radio in November of 2009. The song attracted more than four million views on YouTube and peaked at No. 3 on the Australian Singles Chart. It ultimately knocked Lady Gaga and Beyonce's "Telephone" off the top spot on the Australian Dance Chart.

In July 2010, "I Like That" went platinum in Australia with sales of more than 140,000, and can be seen on YouTube at tinyurl.com/44c4dv6.

Also a visual artist, Luciana created her first collection of work entitled *Icon* in 2004 with portraits of individuals who have dominated pop culture for the past 50 years. The collection combines photography and painting with silver and gold leaf. Examples of her work can be seen at www.lucianacaporaso.com.

So, come on out. You can shake it shake it with Luciana at Sacramento Pride on Saturday June 4, on the Capitol Mall near the Tower Bridge. Get more details at www.sacramentopride.org.

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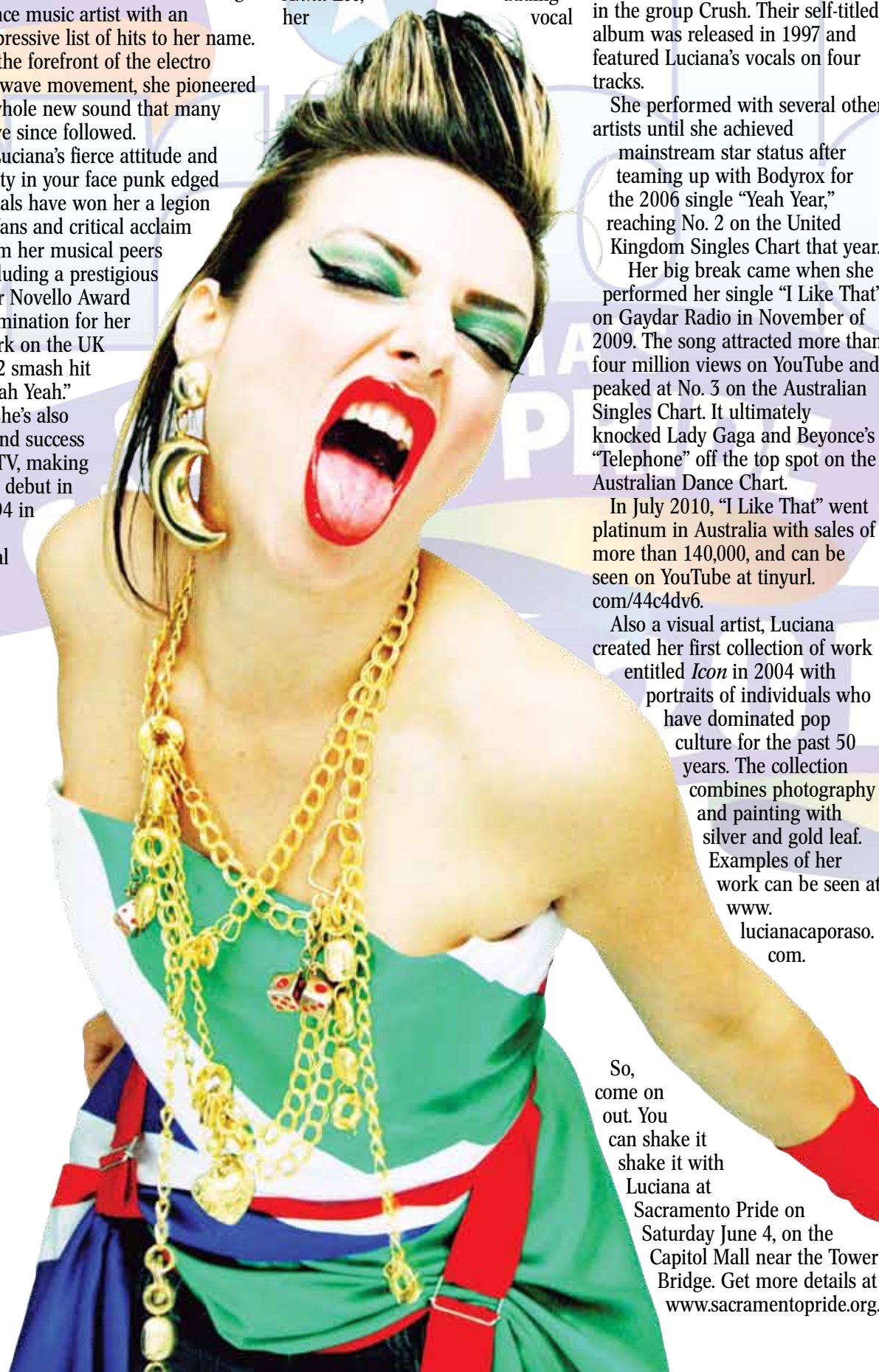
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Pride 2011



Bay Area's Hot New Star to Headline Sac Pride

Xavier Toscano is a talented young rising star in the Bay Area music scene, with a lifelong love of music, acting and dancing. He uses his Latino roots and the Bay's multicultural sounds to infuse his music with a power that will have you dancing in the streets and begging for more.

You might recognize him first through his work in commercials though, where he has appeared in national ads for Nextel, NASCAR and Sony Playstation, among others. In California, he has been seen in ads for Blue Shield and the California Public Utilities Commission.

