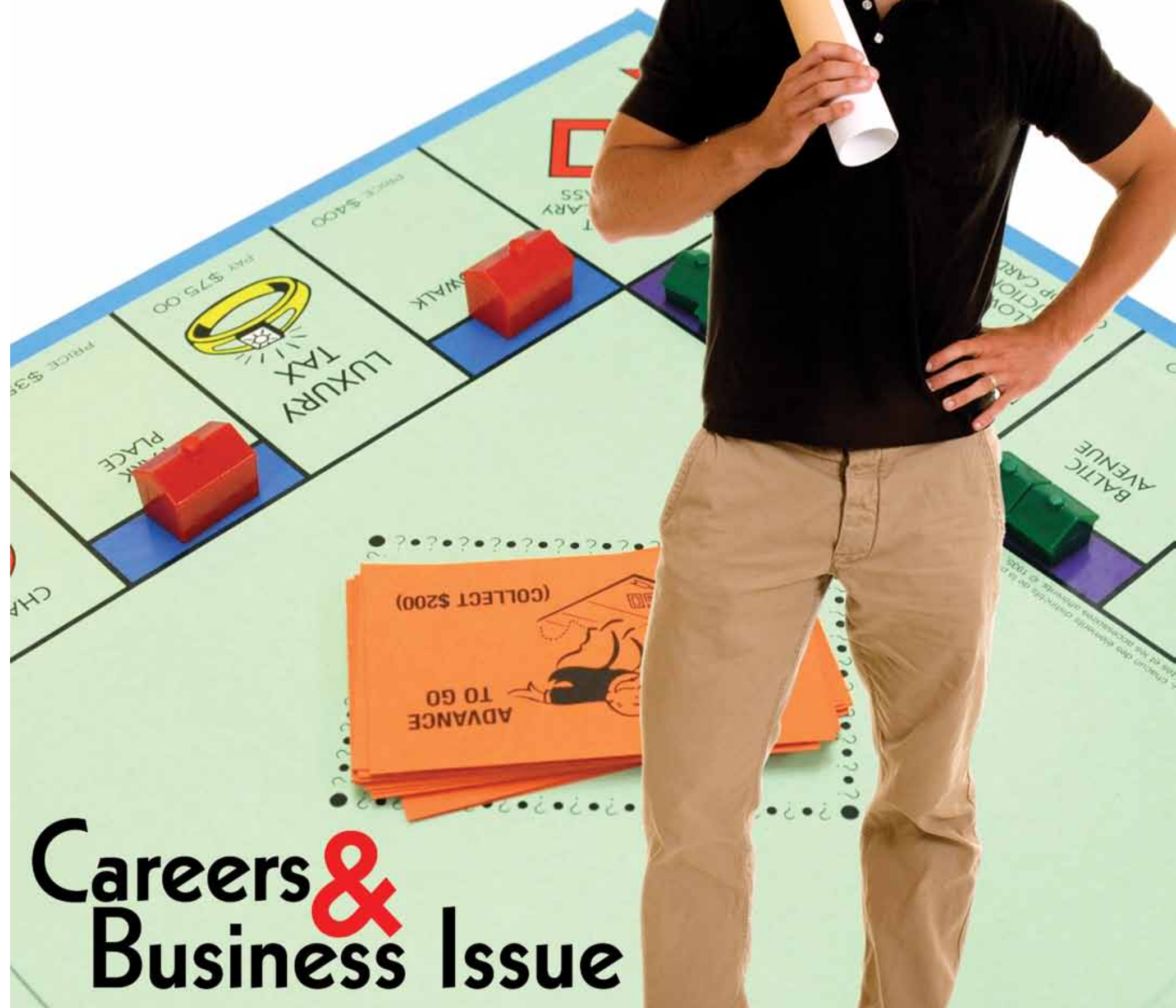


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Letters

Matsui Asks for Insight on Homeland Security Policies on LGBT Issues

Dear Outword,

I want to update you on two recent letters I co-signed with a number of my colleagues.

One letter, addressed to Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, acknowledges the State Department's leadership in responding to human rights abuses targeting LGBT individuals.

The second letter, addressed to Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Eric Holder, highlights concern for the mistreatment of LGBT immigrants while in the federal government's custody.

In a June speech, Secretary Clinton reaffirmed the State Department's commitment to the worldwide LGBT community. During her speech, Secretary Clinton announced that the State Department's regional bureaus will continue to work closely with their U.S. embassies to ensure all human rights are protected.

Energized by this address, several of my Congressional colleagues and I sent a letter to Secretary Clinton requesting that she highlight some of the ways in which they plan to continue this crucial human rights mission.

Specifically, we requested that the State Department inform us on how they plan to prepare diplomats to conduct public engagements surrounding LGBT issues and provide us more information regarding their efforts to provide emergency aid to human rights defenders.

The letter to Secretary Napolitano and Attorney General Holder, emphasized concerns about the reports of sexual abuse and denials of medical care to LGBT immigrants while in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

We urged Secretary Napolitano and Attorney General Holder to conduct an immediate investigation in response to the alarming abuse allegations.

As you are well aware, I strongly believe in human rights and will continue to support the LGBT community through my work in Congress.

Sincerely,

Doris O. Matsui
Member of Congress

Meet the Capital City Squares

Dear Outword,

Capital City Squares, Sacramento's LGBT square dance club, invites you to its open house/meet and greet evening on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 2362 Cork Circle, 95822.

Come meet members of Capital City Squares and see the fun you can have learning to square dance.

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For more information, call or write Larry at 916-789-1929 photos@psyber.com, or Tom at 916-452-5869 tmkaiser@ucdavis.edu.



G&L Center Executive Director Search Begins

The Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center has begun the search for a new executive director and is inviting aspiring and inspiring applicants to apply for the position.

"We are seeking an executive director who will serve as the public persona of the special character of our organization and oversee the successful operation of all programs, events and initiatives of the Center," said Gail Mancarti, Center Board

President. "This is an exciting time for the Center as we continue our strategic planning initiative and hire our new executive director to take us into the future."

Sara Freid, past Center board treasurer, took over the interim executive director position in March.

"Freid put her own consulting work on hold for a seven-month period to take this position on and to develop policies and procedures, and put very important business practices into place," said Mancarti. "She also worked diligently through Pride and the strategic planning process. The Board would like to thank Sara for her hard work during this interim period and we wish her luck as she goes back to her consulting work."

For the job announcement and full job description, go to www.saccenter.org



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Stonewall Chico Pride Weekend

Pride is swelling up in Chico, even bigger than their acronym, as the city gets ready to celebrate LGBTIQQA Pride in Chico! For the acronym challenged, that's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning and Ally!

