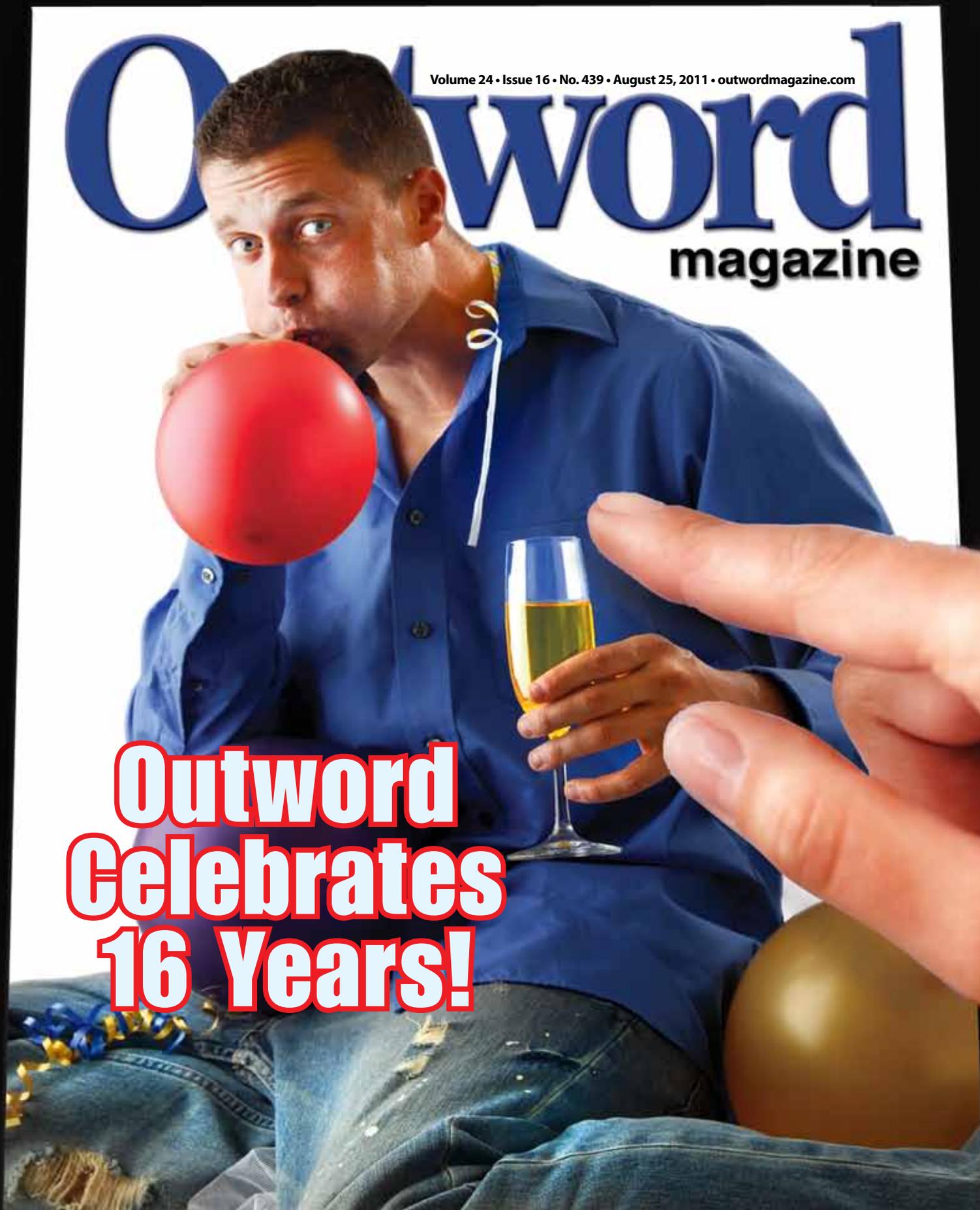


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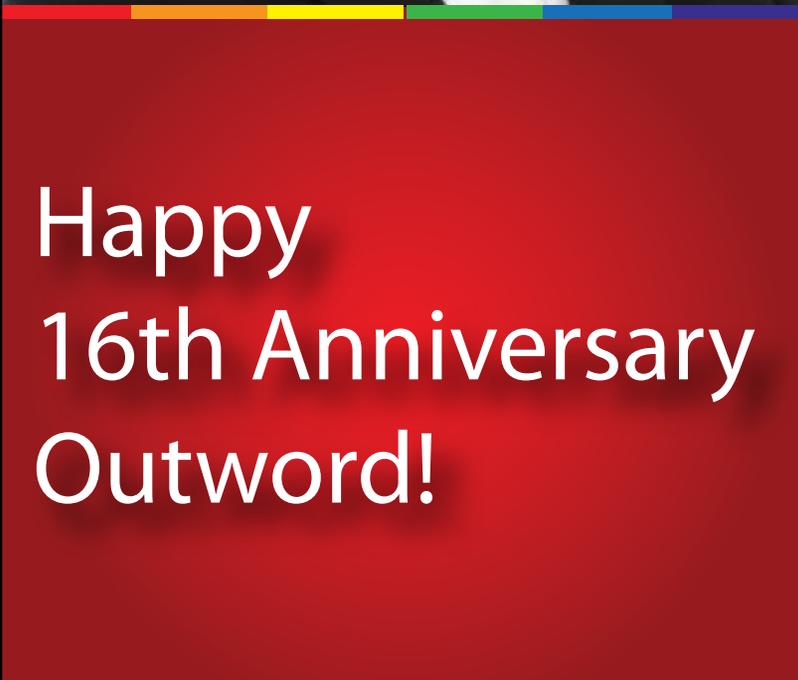
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# Letters

## Ugandan Bishop to Speak in Sacramento

Bishop Christopher Senyonjo, Founder of St. Paul's Reconciliation and Equality Centre for LGBTQ/ Straight Alliance in Uganda, will be the guest at a reception in his honor where he will speak on *Compass To Compassion - Moving Forward Together for LGBT Global Equality.*

The *Compass to Compassion* tour is designed to educate people in free countries about the difficulties facing LGBTQ people in Uganda and the 75 other countries where homosexuality is criminalized, and it is illegal to provide HIV education and prevention services.

The bishop hopes to raise awareness in secular equality movements in the U.S.A. and progressive faith based communities.

Bishop Senyonjo has been a keynote speaker at multiple

## Reader Phone Camera Pic



Our last T-Dance in P-Town. By Kevin G.

international human rights conferences, including two at the United Nations in 2010 which helped to reinstate language protecting LGBTQ people against "extra-judicial" killings.

His presentation will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28 at Sierra Arden United Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave. For more information please call 916-483-5501.

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# From the Pub

## Happy 16th Year Anniversary Outword Magazine!

by Fred Palmer

With this issue, *Outword* marks 16 years of publishing a newsmagazine aimed at serving Sacramento's GLBT community. (Everyone knows what GLBT stands for by now, right?)

While the world has changed around us, so has *Outword*, but we would like to think our basic mission, to our readers and our advertisers, has remained the same.

The very first issue of *Outword* came out in August of 1995. Our cover story was "Rainbow Festival to Mark End of Summer on Its 9th Year Run." Other headlines in that issue included the "1995 AIDS Walk," "International Transgender Employment Day," "Scramble for AIDS Funding Dollars, Due to Budget Cuts" and "Fifes at Russian River Post Flood Update."

It seems funny that some of the headlines over the last 16 years have been repeating over and over again, just add in "Don't Ask Don't Tell," "Gay Marriage" and other, new budget cut headlines, rinse and repeat.

Some memorable movies at that time were "Too Wong Foo" and "Jeffery," both were very groundbreaking because of their gay content. In the classified section there were ads for a studio apartment in midtown for \$350, a home for sale for \$124,900, haircuts for \$25, and a romantic 21 year old seeking a relationship (that person is now 37 years old, I hope that he has found true love by now, at least once!)