The big screen has also called, and Toscano has been featured in several independent films made in the San Francisco Bay Area and he also has appeared as a featured and backup dancer for other artists and performers.

It is when singing and dancing that Toscano truly shines though, as he adds his own Latino influences to his music, described as enthusiastic, energetic, dance-urban pop. He blends his love of disco, rap, rock, reggae and R&B music with his Latino background.

The multicultural music scene of the Bay Area gives him a unique approach to his music and his major music influences include Madonna, Prince, Freddie Mercury, Michael Jackson, Tina Turner, Kylie Minogue, Timbaland, The Neptunes, and many more.

The recording studios have also beckoned, and he has put his love of music into action, releasing two full studio albums and several music videos as he continues to work with many different artists and collaborators in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

He believes that pop music is the soundtrack to our lives.

"It has the power to carve events in our lives in stone," said Toscano on his Web site. "When you hear a pop song from your past, it has the power to take you back. It brings memories long faded into sepia back with a colorful pop, allowing the past to be instantly relived."

Not content to just stand on the stage and sing, his shows combine his other talents as an actor and dancer to create an act

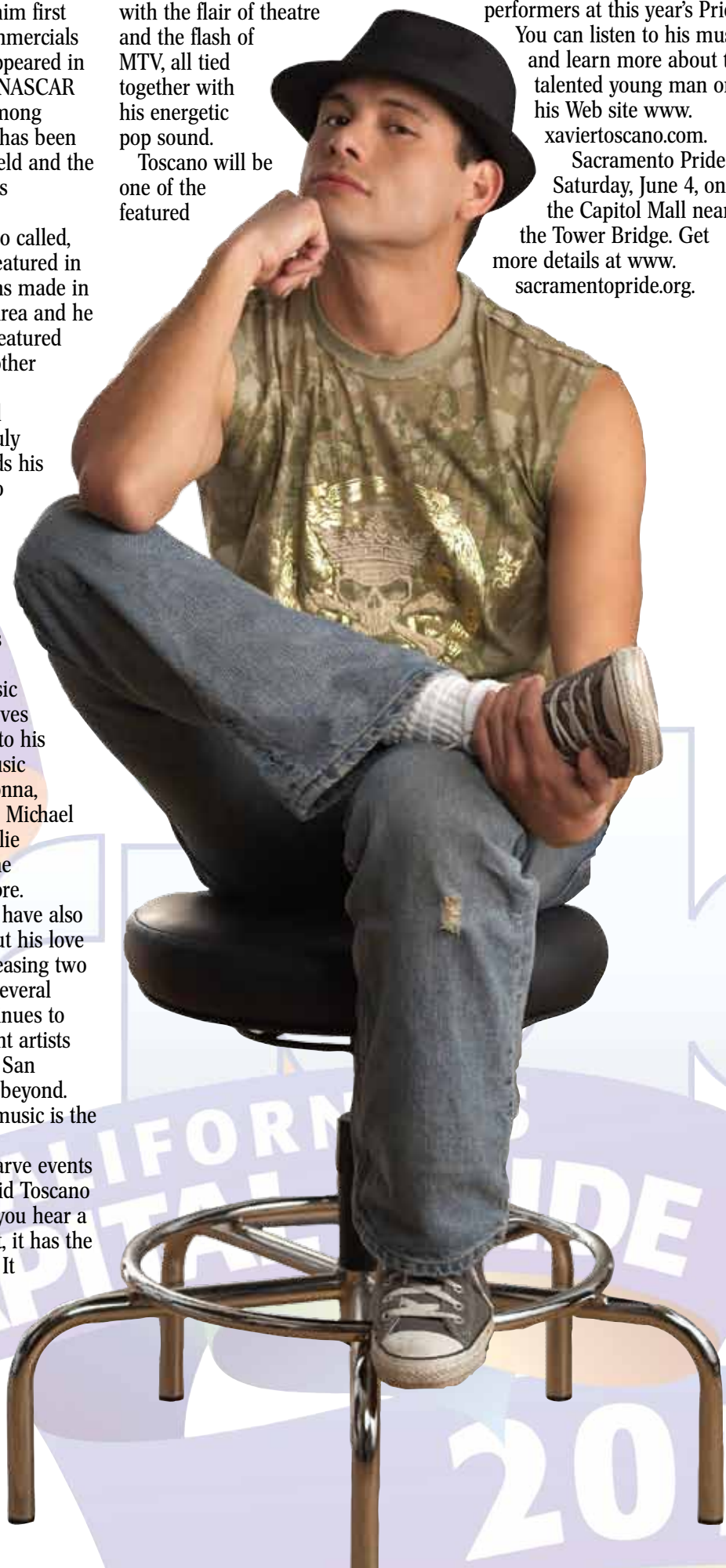
with the flair of theatre and the flash of MTV, all tied together with his energetic pop sound.