Regardless of how you spell it, Pride Weekend begins on Friday, August 26 with the Rainbow Show Pride Kick-Off Concert from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Chico Women's Club. Performers include Coyote Grace, Xavier Toscano and Aubrey Debauchery. There is a no host bar and admission is \$10.

On Saturday August 27, the Pride Festival will take place at the Downtown City Plaza from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival includes live music and performances, DJ JiggaJulee, vendors, food, dancing, fashion shows, a no-host bar and more.

Live entertainment includes drag performances by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence of Reno and spoken word performances by Jovi Radtke and C. Foster. A suggested \$5 donation is appreciated.

Later Saturday night there will be a Teen Event and Dance from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Chico Women's Club. Admission for teens is free. After that, The Pride Dance for 18+ will

be held from 8 p.m. to midnight also at the Chico Women's Club, with music by DJ Robert Long and a no-host bar. There is a \$5 admission.

Then on Sunday, end your weekend at the Pride Brunch on Sunday, August 28 at the Children's Playground! From 9 a.m. to noon. There will be pancakes, eggs, fruit, juice and coffee, and it's free!

The mission of Stonewall Chico Pride Weekend is to strengthen and unite the LGBTIQQA community and allies through public events, social gatherings and educational opportunities. Pride Weekend seeks to improve the lives of everyone by increasing visibility of LGBTIQQA people and making the North State community a safer place for all.

For more information call the Stonewall Alliance Center at 530-893-3336 or www.stonewallchicopride.com.

Get Ready for Bears In The Sac

The Sacramento Valley Bears are gearing up for some summertime fun, their annual Bears In The Sac (BITS) weekend, three days of pool parties, dancing and even an evening under the stars, at Camp Bolt.

The three-day affair encompasses seven fun-filled events for everyone to enjoy beginning Friday, August 26 and going through Sunday, August 28.

The weekend is a la carte so you can pick and choose the events you would like to attend.

It all begins with a Midtown Bar Crawl, starting at The Depot at 5:30 for happy hour, then moving to HeadHunters, then FACES and finishing at Badlands, where the Bears will also be taking to the dance floor with a live DJ spinning the newest and hottest dance tracks.

Saturday brings the first pool party, starting at 1 p.m. Chuck and Gordon have opened their beautiful yard and pool, it's BYOB, but there will be plenty of food, soda

and water. After resting up poolside, the action moves to The Bolt for the Underwear Party, Beer Bust and Wet Underwear Contest from 8 p.m. to midnight.

If you can't bear the thought of driving home afterwards, no problem, Kenny from The Bolt is inviting the Bears and their admirers to bring tents and sleeping bags, and sleep over after partying all evening. It's free and with no driving after drinking, you know it will be a blast.

Sunday begins with a special Bear Brunch Buffet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Black Bear Diner on West El Camino. The brunch is \$9.99, plus drink. Following that, it is more poolside fun, this time at FACES, where Terrie Sidie is hosting starting at 2 p.m. and with a free BBQ at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit sacbears.org.



This collage, courtesy of the Bear's web site, gives you an idea of the fun in store at this year's Bears In The Sac.

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Petition Gathering to Overturn FAIR Education Act OK'd

The Capitol Resource Institute has received approval from the Secretary of State's office to circulate petitions for a referendum on the June 2012 ballot that asks voters to overturn SB 48, the FAIR (Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful) Education Act signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in early July.

The group has until mid-October to collect more than 504,000 signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot. CRI is headquartered in Sacramento. Their web site does not list any officers.

The FAIR Education Act requires that LGBT Americans and people with disabilities are included and recognized for their important historical contributions to the economic, political and social development of California.

It adds both groups to the existing law that requires schools to include underrepresented groups, including women and people of color, in textbooks and other instructional materials. It also prevents the adoption of materials that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, disability or religion.

"California has a long legacy of leading the nation on issues of inclusion and justice and the FAIR Education Act represents the next

step in that tradition," said Roland Palencia, Equality California Executive Director. "This attack on the FAIR Education Act isn't just an attempt to censor the contributions of LGBT people and people from the history books, it's also an attempt by our opponents to revive lies based on prejudice about LGBT people being dangerous to children."

In a joint statement from EQCA and the Gay-Straight Alliance Network, the groups announced that over the coming months, they are prepared to prevent the measure from reaching the ballot by engaging Californians in a

conversation about our opponent's real motivations and the truth about what the FAIR Education act does and does not do.

Research shows that in schools where LGBT people are included in classroom discussions, students are 50 percent less likely to report being bullied. The FAIR Education Act is intended to ensure that all students in California receive a fair and accurate account of California's history, including the contributions of women, people of color, LGBT people, people with disabilities, and other historically underrepresented groups.

Karen England, executive director of Capitol Resource Family Impact, an arm of Capitol Resource Institute, said on CRI's website that reaction to the FAIR Act "has been like nothing I've seen - the outrage, the interest nationwide has been very positive to our side of things."

"Sadly, throughout history, conservative groups have tried to exclude the contributions of these

communities when they haven't suited their political agenda," said Carolyn Laub, Executive Director of Gay-Straight Alliance Network. "We trust that Californians will continue to support an honest education that does not erase the LGBT community and its accomplishments from history."

For more information, visit EQCA.org or gsanetwork.org

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A Career As a Lobbyist Can Help Make a Difference

by Bonnie Osborn

As the nation breathes a sigh of relief that a truce between the major political parties lasted long enough to avert a U.S. government default and potential economic crisis, Sacramento lobbyist Rand Martin hopes young people seeking to begin a career in government will follow a kinder, gentler path than their political elders.

“The first thing I would say to a young person who is interested in a career in government service is, ‘More power to you,’” Martin says. “There’s a great need for interested, committed, passionate young people to engage in the political process.”

Key to a successful career in government service, Martin continues, is the ability “to acknowledge there’s not just one story or view of a particular policy issue.

“It really bodes ill for the body politic to have people who won’t listen to their opponents’ views,” he says. “The people who do listen, who seek to accommodate and find solutions rather than seek ways to express empty rhetoric or hype will be the most successful and do the most for the people of California and this country.”

Although Martin says he more or less stumbled upon his own career path, he has been fortunate to be able to turn his passion for public service and helping others into a successful career at the State Capitol.