Since that first issue we have seen tons of technological developments, things we just take for granted today. ebay was just starting up, plasma TVs were just hitting the market, (42 inches for a mere \$10,000), digital cameras were becoming a reality and the Internet was on the tip of everyone's tongue and fingertips.

At *Outword* we had one Macintosh computer, and had to layout each page on a pasteboard, with wax, pictures were taken on film that needed to be developed and each

finished issue was sent, by courier, to the printer to be printed.

Over the years a computer appeared on each person's desk, the film was replaced with memory cards and the pasteboards were eventually thrown away as the paper could be sent electronically to the printer.

All around us we have seen major advances in our civil rights, domestic partner laws, and marriage (followed by setbacks). We have seen new laws on hate crimes, actions to protect LGBT youth and even legislation on Transgender issues.

We have also had major advancements in HIV/AIDS treatment, as well as other areas in medicine, and many positive advancements for our GLBT community, our lives and where we live and work.

And *Outword* has reported on pretty much all of them.

We are extremely thankful and proud to note that some of the same supporters and advertisers that were with us on day one, are still friends and clients today.

Our February 28, 2002 issue marked a significant redesign of *Outword* made possible with the help of some wonderfully talented people, and although we are not radically altering the look of our paper right now, we are making some pretty cool changes.

We are simplifying the design and layout to offer a cleaner, more modern look. Our ads have, in general, increased in size, and yet in many cases, lowered in price.

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# Rainbow Chamber Elects New Board



The Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento's LGBT business group, elected new members to their Board of Directors on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at their monthly meeting held at Kennedy Gallery. The Board was elected "at large" and will elect officers at their next board meeting. Pictured are (clockwise, l-r) Benjamin Phillips-Leseñana, Stefan Murphy, Megan Lawrence, Dr. Darrick Lawson, Felicia Johnson, Bonnie Osborn, Cecilia Tsang and Joey O'shea (not pictured, Michael Sestak.) Photo by Ron Tackitt.

# NorCal AIDS Cycle Distributes \$190,000

The NorCal AIDS Cycle had a record-setting year in 2011, raising more money for area non-profit organizations than any HIV/AIDS fundraising organization in recent Sacramento history, and returning 70 percent of the total funds raised to beneficiary organizations.

At a ceremony held Aug. 8 at Hot San Francisco (\$4,000) and Shasta Italian Restaurant, the rubber hit Trinity Tehama HIV Food Bank of the road and checks were presented Redding (\$4,500) to the beneficiary organizations: The four-day, 330-mile ride is

said Craig Spatola, Executive Director of Breaking Barriers. "We wouldn't be open today if not for the support of NCAC. It is amazing what a small group of dedicated people can accomplish!"

Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center board member and first-time NorCal AIDS Cycle cyclist Jacob Rowe said he has been inspired by the generosity demonstrated by cyclists, crew members and donors.

"As a first-time cyclist, I was blown away by the generosity of our donors, cyclists and volunteers who devote many hours in training and fundraising to this critically important cause," said Rowe. "It's inspiring to realize that, even in such a tough economic environment, individuals are willing to sacrifice in order to help provide essential services and life-saving care to people living with HIV/AIDS."

There are some 5,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in the Sacramento region, according to CARES – an estimated 1,000 of whom are unaware they are infected.

"There is so much more that needs to be done with the HIV negative youth as well as the positive folks who continue to spread the virus," said Emily Tsuchida, a Nurse Practitioner at CARES. "That is the power of the NCAC ride, as it can provide funds for education and discussion that would otherwise be unavailable."

For more information about the NorCal AIDS Cycle, visit [www.norcalaidscycle.org](http://www.norcalaidscycle.org).



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one of the most successful Sacramento charity fundraisers based on total dollars raised, and was made possible by a record 96 cyclists and 30 volunteer crew members, who also raised money.

Established in 2005, the event has now raised more than \$1 million for non-profit HIV/AIDS service organizations in Sacramento and Northern California.