Toscano will be one of the featured

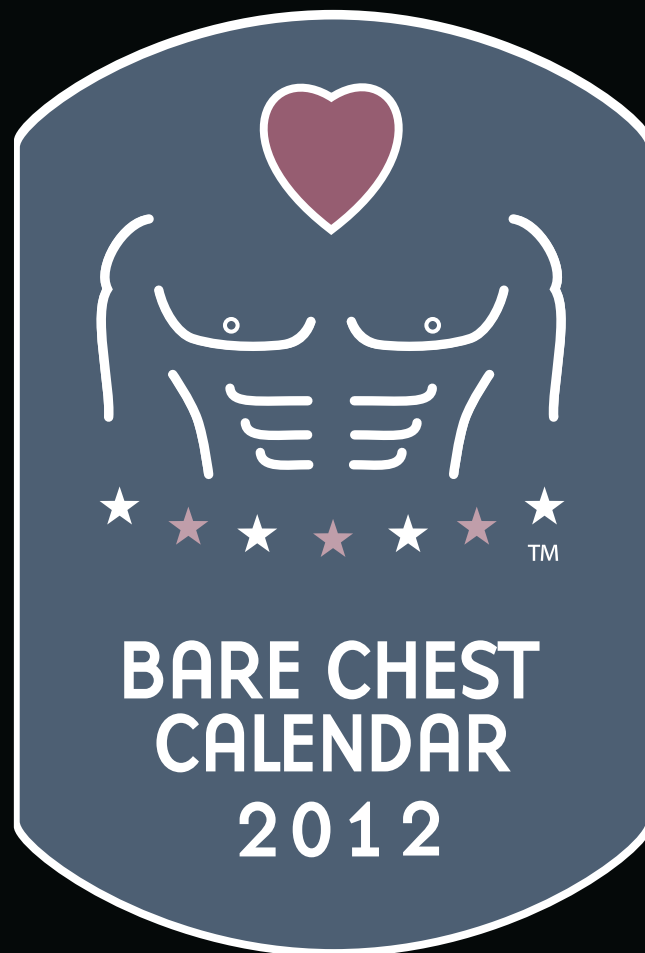
performers at this year's Pride.

You can listen to his music and learn more about this talented young man on his Web site www.xaviertoscano.com.

Sacramento Pride is Saturday, June 4, on the Capitol Mall near the Tower Bridge. Get more details at www.sacmentopride.org.



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Entertainment

Tony Bennett to Sing at Mondavi

Tony Bennett, the world's most youthful octogenarian and one of its best crooners, is a vital musical legend at the peak of his prodigious powers and he's coming to the Mondavi.



With a reputation as a singer's singer, Bennett's indelible renditions of songs such as "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" and "The Good Life" serve as musical gold standards.

Bennett is also an international treasure, honored by the United Nations with its Citizen of the World award, which aptly describes the scope of his accomplishment.

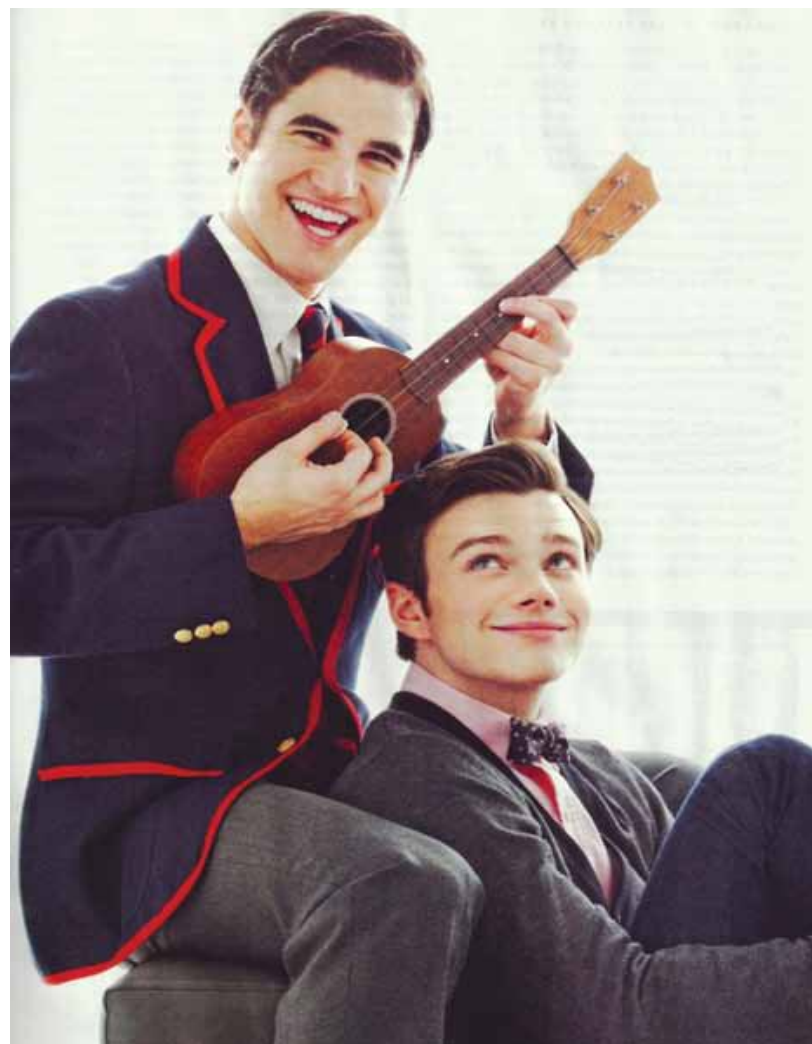
An artist in every sense of the word, from polished stage performances to an acclaimed career as a painter, Tony Bennett brings the wealth of his amazing life to bear on every song he sings.