“I was doing theater when I got out of

college, which is the last time I ever earned money to support myself through theater. When I moved back to California after living in Virginia, I realized I needed to have a job if I wanted to stay.” In 1985 he accepted a position as lobbyist for the Association for

than 100 organizational members. After leaving LIFE, Martin went to work for L.A. Assemblymember Terry Friedman, who would go on to become a Superior Court Judge, then for State Senator John Vasconcellos, where he served until 2001. After leaving Vasconcellos’ office, Martin joined the lobbying firm, Rose & Kindel, where he represents a variety of interests. In 2002 he added the Los Angeles-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation to his cliet list, the world’s largest provider of AIDS healthcare services, with a presence in 22 countries, and the largest private HIV testing provider in

drug user populations. The second would seek additional funding for people living with HIV and AIDS as Medi-Cal clients are moved into managed care plans under the federal health care reform bill. In his early Sacramento years, Martin was active in the now-defunct non-partisan political action committee CAPPAC and the River City Democratic Club, precursor to the Sacramento Stonewall Democrats. “One of the things I find from family life is that there is less and less time to do those types of things,” he says. Martin and his domestic partner have raised his partner’s biological daughter, Lisa, since she was seven. Martin does find time to revisit his theatrical roots, though. Once active with Sacramento’s Lambda Players, he currently works with the Davis Musical Theater Company, where he serves on the board, directs and occasionally performs and is directing their production of *Damn Yankees*. As for where his career path will lead him next, “I still see myself doing government relations, either inside or outside of the Capitol,” he says. “Knowing the system, knowing the people, having relationships, having good solid legislation and having credibility with people who are pulling the political levers. I don’t know whether I will be lobbying forever, but I’m pretty well convinced I will be doing something in government relations.”

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Retarded Citizens. “At the time, I said ‘I’ll give Sacramento a couple of years, then go back.’ My home is Sacramento now, not L.A.” Shortly after leaving the Association for Retarded Citizens position, Martin founded and served as executive director of LIFE, the first statewide association of AIDS organizations in the nation. In his four years at the helm, the organization grew to more the state. Currently he’s working on behalf of AHF on two pieces of legislation, both authored by Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada.) The first would eliminate the requirement that community-based testers, such as those who staff AHF’s four mobile testing vans, obtain a signature – a requirement that can present an obstacle to testing among poor and illegal

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Gay Marriage Opens New Career Path for Gay Wedding Singers

With New York becoming the sixth state to legalize gay marriage, new business opportunities for florists, wedding planners, and club artists are opening up – including for many singers who are now moonlighting as gay wedding singers.

“Weddings are big business,” confirms Kristine W who ranks as one of today’s most popular gay club artists. She has had sixteen #1 dance singles – only Madonna and Janet Jackson have had more. “My highest paid private performance was at a wedding for the daughter of the late Kerry Packer, one of the wealthiest men in Australia. He flew my whole Vegas show over to England.”

Weddings are proving a profitable subsidy for club artists who have been struggling with decreased record sales (due to internet music pirating) and club bookings (due to the weakened economy).

“Clubs used to bring artists in every weekend,” laments Miss W. “Now they book artists once a month and offer smaller fees.”

She says it’s even worse for the

support team behind the artist. “They (clubs) have stopped bringing in back-up singers and dancers. They’re not paying for sound people. Some bookings don’t include hotel accommodations.”

“The business has shrunk, but if you don’t adapt, you will be sitting home,” she warns.

It’s not just about the money for some artists. Out hip-popper Aiden Leslie looks forward to performing his first gay wedding “for the simple reason that it is exercising our equal rights,” he says.

He feels his track, “Worlds Away,” is a perfect gay wedding song because “it is about putting the past behind you, looking toward the future and knowing that anything is possible.”

Massachusetts-

by Jared Pillsbury

based club artist, Sariah, has been performing gay weddings since they were legalized in her state seven years ago. She is best known for her club hit, “All About Sex,” but it’s her single, “Believe in Me,” that is most requested at nuptials. “It’s the story of two lovers meeting and learning to build and believe in their love together.”

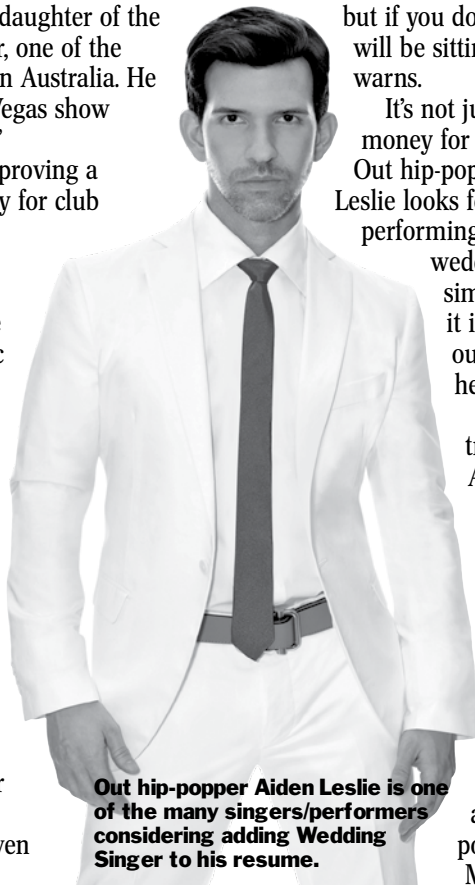
“The main difference between performing a gay wedding verse a straight one, is the underlying accomplishment felt by all,” she says. “There is a certain shared pride that we have fought to make this happen. It makes the celebration that much more celebratory.”

In addition to New York and Massachusetts, gay marriage is legal in Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Washington DC and the Coquille Indian Tribe in Oregon also allow gay marriage.

In addition to performing gay weddings, club artist Lala sees opportunity in creating music specifically for gay weddings. “As a songwriter and singer, I look to current trends to influence my work. I’m currently in the studio working on new tracks that talk about same sex marriage.”

In the meantime, she says her club hit “I Love My Sex” is surprisingly appropriate for gay weddings. “It’s about boys loving boys and girls loving girls, appreciating their same gender for all its beauty.”

“What better way to show appreciation for your gender than to marry it?”



Out hip-popper Aiden Leslie is one of the many singers/performers considering adding Wedding Singer to his resume.

Faith Matters: Room for Everyone

by The Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Perhaps the single, most inclusive verse in the Bible is Galatians 3:28. As a Christian, Paul writes to the developing Galatian Christian community that in Christ there are no arbitrary distinctions.

There are no national or racial distinctions, no slave/free, no male/female, but all are one in Christ.

I like this translation: “In Christ there is no national orientation, no ownership orientation, no sexual orientation – you are all one.”

According to St. Paul, there is an essential unity transcending all discrimination.

In AD 45, when he was writing his letters to help guide and encourage new churches, Paul believed that all of us were created heterosexual, and he legislated on the basis of that false assumption.

In his famous chapter on the nature of love (I Corinthians 13) he taught that our knowledge was imperfect and there would come a time when it would fail. He would be very surprised to hear that these letters would become the “Word of God” and unchangeable Holy Writ.

However, they were only pastoral letters from an early apostle; Paul understood Jesus to be the “Word of God,” NOT what he was writing.