"With cutbacks in funding for HIV/AIDS organizations at the federal, state and local levels, private fundraising efforts such as NorCal AIDS Cycle are literally what is keeping agencies like ours, and the individuals we serve, alive,"

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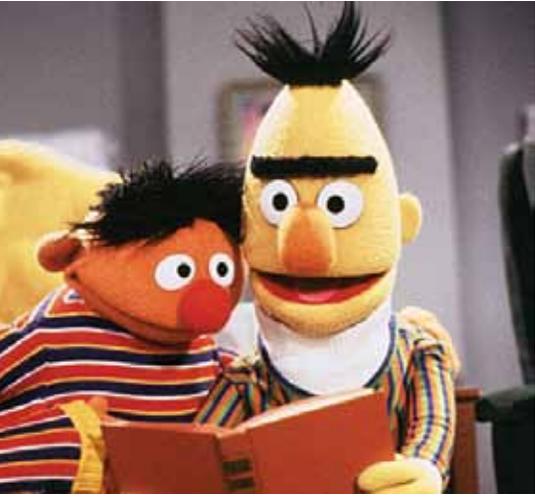
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# Bert & Ernie Spark Gay Marriage Petition Wars



**O**f all the Sesame Street characters, perhaps Bert & Ernie are the ones that have become most endeared to G&L audiences. Although the religious right has long claimed the pair to be a PBS plot to “gay-up” America, PBS has always claimed that the pair are just friends, and like the other Muppets, have no sexual orientation (Miss Piggy was eyeing Kermit for his Fried Frog legs?) Well, now you can weigh in as petition battles have been launched on Facebook, one to out Bert & Ernie called “Let Bert & Ernie get married on Sesame Street” and another to “Leave Bert & Ernie Alone.” So far, Bert & Ernie aren’t talking.

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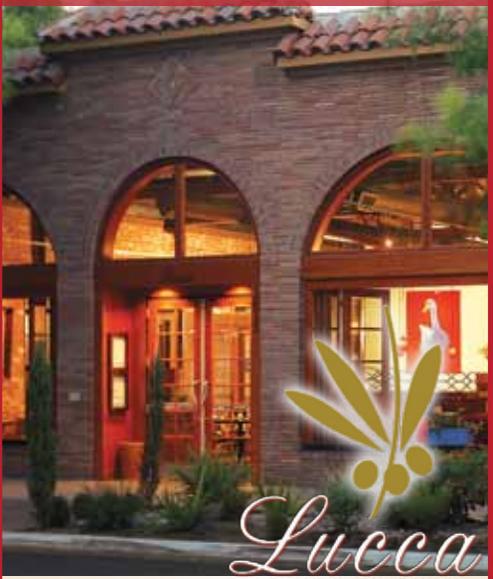
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# APA Confirms Support for the Freedom to Marry

The policymaking body of the American Psychological Association (APA) has voted unanimously, 157-0, to pass a resolution reaffirming its support for the freedom to marry for same-sex couples and again calling for an end to marriage discrimination, citing evidence showing the psychological harms to gay and lesbian people when denied marriage.

“The American Psychological Association represents over 100,000 medical professionals who see day in and day out the real harms gay and lesbian people and their families experience when denied the freedom to marry,” said Evan Wolfson,

Founder and President of Freedom to Marry. “The APA, like every other professional medical, scientific, child-welfare, and social science organization, is calling for an end to the unfair exclusion of same-sex couples and their families from marriage and its crucial meanings to families, including the safety-net it brings to couples and their kids.”

Wolfson recently testified before Congress on behalf of Freedom to Marry, and his testimony can be read at [freedomtomarry.org/WolfsonTestimony](http://freedomtomarry.org/WolfsonTestimony).

# Transgender’s Right to Medical Treatment in Prison Upheld

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit has upheld the right of transgender people to receive medical care while they are incarcerated.

The Court’s decision reverses a Wisconsin law that prohibited prison doctors from prescribing hormone treatment or sex reassignment surgery to transgender inmates.

“This was a discriminatory law that cruelly singled out transgender people by denying them – and only them – the medical care they need,” said John Knight, senior staff attorney with the ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Project.