Expect this Renaissance man's long-overdue Mondavi Center debut to be one of the true highlights of the 2010-2011 Season.

Tony Bennett appears Wednesday, May 25 at 8 p.m. in the Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall. For more information, visit www.MondaviArts.org.

GLEE Live In Concert at PBP Plus Darren Criss Sings in SF

GLEE's hot new breakout star, Darren Criss, who plays Kurt's boyfriend Blaine on television's gayest hit show, will make two appearances in Northern California this May.



GLEE Live! In Concert!

The concert version of *GLEE*, starring 13 members of the show's talented cast, rolls in to the arena formerly known as ARCO for one night only.

The North American engagement of *GLEE Live! In Concert!* is billed as a unique concert experience conceived by creator Ryan Murphy that will include live performances of some of the show's most memorable musical numbers from seasons one and two.

Among the songs to be included on the tour are "Empire State of Mind," "Toxic," "My Life Would Suck Without You," "It's My Life" and the show's anthem, "Don't Stop Believin'."

Get your 'gleek' on when the Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning show's cast sings and dances their way in to Sacramento on Sunday, May 22nd. Visit www.gleetour.com.

The Yale Glee Club featuring Darren Criss

If you can't get a ticket for *GLEE Live* in Sacramento, you can drive over to the Bay Area and see Darren Criss perform with the Yale Glee Club and the SFGC Alumnae Chorus.

Criss will join those two groups on stage at San Francisco's Marines' Memorial Theatre for one performance only on Saturday, May 14th at 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the performance benefit two local non-profit organizations: No Bully and their effort to stop bullying in schools, and YouthAware, New Conservatory Theatre Center's educational theatre program.

For more information, visit www.marinesmemorialtheatre.com.



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Entertainment

by Chris Narloch

New Stevie Nicks & Heart Live on DVD Plus k.d. lang and the Siss Boom Bang

A new album by Stevie Nicks and a live DVD from Heart signal the return of the rocker chick. Also, k.d. lang releases her first CD in over two decades made entirely with a band of her own.



k.d. lang
Sing it Loud, Nonesuch Records

Lang made this record in Nashville, and although it isn't really a country effort, it has an organic, collaborative vibe thanks to the singer's hot new band, Siss Boom Bang.

Joe Pisapia, who plays numerous instruments and serves as the band's musical director, contributed the title track (not my favorite song on the record) and co-wrote five songs with lang.

The best tracks are lang's hypnotic cover of Talking Heads' "Heaven," the terrific first single, "I Confess," and a lovely lyric entitled "The Water's Edge."

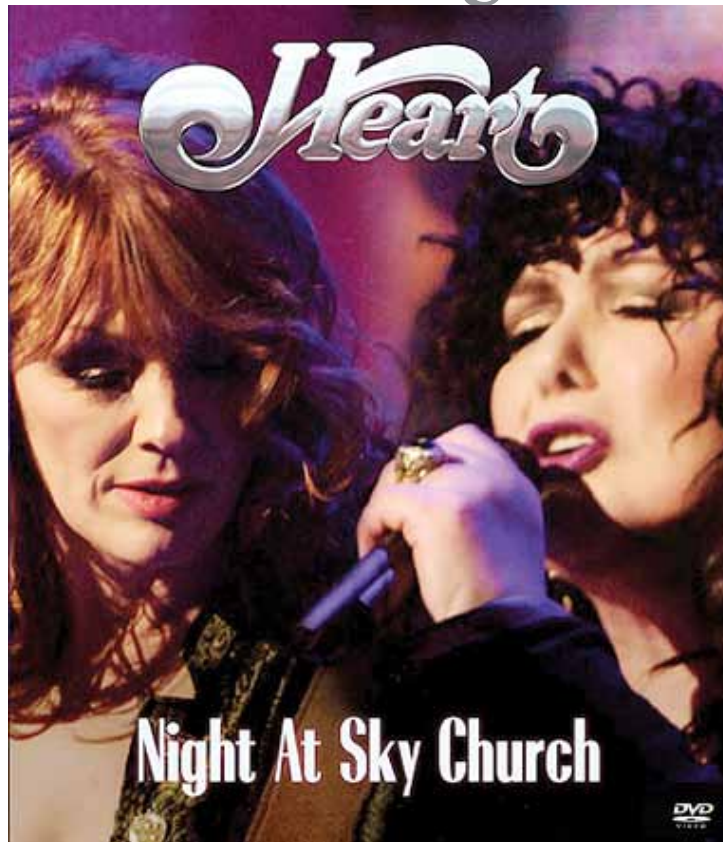
Strevie Nicks
In Your Dreams, Reprise Records

Fleetwood Mac front-woman, Stevie Nicks, returns with her first CD of new material since the release of the Grammy-nominated *Trouble in Shangri-La* ten years ago.