If he were in America today, Paul would have graduated from Yale or Harvard. He would be aware of the latest research in psychology and

psychiatry. He would understand the genetic links to our sexual orientation, and he would write differently.

His words in Romans I about men committing “shameful acts with other men” were based on a false assumption: that heterosexuality was common to all. Scientifically, we know this is not true. In fact, our sexuality ranges on a spectrum from male to female, with everything in between.

For Paul, the most important value was love. Recently, when a gay soldier saved lives in his company on the battlefield, people formerly opposed to the gay community suddenly became supportive.

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Few Workers Have Access To Health Benefits For Same-Sex Partners

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has released data on employer-provided domestic partner benefits, showing that 30 percent of civilian employees (private sector, state and local government employees, but not federal government employees) have access to health benefits for same-sex domestic partners.

Similarly, 25 percent have access to health benefits for different-sex domestic partners. State and local employees (33 percent) have more access to health benefits for same-sex partners than do private sector employees (29 percent).

The data is from the National Compensation Survey (NCS), which collected data on the employment benefit policies from more than 15,000 employers in the public and private sectors. The new questions added this year to the NCS will provide annual measures of employees' access to benefits for unmarried domestic partners.

The report shows that employees

were more likely to have access to domestic partner benefits if they worked full-time or had a union contract. Those who worked in the public sector and for larger

companies were also more likely to receive these benefits.

Those who worked part-time, in a service job, or in the South or North Central regions were less likely to receive these benefits.

"While encouraging, these data

show that 70 percent of employees still do not have access to health care benefits for same-sex partners," said Williams Institute Executive Director Brad Sears. "And while the report leaves out federal employees, including over two million civilian employees, they are also not provided health benefits for same-sex partners."

When looking at survivor benefits in defined benefit plans, half of state and local government

employees can name an unmarried partner, while less than 10 percent of private sector employees can do so. The difference is largely due to the fact that very few private sector employers offer defined benefit retirement plans.

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Expedited Hearing Date in Prop 8 Trial

The Supreme Court of California has announced that the hearing date for *Perry v. Brown* will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 10 a.m., the first day of the court's fall calendar.

The court will hear oral arguments on a question of whether under state law proponents of initiatives have standing to defend their initiatives when they are challenged in court. The question was certified to them

by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit earlier this year.

"I am very pleased that the Supreme Court of California calendared our case for the first day of their fall session," said Chad Griffin, American Foundation for

Equal Rights (AFER) Co-Founder and Board President. "The governor and attorney general of California - and the United States District Court - all have found Proposition 8 unconstitutional. I am confident that the California Supreme Court will swiftly reach a decision on this question, and that this nation is

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That's right, the Yellow Brick Road has been polished just in time for you to join Dorothy, her three stalwarts and Toto, the Munchkins and witches of every sort as we all break into song, from "Ding Dong" to "Over the Rainbow" in celebration of one of the greatest movies of all times.

The fun starts on Saturday, Aug 13 beginning with Karaoke in the Crest's Lobby at 1 p.m., followed by an Oz Character Costume Contest and then the screening of the 1939 MGM classic film, *The Wizard of Oz* at 2 p.m., complete with subtitles.

Contestants of all ages are invited to come dressed as their favorite Oz characters. We had some pretty

amazing costumes last year, and Glinda had a hard time picking her favorite, but whoever wins this year will get some pretty cool gifts and cash prizes.

The Wizard of Oz is a musical film directed by Victor Fleming and

based on the children's novel of the same name by L. Frank Baum. The Metro Goldwyn Meyer production used a combination of black-and-white, sepia and Technicolor film. Although it won few honors at the time, it has become the best-known film of 16-year-old ingénue Judy Garland and songs such as "We're Off to See the Wizard," "Ding-Dong the Witch Is Dead" and Garland's signature classic, "Over the Rainbow" have remained popular. It has inspired numerous sequels and spinoffs, including the Broadway hit play *Wicked*, and has weathered the decades to become one of the most beloved films of all time.

General admission tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Senior and student tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at tickets.com or at the Crest Theatre box office. The Crest is on the K St mall at 1013 K St.

For more information, call the Crest Theatre at 916-44 CREST or visit OutwordMagazine.com or TheCrest.com.



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FACES Celebrates 26th Anniversary

FACES Nightclub is planning a big weekend to celebrate its 26th Anniversary, with hot Go-Go dancers, adult video stars, plenty of time around the pool as well as top DJs spinning the hottest dance tracks.

You can't celebrate 26 years in one night though, so FACES is starting the 3-day celebration on Friday, Aug. 19 with – count'em – ten Go-Go Dancers! And of course there will be DJ dancing, special promotions and more, including hot boys in the pool – who needs Mermen?

"We want to keep the



celebration going all through August," said Terry Sidie, FACES' iconic owner. "So, there will be no cover Friday nights, with special bar pricing as well, including 99¢ well & draft, \$1.99 domestic beers and \$2.99 for call drinks from 6 - 10 p.m. and \$3 Absolut from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. The celebration continues on Saturday, Aug. 20, and those ten Go-Go Dancers are back, this time shakin'

their groove things to the beats of guest DJ Justin Ryan from NYC, plus a Balloon Drop filled with \$1,000 in cash and prizes. And oh yeah, the Pool will be stocked with more hot men!

On Sunday, the celebration moves poolside, with a Porn Star Pool Party starting at 2 p.m., a live DJ all day, a free BBQ and 2-4-1 well drinks and domestic draft.

"We love our GLBT community," said Sidie, "so come out and celebrate with us." FACES is located at 2000 K St. For more information, call 916-448-7798 or visit them online at Faces.net.

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SVGLS Wins Big at Guerneville Softball Tournament

by George Raya

Three teams from the Sacramento Valley Gay & Lesbian Softball (SVGLS) League traveled to Guerneville for the 12th Annual Russian River Rainbow Classic Tournament the weekend of July 23 - 24, taking home arm loads of trophies in a competition that pitched them against teams from San Francisco, San Jose and Portland.



Team coaches Patrick Marsengill of Men@Play, Augie Garcia of Glitters and Loren Magaña of Pitches & Mos show off their trophies won at the 12th Annual Russian River Rainbow Classic Tournament held the weekend of July 23 - 24.

Men@Play sponsored by Outword and Glitters sponsored by Gatsby's Diner, went head to head for the D Division honors with 1st Place going to Glitters.

Congratulations also go out to Pitches & Mos, sponsored by Zocalo, who took 3rd Place (out of 17 teams) in the Competitive C Division. Pitches & Mos had already established themselves as a top-notch team by claiming the SVGLS regular season championship and then the SVGLS Tournament Championship.