The appeals court wrote in its Aug. 5 decision: “Surely, had the Wisconsin legislature passed a law that DOC inmates with cancer must be treated only with

therapy and pain killers, this court would have no trouble concluding that the law was unconstitutional. Refusing to provide effective treatment for a serious medical condition serves no valid penological purpose and amounts to torture.”

In 2005, the state of Wisconsin passed a law that barred prison doctors from providing transgender inmates medically necessary hormone therapy or sex reassignment surgery while in state custody. The ACLU, the ACLU of Wisconsin and Lambda Legal sued the state on behalf of transgender inmates, some of whom had been receiving hormone treatment in Wisconsin prisons for years.

More information on the case, *Fields v. Smith*, can be found at [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org) or [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org).

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# Community Profile

by Bonnie Osborn

## Webb Is Justice Warrior for Injured Clients

**K**errie Webb didn't set out to become an attorney. As a young college student at Sacramento State, she focused her passion for helping others into a criminal justice major, where she excelled. But her professors saw a different potential in her and encouraged her to try her hand at law.

Today, as an attorney with Sacramento law firm Kershaw, Cutter & Ratinoff, she puts her

only when it was so far advanced that it was terminal. The woman, who had previously

terminal, "I was able to reach a resolution that she and her family were very happy with.

"Mistakes happen," Webb continues, "but my client's treatment was below the standard of care, and the patient needs to be compensated.

"I deal with some feelings that people have that pursuing claims against doctors is wrong because, in a lot of people's minds, doctors are heroes. I agree with that overall, but there are exceptions where an injury occurs because of negligence. When we are driving a car and hit somebody because we are not paying attention, we expect to have to pay for the damages we cause. That's important, because in our system, people have to have a way to right the wrongs that occur in an organized, non-violent fashion. We have to hold people, including doctors, accountable for their negligence when they hurt someone."

Her empathy for those in need, or hurting, guides her practice which is on a contingency fee basis. "My clients are going to be able to reach me. Their phone calls will be returned; I am available by e-mail, office and cell phone. They are not left wondering what's going on," she says.

Webb, who resides with her partner of 11 years, Angela, and the couple's four-year-old son, Benjamin, also is passionate about providing a safe environment for LGBT people seeking legal services.

"They won't have to wonder whether they have this other layer to deal with. It's important to give my clients the assurance that their family is going to be valued, that the impact their injury has on the quality of life for their whole family will be understood and valued."

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Sacramento attorney Kerrie Webb.

passion to work as a warrior for those who have been harmed, hurt or disabled through no fault of their own. "I feel honored that I am the person my clients trust to help them right this wrong, provide for their families and get the best care they can get at this stage of their lives," she says.

Upon receiving her law degree from McGeorge School of Law more than ten years ago, Webb joined the firm, where she specializes in personal injury and medical malpractice law and also works on product liability and discrimination cases. Many of her clients are people who have been injured in vehicle, workplace or industrial accidents, or for whom medical professionals have not provided competent care.

One former client, after years of ongoing medical treatment, was finally diagnosed with cancer – but

been successfully treated for basal cell carcinoma, was trying to do everything right, returning regularly to her dermatologist for checkups. When a suspicious spot appeared on her head, the dermatologist, who knew her history, did a skin scraping rather than a biopsy.

When the resulting wound failed to heal, the woman returned to her doctor repeatedly – for three years. When the doctor finally performed a biopsy, it was inadequate. Finally, the wound grew so severe the woman's skull was exposed.