The singer's throaty wail is still mostly intact, but her songwriting has always been hit and miss, and *In Your Dreams* is no exception.

The fist single, "Secret Love," won't make anybody forget "Stank Back" or "Edge of Seventeen," but the CD's title track is fast and fun, and Nicks rocks out nicely on "Ghosts Are Gone."

"Everybody Loves You" is an effective commentary on the price of fame, and the CD ends on a high note with "Cheaper Than Free" featuring Dave Stewart, who co-produced the disc and co-wrote seven of the album's thirteen songs with Nicks.



Heart
Night at Sky Church, Legacy Recordings

This new full-length concert film from the ground-breaking, Seattle-based sister act is proof positive that Heart has still got it.

Filmed in glorious Red Cam HD during the band's triumphant hometown gig at Seattle's Rock & Roll History Museum, the Experience Music Project, *Night at Sky Church* showcases an impressive career-spanning selection of songs.

Featuring some of Heart's biggest hits, such as "Barracuda," "Crazy On You," "Alone" and "These Dreams," the DVD also includes three songs performed with the great bluegrass singer-songwriter Alison Krauss.



Earnest & 'A' Train Hit Local Stages

Classic comedy and drama with an edge take center stage at local theaters in May with an adaptation of a classic and a Sacramento area Premiere.

The Importance of Being Earnest

This production is a one-act adaptation by IE Clark of Oscar Wilde's best-loved play, a farcical comedy in which the protagonists

maintain fictitious personas in order to escape burdensome obligations.

Working within the social conventions of late Victorian London, Wilde's play is a sly satire

that pokes fun at that era's views on marriage and morality.

The Importance of Being Earnest is a production of THE Actor's Workshop and Integral Theatre Company in Folsom. It plays through May 29th. Tickets are available by calling 916-207-5606.

Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train

When he was a child, Angel Cruz believed that Jesus hopped the 'A'

train to save his life. Now, he is in 23-hour lockdown on Rikers Island, awaiting trial for killing a religious cult leader who got a grip on his best friend.

Angel's fellow inmate, Lucius, is a serial killer on death row who has found Christianity. He tries to convince Angel that God can save him; meanwhile, Angel's lawyer says she can get him acquitted.

What is the real path to salvation, and how is it defined?

Directed by Stephanie Gualarte, this highly-acclaimed play by Stephen Adly Guirgis contains strong language and is intended for mature audiences.

Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train plays through May 22 aboard The Delta King as a production of Capital Stage. Tickets are available by calling 916-995-5464.

Calendar

May

compiled by Charles Peer

Thursday, 12

BEARS NIGHT OUT

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for dinner and merriment. 7 - 10 p.m. Buckhorn Grill, 1801 L St. SacBears.org

Friday, 13

ONE FOR THE ROAD

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus presents songs of traveling, destinations and the call of the open road. Get in and buckle up, it's going to be a fun ride. 8 - 10 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 2100 J St. Info: SacGayMensChorus.org

OUTWORD'S HAPPY HOUR

It's Friday and we are all Fabulous and Gay, so put away the workweek blues and let's party. Happy hour prices and some fun raffle prizes - what more could you ask for? 5:30 - 7 p.m. The Depot, 2001 K St. Info: 916-441-6823

TWILIGHT CEMETERY TOUR

Freddy says that venturing into a cemetery at twilight on Friday the 13th may not be a good idea, but you're not afraid of him - are you? A special tour with stories of bad luck and ill-fated adventures led by Dr. Bob La Perriere. \$10. 7 & 8:30 p.m. City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway. Info: 916-264-7389

ROD

It's Friday the 13th and what better way to spend it than groovin' to the beats of DJ Gehno Aviance, plus door prizes, porn give-aways and drink specials. 10 p.m. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com SVLClub.org

CONTEMPORARY JAMMIES

A night of contemporary music showcasing some of the finest high school musicians in the Sacramento area, including Smack Jupiter, Jaxx, Uncle Tony

leaving from Larkspur, then explore the Farmer's Market and Fisherman's Wharf. Info: Kate, khelfish@aol.com www.campingwomen.org

2ND SATURDAY ART WALK

Works of three artists will be featured, plus live music, appetizers, and beverages. Free. 5:30 - 9 p.m. Sac G&L Center, 1927 L St. Info: SacCenter.org

WILDFLOWER WALK

Discover the spring wildflowers of the Sierra foothills on this easy



The Who's Tommy

The winner of five Tony Awards based on The Who's 1969 double album rock opera *Tommy*, and revolving around a young English boy blinded after witnessing a murder. With the classic rock hits "Pinball Wizard" and "See Me, Feel Me." May 19 - 29. Main Theatre, Wright Hall, UC Davis. 530-754-2787, mondaviarts.org

and many more. \$15. 7 p.m. rest Theatre, 1310 K St. Info: 916-44-CREST thecrest.com

one mile walk near Grass Valley. 9 a.m. G&L Sierrans. Info: 916-737-1252.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Golden Cadillacs, Keri Carr and Miss Lonely Hearts perform at this family-friendly event. Food vendors will be selling yummy eats and drinks, and adult beverages will be available in the beer garden. Cesar Chavez Park, 910 I St.