Additional honors were awarded to tournament Team MVPs, Joshua Dean Flores (Glitters), Frank Mecca (Men@Play), and Loren Magaña (Pitches & Mo's).

The SVGLS is getting ready to welcome back returning teams and players, as well as new players of all skill levels, for the 2011 Fall Season. This season, SVGLS will be offering two divisions: the Open C (upper) Division, and the D (lower) Division.

The League will host two clinics in preparation of the Fall Season, that will help rate players by skill levels, as well as providing skills training. The clinics will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, August 13 and 20, at Roosevelt Park, located at 10th & P Streets, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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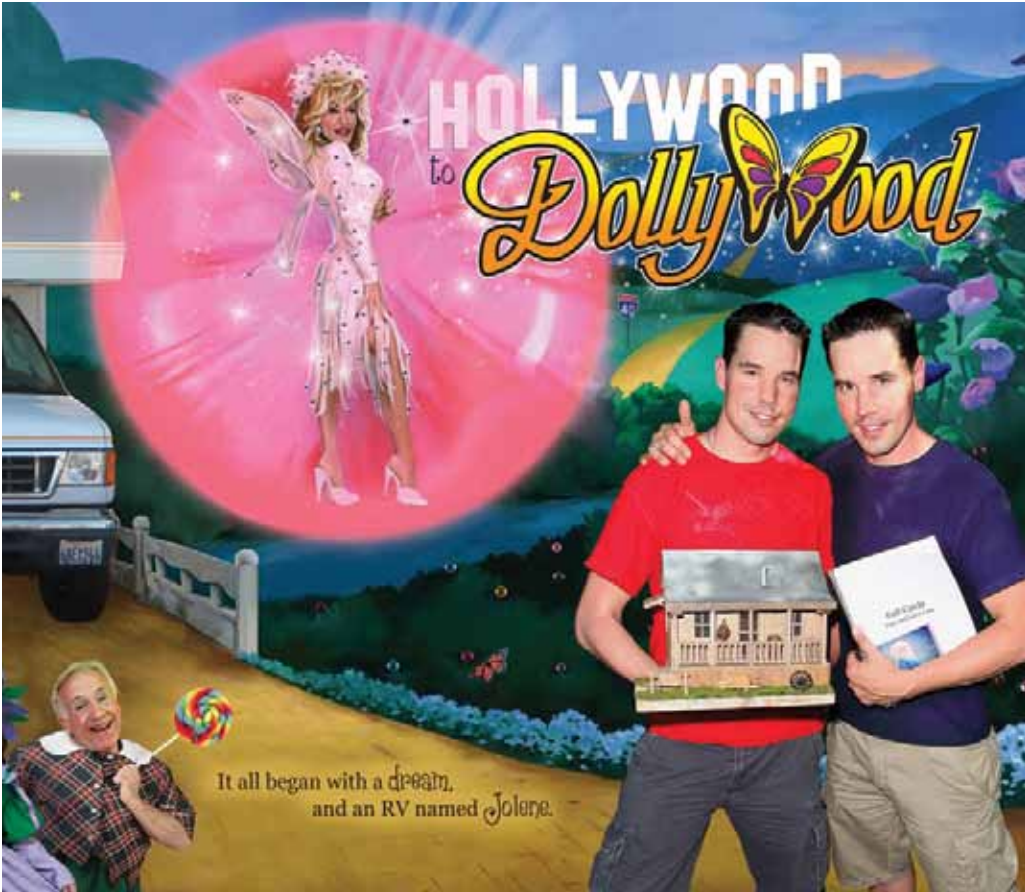
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Gay Twin Brothers Take a Road Trip Via the Sacramento Film & Music Festival SummerFEST



The 12th season of the Sacramento Film & Music Festival returns with their SummerFEST program running from Wednesday, August 17th through Sunday, August 21st. The program includes 41 films representing 13 countries and also includes films from local filmmakers. Three feature length documentaries explore what it means to be “different” in America, including the lighthearted *Hollywood to Dollywood* in which gay twin brothers from Tennessee drive from Los Angeles to Pigeon Forge to hand deliver a screenplay to their idol Dolly Parton. *Hollywood to Dollywood* screens at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 20 at the Crest Theatre. www.sacfilm.com

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JENNIFER KNAPP, a two-time Grammy nominee, spent several years in the *Christian music scene* before taking a seven-year hiatus. In 2010, she released a new album, titled “Letting Go,” and announced that she is a lesbian and has been in a same-sex relationship since 2002.

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Miss Saigon at Music Circus

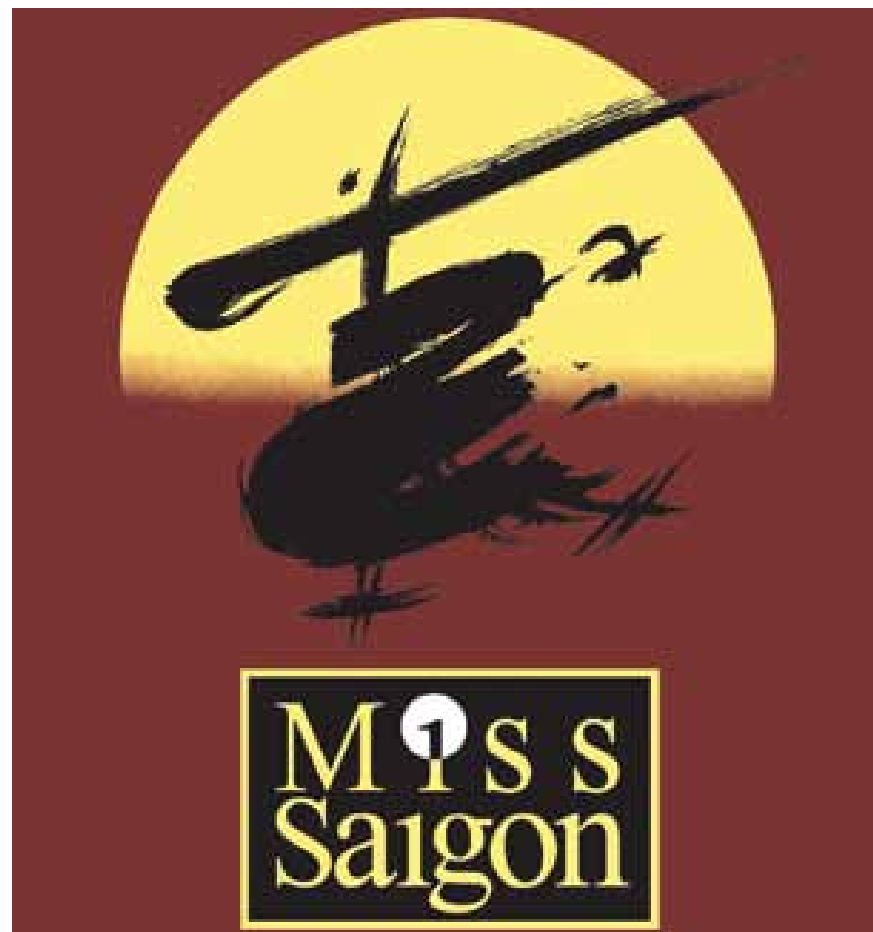
They saved the best for last as Sacramento's Music Circus wraps up its 2011 Summer Season with the international musical theater hit, *Miss Saigon*.