After another eight months passed, during which the woman saw the doctor several times a month, the doctor did a second biopsy. It showed a carcinoma. "By that time, a simple skin cancer had burrowed through her skull into her brain," Webb says. Although the woman's condition was by then

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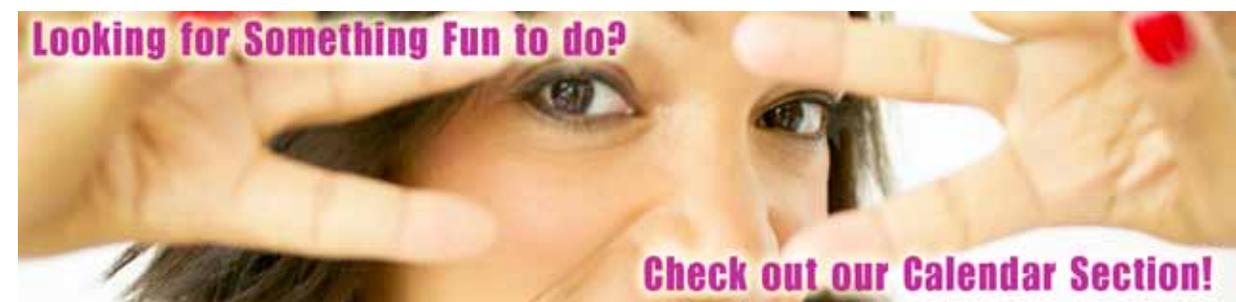
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# HIV Infections Increase Among Young and Black MSM

by Healthy Living News

A new study has revealed that new HIV infections in the U.S. are averaging about 50,000 per year, with an alarming increase in new HIV infections among young men and young black men who have sex with other men (MSM).

The study was done by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) and published in the online journal *PLoS One*. It used a testing method called STARHS that can determine whether an HIV infection is recent. STARHS stands for Serologic Testing Algorithm for Recent HIV seroconversion.

The study, on new infections from 2006 to 2009, revealed no significant change in HIV incidence overall. The infections averaged about 50,000 each year. However, 61 percent were MSM related infections with most being among those between the ages 13-29.

CDC officials expressed concern over the level of new infections. "Not only do men who have sex



with men continue to account for most new infections, young gay and bisexual men are the only group in which infections are increasing, and this increase is particularly concerning among young African-American MSM," said CDC Director Thomas Frieden, M.D.

Some longtime activists were less than forgiving over the government's faltering efforts to slow down the rate of new HIV infections. Especially with prevention data showing that testing and then treating people early on can reduce new infections.

According to the CDC, many young MSM are unaware they are at risk or that they are infected and so need to be screened for HIV. However, stigmas associated with HIV or homosexuality can be obstacles in seeking out testing or treatment.

Studies also show that black males in particular are less likely to disclose their sexual orientation to care providers, especially in health care systems perceived as being racist and homophobic. Other studies have shown that black MSM mistakenly feel less at risk being with other black men even though that partners them within a high-risk group.

# SF Pride 2011 Reports Successful Year

The Board of Directors of San Francisco Pride have announced that this year's San Francisco Pride Celebration and Parade, held June 25 and 26, 2011, were one of the most successful yet in the event's 41 year history, raising over \$168,000.

As a result, 100 percent distribution of grants to Pride's 2011 Community Partners took place on schedule at the organization's annual Check Granting Party on Tuesday, August 16.

This year's Community Partner grants provided funds to over 70

Board Chair, Lisa Williams in a released statement. "So many people from the community came forward to make this the best Pride event in the world, and we could not have done it without the countless hours put in by the Board, Staff, Community Advisory Board, our contractors, SF Pride



One of the many floats in this year's SF Pride Parade and Festival, that drew an estimated 1 million viewers and participants.

non-profit organizations in the Bay Area including STOP AIDS Project, the Homeless Children's Network, the Gay-Straight Alliance Network, the Women's Cancer Resource Center, and many more.

Since the program's inception in 1997, SF Pride has granted over \$1.8 million dollars to its Community Partners.

"We are very excited about the success of this year's Pride Celebration and Parade," said

members, and nearly 1,000 volunteers. We also continue to enjoy the long-term support of the Dorian Fund and the City of San Francisco."

SF Pride 2010 was unable to raise enough funds to honor all of its commitments for 2010. However, Pride 2011 was able to raise the funds needed to fulfill

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# Top Entertainers Heat Up Rainbow Festival 2011



It may have been the coolest summer in years, but things are about to heat up as Rainbow Festival 2011 brings three days of hot entertainment, hot men & women and fun under the sun, and in the clubs, to the biggest little gayborhood in the world.