Saturday, 14

CAMPING WOMEN

Start this fun trip to San Francisco with a ferry ride

GOLF OUTING & BBQ

A fun day on the links with prizes for top scoring teams on a 9-hole course, best ball and best scramble, followed by Burger BBQ (4 p.m.) Golfers of all levels welcome. Check-in 12:30, 1:30 tee. Hosted by SIGLFF. Hagins Oaks Golf Complex, 3645 Fulton Ave. Info: siglff.org

CAPITAL CROSSROADS BBQ

The Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association hosts a BBQ with burgers & hot dogs (\$5 donation appreciated but not required) from 1pm 'til they're gone and an \$8 beer/soda bust from 1 - 5 p.m. No cover. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com

WOMEN'S CHORUS CONCERT

The Sacramento Women's Chorus presents a chorus to benefit WEAVE. 7 p.m. Stegmann Hall, Rudolph Steiner College, 9200 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks. Info: sacramento womenschorus@live.com

RIVER CITY GEMS

Relaxed, friendly, welcoming, and fun night out that you may attend in either male or female mode,

whichever is more comfortable for you. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Red Lion Hotel, 1401 Arden Way. RSVP: RiverCityGems.org

ONE FOR THE ROAD

See Friday, 5/13

SUMMER YOUTH FAIR

Learn about the many great summer and enrichment programs for youth, there will be some free medical screenings for children and youth, live entertainment, children activities, snacks and a raffle. Hosted by Senator Darrel Steinberg. Free. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Southside Park, 2115 6th St. Info: Diana or Lori, 916-651-1529.

Sunday, 15

NORCAL AIDS CYCLE

They did it! Welcome home the cyclists and crew after their arduous cycle ride around Northern California to raise money for AIDS Charities. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. West steps of the Capitol. Info: norcalaidscycle.org

BEARS BRUNCH POTLUCK

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for brunch and merriment. Bring a breakfast dish to share. 7 - 10 p.m. Buckhorn Grill, 1801 L St. Info: SacBears.org

PARKWAY WALK & LUNCH

Get some exercise in a lovely location along the American River Parkway going up river from Watt Ave. Total approx. five miles. Lunch after optional. 9 a.m. G&L Sierrans. Info: 916-903-6846

ONE FOR THE ROAD

4 p.m. Davis Community Church, 412 C Street, Davis. See Friday, 5/13

Monday, 16

SAC VALLEY VETS MEETING

Join this LGBT veterans and active duty group for their monthly meeting and get together. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Lavender Library, 1414 21st St. Info: 916-436-7676 SacLGBTVeterans.org

Wednesday, 18

FOUR FREEDOMS AWARDS

Celebrate with the Stonewall

Democrats as they acknowledge the individuals who have shown an outstanding commitment to equal rights and the Sacramento Community. 5:30 p.m. Radisson Hotel: 500 Leisure Lane. Info: SacStonewall.org

SAC PRIDE PLANNING

Help makes this year's Pride and Parade the best ever. Volunteers are needed in all areas. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Sac G&L Center, 1927 L St. Info: 916-442-0185 SacCenter.org

Friday, 20

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The Capital City Squares take the dance on the road with their annual trip to Guerneville. Three days packed with workshops, dances and fun. Info: www.iagsdc.org/capitalcity

SVL FETISH NIGHT

The theme tonight is latex, but whatever your fetish is - from leather to sports - put on your gear for this night dedicated to you and hosted by the SVL. 8 p.m. Free, no cover. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com SVLClub.org

CAMPING WOMEN

Camp out at New Brighton State Beach near Capitola. Through Sunday. Info: Joey, joeyj2550@sbcglobal.net CampingWomen.org

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Agent Ribbons, Roman Funerals and Golden Ghosts perform at this family-friendly event. Food vendors will be selling yummy eats and drinks, and adult beverages will be available in the beer garden. Cesar Chavez Park, 910 I St.

Saturday, 21

LASERTAG W/ SV VETERANS

It's Armed Forces Day & the Sacramento Valley Veterans are celebrating by hosting a fun game of lasertag, and everyone is invited to come and play. Three games plus pizza for only \$20. Lasertag of Carmichael, Fair Oaks Blvd. and El Camino. Info: saclgbtveterans.org lasertagofcarmichael.com

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Out & About

Drag Queen Bingo For RCC Scholarship Fund

You did it again! Another great night of Drag Queen Bingo, this time raising \$510 to help the Rainbow Chamber Foundation Scholarship Fund send a deserving student to college with some book money. Thanks to your generosity, *Outword's* Drag Queen Bingo has now raised over \$35,000 for local charities and nonprofits. *Outword*, Rusty, Felicity and Do Me, David and Richard, the owners of Hamburger Patties, and their incredibly friendly and hard working thank you for making it all possible. The next Drag Queen Bingo is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. Come join us for some great food and a lot of fun!