A classic love story is brought up to date in this stunning theatrical spectacle by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michael Schonberg (the creators of *Les Miserables*).

Boublil and Schonberg bring Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* into the modern world with a moving testament to the human spirit, and the show had one of the longest runs on Broadway in musical theater history.

The setting of the plot is relocated to 1970's Saigon during the Vietnam War for the tragic tale of a doomed romance between an American GI and a Vietnamese bar girl.

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An eclectic batch of DVD titles was released recently, including a faith-based film about surfing, an animated movie starring macaws, and a low-budget cult classic from Roger Corman.

Soul Surfer Of all the faith-based films that have been released in the past few years, this surf-centered story of



Dennis Quaid, AnnaSophia Robb and Helen Hunt in a scene from the inspirational film *Soul Surfer*.

survival is probably the most moving and the least annoying. It helps that *Soul Surfer* is based on a true story and that it features a first rate cast, including Helen Hunt, Dennis Quaid, and AnnaSophia Robb.

Robb stars as real-life pro surfer Bethany Hamilton, who made an amazing comeback after a shark attack. Quaid and Hunt are terrific as Hamilton's anguished but supportive parents, and Carrie Underwood and Kevin Sorbo provide support as friends of the family in this modest yet inspiring drama.

Rio

This colorful comedy should delight kids and their parents with its charming tale of a domesticated Spix Macaw, captured as a young bird from the wilds of Brazil, who finds himself lost in the Brazilian rainforest.

The last male of his kind, Blu (Jesse Eisenberg) is unexpectedly thrown together with the only other female, Jewel (Anne Hathaway), after the pair is

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Race for the Arts Turns 13

Join *Race for the Arts* on Saturday, August 27 as the nonprofit organization celebrates its 13th year raising funds and awareness for California nonprofit performing, cultural, and visual arts organizations and for school music, drama and art programs.



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If you enjoy theatre, dance, and art – if you enjoy exercise, *Race for the Arts* is for you. Be entertained by costumed characters, music, art, dance and interactive booths.

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Visit www.raceforthearts.com.

Totally Tapioca to Benefit Healing Journeys



Totally Tapioca (www.totallytapioca.com) a four-part a cappella vocal group from Sacramento comprised of Michele Marchioli, siblings Eddie and Kate Blagdon and Blaine White. All share a common love for song and a commitment to assisting our community and world through fund-raising events. Sacramento Magazine called them the "Best Group for Pudding Charity First," and that's what they will be doing at a concert to benefit Healing Journeys on Saturday, Aug. 27 at Sierra II Center, 2791 24th St. from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are at www.healingjourneys.org or call 916-391-0549.

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CROCKER'S ART MIX

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Friday, 12

DUCAL BALL IN/OUT SHOW

Royalty from throughout the Empire strut their stuff at this in town/out of town show. \$10. 8:30 p.m. FACES, 2000 K St. Info: cgnie.org

CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Brodys, Automatic Rival and A Single Second 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.

BUMP CITY DANCE PARTY

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Saturday, 13

DUCAL BALL

An Evening on the Nile - A Night of Gods & Goddesses, is the theme for this year's Ball, as Grand Duke Matt Torres and Grand Duchess Dymond Brown take their final walks. \$30. 6 p.m. California Auto Museum, 2200 Front St. Info: cgnie.org

HOLLYWOOD KNIGHTS

Men who have graced the red carpet are honored in this tribute by SF's Man Dance Company, with special performances by Connie Champagne and Shawn Kirchner. 8 p.m. SF. Info: ManDance.org

FIRE SPECTACULAR

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HOLLYWOOD KNIGHTS

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Monday, 15

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

How Else Am I Supposed to Know I'm Still Alive?

A hilarious comedy that surveys the lives of two middle aged single Chicanas as they struggle to deal with loneliness, sexuality and friendship. Through Aug. 27. Three Penny Theater, 1719 25th St. Tickets: 916-451-5822 or online at www.CalStage.org.

Tuesday, 16

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES

Sacramento's LGBT square dance club invites you to its open house/meet and greet. Learn some introductory square dance calls, watch experienced dancers and find out about the new dancer class that will begin in early September 2011. Ice cream will also be served. 7 p.m. 2362 Cork Circle, 95822. Info: Larry at 916-789-1929 photos@psyber.com

RAINBOW CHAMBER MIXER

Join members of Sacramento's LGBT business group at their monthly mixer, for socializing, networking and election of the new board. 6 - 8 p.m. Greenburg Taurig, 1201 K St., Ste. 1100. Info: RainbowChamber.com

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G&L CENTER FOCUS GROUP

A businesses focus group to help co-create the future of the Sacramento LGBTQI community. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sac G&L Center, 1927 L St.. Info: 916-442-0185
SacCenter.org

FILM & MUSIC SUMMERFEST

The Festival's opening night includes a reception, a fashion show and the animated feature film *Non Alien*. 6 p.m. Crest Theatre, 1013 K St. www.sacfilm.com

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External CFO Stacey Powell hosts a luncheon that shows you how to create reverence for your finances and setting your goals, not the IRS's. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 221 Iron Point Rd., Folsom. RSVP: info@creatinganswers.com

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Friday, 19

FACES 26TH ANNIVERSARY

You can't celebrate 26 years in one night, so FACES is throwing a 3-day celebration starting tonight with - count'em - ten Go-Go Dancers, DJ dancing, special promotions and more. No Cover. FACES, 2000 K St. Info: 916-448-7798 Faces.net

Jake's Fetish Night

Mr. Bolt 2008 and one of the top 10 finalists at IML is hosting a night dedicated to some of his favorite fetishes, including various BDSM demos, fetish-themed games, a charity cage lock-up, raffles and more to benefit the Lavender Library. See:

Aug. 20

those ten Go-Go Dancers are back, this time shakin' their groove things to the beats of guest DJ Justin Ryan from NYC, plus a Balloon Drop filled with \$1,000 in cash and prizes. FACES, 2000 K St. Info: 916-448-7798
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JAKE'S FETISH NIGHT