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Farmer Brown gives Babydoll sheep Lucy and Ethel their summer do. Plus wool spinning and more activities for the kids. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$4.50. FairyTale Town, 3901 Land Park Dr. Info: 916-808-7462 FairyTaleTown.org

Sunday, 22

SV VETS RUMMAGE SALE

Sacramento's LGBT Veterans are hosting a rummage sale, and have they got some great items at even greater prices for you. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Parking lot at Sac G&L Center, 19th & L. Info: SacLGBTVeterans.org

HARVEY MILK DAY

Equality Action Now hosts a VIP Reception (5 - 6:30 p.m. \$50) with a spoken word presentation by Jovi Radtke and a showing of the film *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*. (6:30 p.m. \$15.) The Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Info: equalityactionnow.org

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Works by American Impressionist composer Charles Griffes will be performed by flautist Maquette Kuper, vocalists Rona Commings, James Gentry and Rufina Jones, and pianist John Cozza. \$12. 3 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Info: 916-808-7000 CrockerArtMuseum.org

Tuesday, 24

ROY BLOUNT JR.

The bestselling author and an NPR favorite on *Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me!* discusses his books, his love of language, and his other literary ventures in conversation with local author Sands Hall. \$15. 7:30 p.m. Tsakopoulos Galleria, 828 I St. Info: californialectures.org

Wednesday, 25

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Join Hamburger Patties and *Outword* for a night of very fun Bingo for Charity. Eight games, \$15. Come early for cocktails, dinner and to get a great seat. First game at 7 p.m. Hamburger Patties, 1630 J St. Info: 916-441-4340 OutwordMagazine.com



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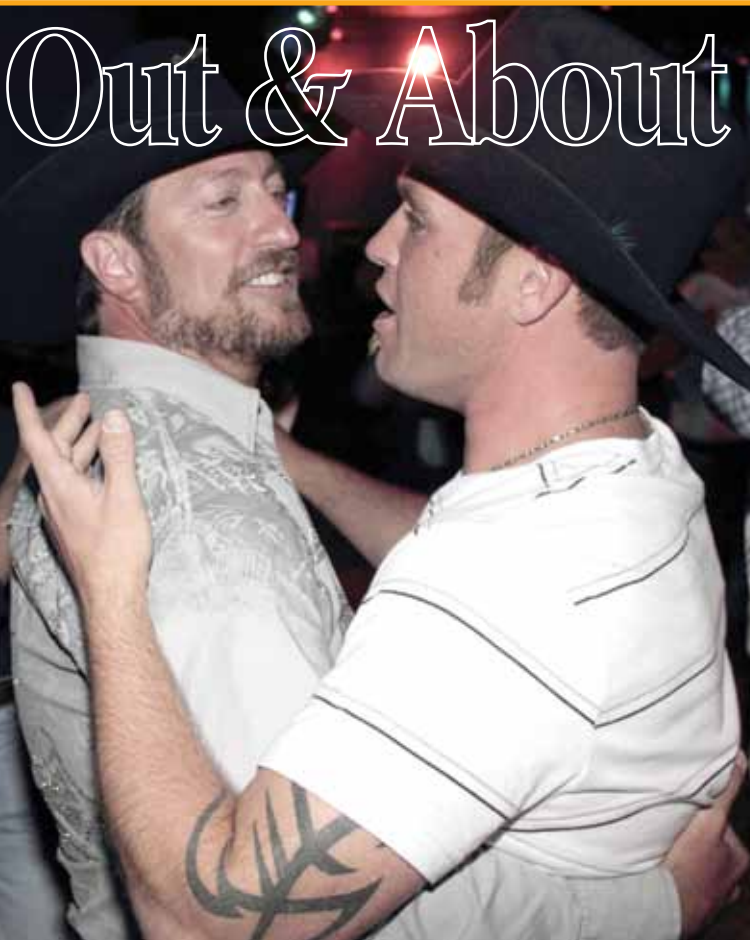
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Hot Rodeo in Palm Springs

Outword photographer, James Dusch, was still trying to warm up after his trip to the icy slopes of the Sierras, capturing some great shots at Winterfest, so he headed south to Palm Springs and Hot Rodeo 2011, the weekend of April 30. Between the action in the Banning arena and the action in the Palm Springs clubs that night, it looks like this rodeo lived up to its name!

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and expression are included in the definition of gender and sex in all California codes.

California non-discrimination laws already define "gender" to include a person's gender identity and gender expression. AB 887 specifically enumerates gender identity and gender expression in order to simplify compliance with existing legal protections.

"We are thrilled to see the Gender Nondiscrimination Act pass the Appropriations Committee,"

said Masen Davis, Executive Director of the Transgender Law Center. "Supporting ourselves through our own hard work is a not just a necessity, it's a matter of dignity and self-respect. An end to discrimination in the workplace will transform the lives of struggling families throughout California."

The bill will now head to the Assembly floor. For more information, visit transgenderlawcenter.org

Glee Project

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also announced that a group of *Glee* series regulars will appear as guest mentors in each episode. Fan favorite Darren Criss will make a guest appearance in the series premiere as the first of these mentors. Criss joined the cast of *Glee* last season as 'Blaine' and quickly became a breakout sensation.

The group of young performers represents a diverse cross-section of society and come from large cities

including New York, Atlanta and Los Angeles as well as small towns like Paducah, KY and Derry City, Ireland. The stakes for them are enormous – a prize that money can't buy: a multi-episode guest starring role on *Glee*.

"Each and every one of these kids has what it takes to be a star," said casting director Ulrich. "I was captivated by their passion and charisma, and I know viewers will be too."