Jake, Mr. Bolt 2008 and IML Top 10 finalist, hosts a night filled with porn, gear and hot men, with tit-torture and other BDSM demos, used gear auction, pups, raffles and more. 9 p.m. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420
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Saturday, 20

FACES 26TH ANNIVERSARY

The celebration continues, and

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MIDTOWN COCKTAIL WEEK

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Monday, August 15th

6pm-10pm

Women & Cocktails- Celebrate ladies' influence in creating the modern cocktail at **Shady Lady** for the opening night event. 1409 R Street www.shadyladybar.com

Tuesday, August 16th

6pm-9pm

Mixology Competition- Cheer on your favorite Sacramento mixologists as they compete at **Red Lotus** for the coveted title. 2716 J Street www.redlotuskitchenandbar.com

9pm-Close

Competition After Party- Join guest bartenders as they shake up unique cocktails at **Blue Cue**, accompanied by live music. 1004 28th Street www.bluecue.com

Wednesday, August 17th

4pm-9pm

Hello Gin! Where have you been?- Explore classic gin cocktail trends done up in a new fashion at **Mix Downtown**. 1531 L Street www.mixedowntown.net

9pm-Close

The Stately State of Local Food & Drink- Enjoy artisan food and drink pairings at **Shady Lady's** late night MCW event. 1409 R Street www.shadyladybar.com

Thursday, August 18th

5pm-8:30pm

A Night in Cuba- Taste Cuba's influence on the Sacramento cocktail palate at **Zocalo** for this can't miss cultural event. 1801 Capitol Ave www.zocalosacramento.com

9pm-12am

Cocktail Tasting Event- Take a tour of the fine cocktails created at **Ella Dining Room and Bar** as you visit each station. 1131 K Street www.elladiningroomandbar.com

Friday, August 19th

5pm- 9pm

The Greatest Cocktail on Earth- Sip cocktails and watch the **Grange and Citizen Hotel** Ballroom transform into a circus. 926 J Street www.grangesacramento.com

Saturday, August 20th

5pm-8pm

The Science of Food & Drinks- Discover the unique science of molecular gastronomy & mixology at **Lounge ON20**. 1050 20th Street, Suite 100 www.loungeon20.com

Sunday August 21st

2pm-6pm

Closing Luau- Finish off your week with the awards ceremony & tiki cocktails at **Golden Bear** for a tropical Sunday afternoon. 2326 K Street www.goldenbear916.com

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now one step closer to seeing the dark walls of discrimination finally crumble."

In a separate, but related matter – the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California will hear AFER's motion on August 29, 2011 requesting that the video recordings from their January 2010 trial be released to the public.

Workplace

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The report finds that evidence of employment discrimination against LGBT people has been consistently documented over the past forty years in both the private and public sectors. In particular, it focuses on studies that have been conducted since 2005 and presents new data documenting discrimination from the 2008 General Social Survey (GSS), a national probability survey representative of the U.S. population.

Results from the 2008 GSS provide recent evidence of discrimination from one of very few national probability surveys that have collected data about sexual orientation and workplace discrimination. Among LGB respondents to the survey, 42 percent had experienced employment discrimination at some point in their lives, and 27 percent had experienced employment discrimination just during the five year period prior to the survey.

GSS data further show that employment discrimination is more common among LGB employees who are open about their sexual orientation in the workplace than among those who are not—38 percent of employees who are out in the workplace had experienced discrimination in the five year period prior to the survey, compared with 10 percent of those who are not out.

"This new data shows that it's still risky to come out about being LGBT in the workplace," says study co-author Christy Mallory, Legal Fellow. "Therefore, it's not surprising that the GSS data also show that one-third of LGB employees are not open about their sexual orientation to anyone at work."

These results are consistent with findings from other recent studies that reveal a continuing pattern of employment discrimination against LGBT people. In several studies from 2010 and 2011 that report data on transgender people separately, the rates of discrimination are even higher.

"Recent studies show that pervasiveness of discrimination against transgender people in the hiring process," says Williams Institute Executive Director Brad Sears. "The devastating results of this discrimination are confirmed by the high rates of poverty and unemployment documented in the transgender community."

Faith

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Love is what matters in situations of life and death, and if this is true on the battlefield, it is also true in everyday life. Paul said that if we did not have love, we would be nothing, and all the great religions teach that God is love.

The Bible is a library of 66 books. Each is to be interpreted within its context, separately. Lumping them together and calling them the "Word of God" is inappropriate.

The individual books remain what they always were: letters, poetry, songs, myths, laws, parables, stories, historical accounts and pastoral letters. Their authors wrote from different perspectives, and as St. Paul writes, "We see but through a glass darkly."

When Jesus saw the shortcomings in Jewish Scripture, he initiated radical changes that challenged the establishment and made unconditional love the standard for human relationships. This is still our challenge today!

The Rev. Dr. David Thompson is Interfaith Chaplain and Executive Director of The Experience in Sacramento, meeting Sunday's in St. Paul's Church, 1430 J St., at 4:04 p.m. He holds degrees in education, theology and ethics from the University of Toronto, Canada.

SVGLS

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The clinics are mandatory for new players and returning players are strongly encouraged to come out as well to meet coaches needing players, refresh skills and start the player rating process that will determine C or D Division ratings.

To keep up with the ever-expanding league, the SVGLS will be moving its games to the Sacramento Softball Complex, located at 3450 Longview Dr., 95821. All games will be played on Monday nights starting Monday, September 12.

For additional information please visit: www.SVGLS.com.

Surfer

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captured by greedy animal smugglers.

Rio is beautiful to look at, surprisingly entertaining, and features fine voice work from George Lopez, Tracy Morgan, Jane Lynch, and Wanda Sykes.