Malaysia

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part of the department's new Patriotism Integration Programme. Daud publicly urged parents and teachers to look for signs of "the slightest effeminate tendency in their male children from an early age."

"Mr. Daud must recant these damaging statements. He is creating an environment that can lead to bullying, family rejection, and violence," said Grace Poore, IGLHRC's Program Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific. "He is also advancing so-called curative therapies that have been

completely discredited by medical experts and which are known to be damaging to the mental wellbeing of anyone subjected to these practices."

In November 2010, Malaysia's mak nyah community issued a statement to local press, condemning the increased harassment, arrests, sexual molestation and public humiliation of the transgender community by religious officers.

"The Besut Camp and others of its kind are part of a dangerous trend of increasing human rights

violations in Malaysia," said Ging Cristobal – IGLHRC Project Coordinator for Asia and Pacific Islands.

The very existence of the Besut Camp breaches Malaysian law which, in The Child Act of 2001, states, "Every child is entitled to protection and assistance in all circumstances without regard to distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, social origin or physical, mental or emotional disabilities or any other status."

Every Child

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should be committed to the Every Child Deserves a Family Act. It is the right thing to do, and the right time is now."

Learn more about the Every Child Deserves a Family Act, read stories from real people about adoption and foster care, and access additional resources on this topic by visiting www.pflag.org/ecdf2011 today.

Lose Home

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Director for Freedom to Marry. "The Respect for Marriage Act would make sure that people like Ron have access to the same support any surviving spouse would have, and don't face unfair harms such as Ron's risk of losing the home he shared with the love of his life and partner of 58 years."

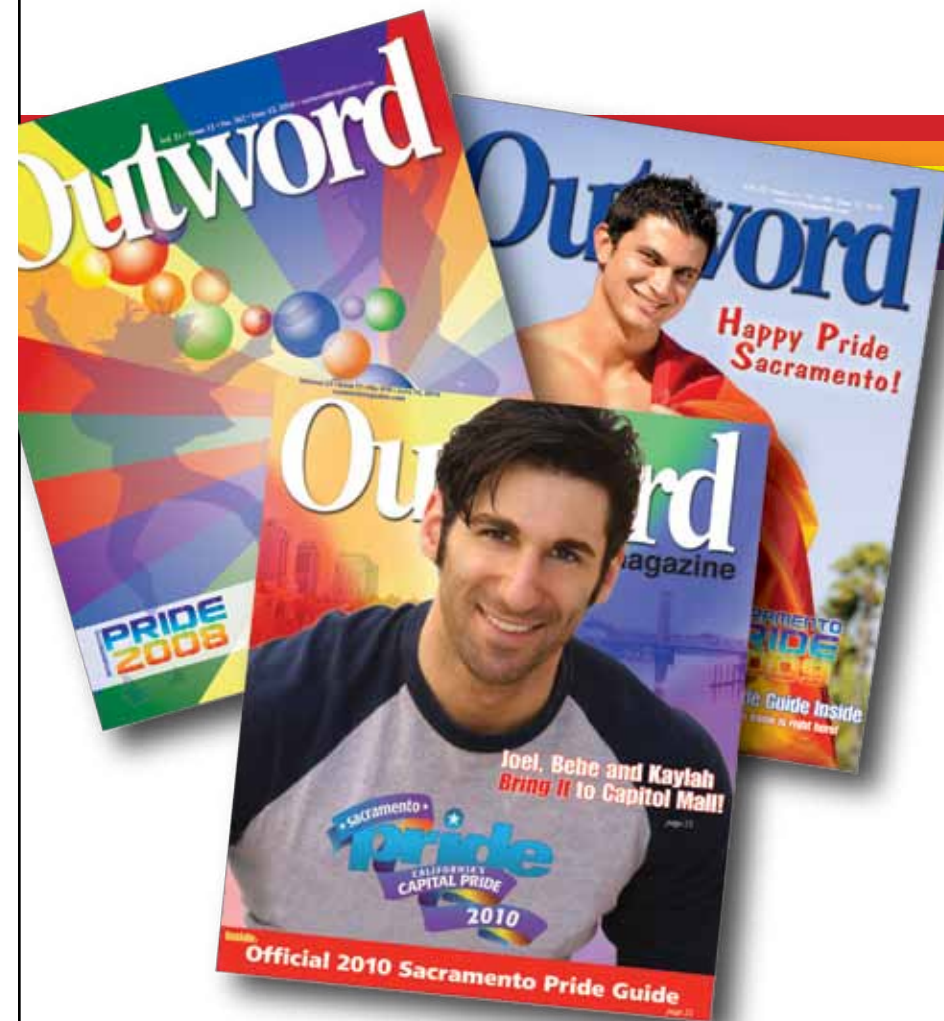
DOMA is being challenged in several court cases around the country, and was held unconstitutional last year

by a federal judge appointed by President Nixon. The Respect for Marriage Act would repeal DOMA, and is the centerpiece of Freedom to Marry's campaign to end federal marriage discrimination.

The video, *Why Ron Is Losing His Home*, was produced and directed by John Fitzgerald Keitel. To view the video, visit FreedomToMarry.org

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