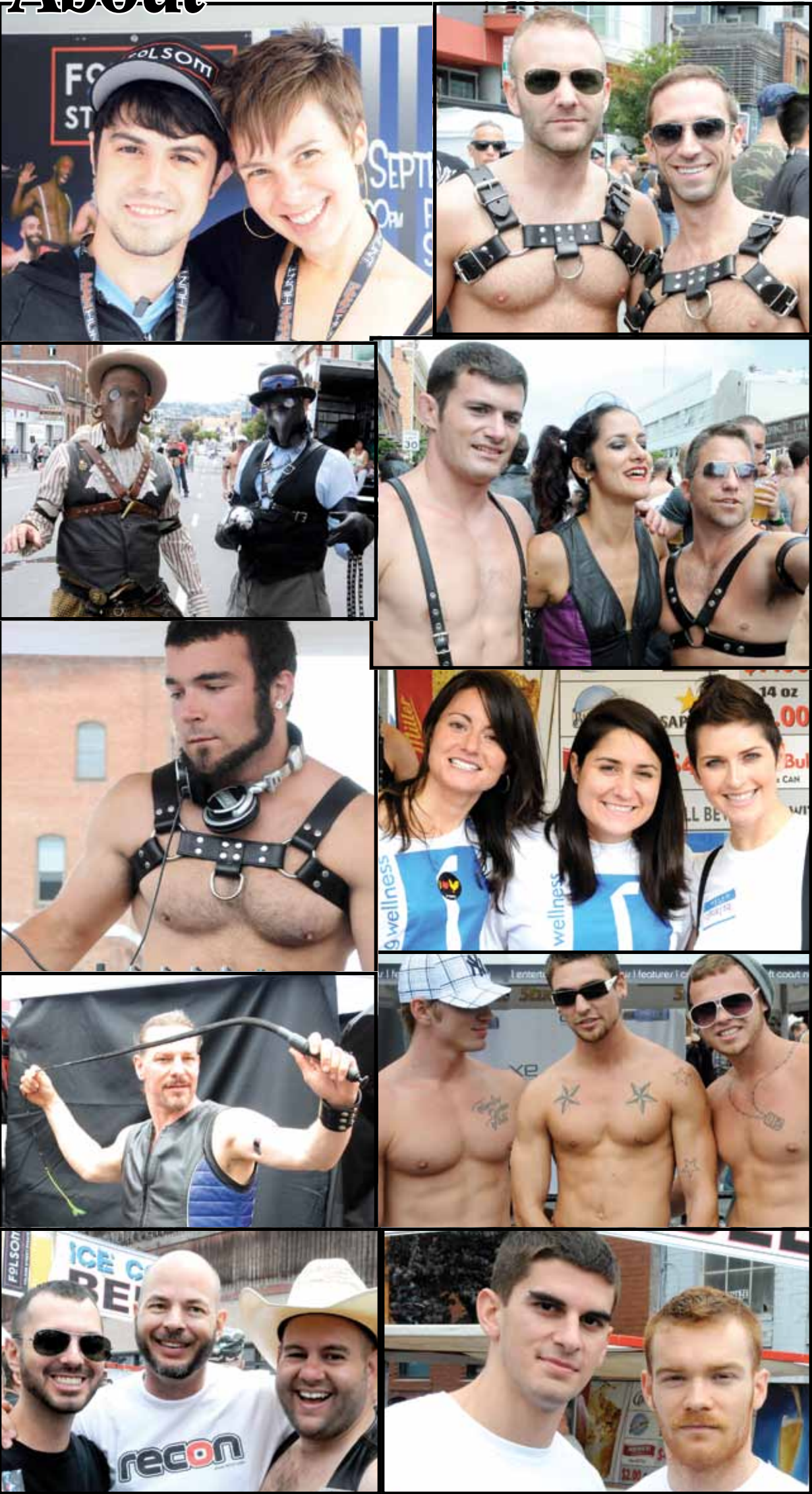
Streetwalkin'

Long before her star turns in HBO's *Treme* and *The Fighter*, Oscar winner Melissa Leo delivered an impressive performance in this gritty 1985 film about a teen runaway seduced into the sleazy world of Times Square hookers, pimps, gangsters and lowlifes.

Directed by Joan Freeman, *Streetwalkin'* is much better than the majority of exploitation pictures from its era and Leo's fans won't want to miss it.

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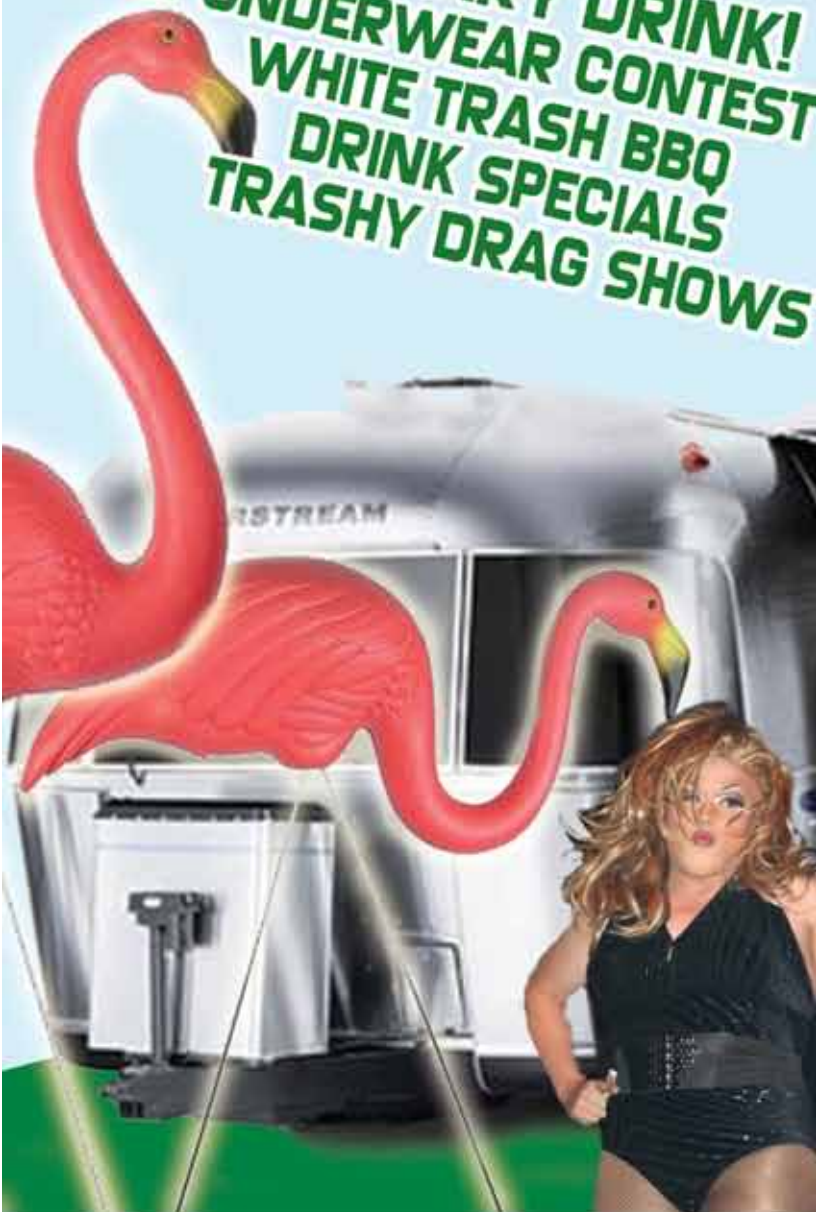
The weather was cool, but the women and men at this year's Dore Alley Fair were Hot! SOMA came alive with the sights and sounds of whips, puppies and a good share of letting it all hang out - sorry, none of those photos here :)



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