With events spread over the four midtown gay bars – FACES, Badlands, The Depot and Head Hunters – as well as the 25th Annual Rainbow Festival Street Fair on Sunday at the corner of 20th & K, there promises to be non-stop entertainment and fun the whole weekend.

Things begin to heat up on Friday, Sept. 2 and both Badlands and FACES have lined up a night of dancing, partying and entertainment.

Headlining at FACES on Friday is the legendary Disco Diva Tommi Rose, and Jimmie James. Now working out of LA and Palm Springs, Rose is one of the country's premiere female illusionists and has wowed audiences ever since he was a headliner at Finocchio's in San Francisco. This is one act you won't want to miss!

Across the street at Badlands, Cassandra Cass will be headlining the *San Francisco Diva Show*. The Iowa farm girl escaped the corn fields in 1989 and has never looked back, delighting San Francisco audiences with her talent that has extended to roles in episodes of *CSI* and earned her the title of Fantasy Girl. DJ Pornstar will also be on hand spinning his sexy mix of the latest dance hits. The fun starts at 7 p.m. with dancing all night long.

On Saturday, things start a little later, but are well worth staying up for! Following the usual great nights of dancing at Badlands and FACES, each club will be bringing out a superstar to keep the magic going well into the wee hours.

Starting at 11 p.m. at Badlands, Crystal Waters will take the stage and is sure to pump the beat up a couple hundred notches. Best known for her hit "Gypsy Woman" and its memorable "la da dee, la dee da" refrain, her other hits include "You Turn Me On," "In Da Ghetto" 2007's "Destination" and the #1 U.S. dance hits "My Time" and "Come on Down."

Wynter Gordon will be spinning her own midnight magic at FACES, and her new hit "Dirty Talk" is sweeping the nation and leaving clubbers clamoring for more. And that's what they'll get, look for her to also perform her hits "With the Music I Die," "Til Death" and the new



Chart-topper Cece Peniston will be performing Rainbow Festival weekend.

Pride anthem "Putting it Out There."

Sunday is of course the big day, and it starts with the Rainbow Festival Street Fair. There will be plenty of community booths and vendors lining the streets around 20th and K, so get there early and don't miss any of the fun. Hours for the Festival are from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and there is a \$10 entrance charge, but with the line-up of entertainers and fun events, it is well worth it.

The main stage entertainers may be the best to ever come to Sacramento and the great music will be non-stop. Both Wynter Gordon and Crystal Waters will be recovered from their nights at the clubs and taking the stage. That alone is worth the price of admission, but also singing their hearts out for you will be Cece Peniston, Robin S. and Lonnie Gordon.

Sacramento's own crowd favorite Rendezvous With Cool Beans will also be on hand, plus there will be a muy caliente Latin stage with Vilma Daiz y La Sonora and the very sexy Daniel Hermosillo spicing

things up; a *Battle of the Bitches Drag Show* with FACES taking on Badlands for the crown and the always fun and sexy *Wet T-Shirt/Underwear Contest* poolside at FACES.

But wait, there's more! Depot is also hosting a *Hush Parking Lot Party* from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. that features a Champagne Munch, G Spot sex toy demos, games, music and dancing, Karaoke and more. Still haven't had enough? Then head over to Club Bo Jangles (inside Club 21, 1119 21st St.) for the Official Rainbow Festival Closing Party w/DJ Pornstar who still hasn't run out of thumping hits to keep you grooving well into the night.

Whew! That's a lot of partying! There is a cover charge at the clubs the nights of the performers, and admission to the street Festival is \$10, with kids under 12 free. You can also get an all events weekend pass for only \$50 that will be well worth it. Profits from the Rainbow Festival, as always help support local charities.

"The success of the Rainbow Festival is due largely to an atmosphere of merriment and revelry, combined with pride in ourselves and our community," said Terri Sidie, the Rainbow Festival's founder and driving force. "The event is an excellent outlet for community groups to introduce themselves as well as for those looking for fun and wanting to simply have a great time."

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SATURDAY

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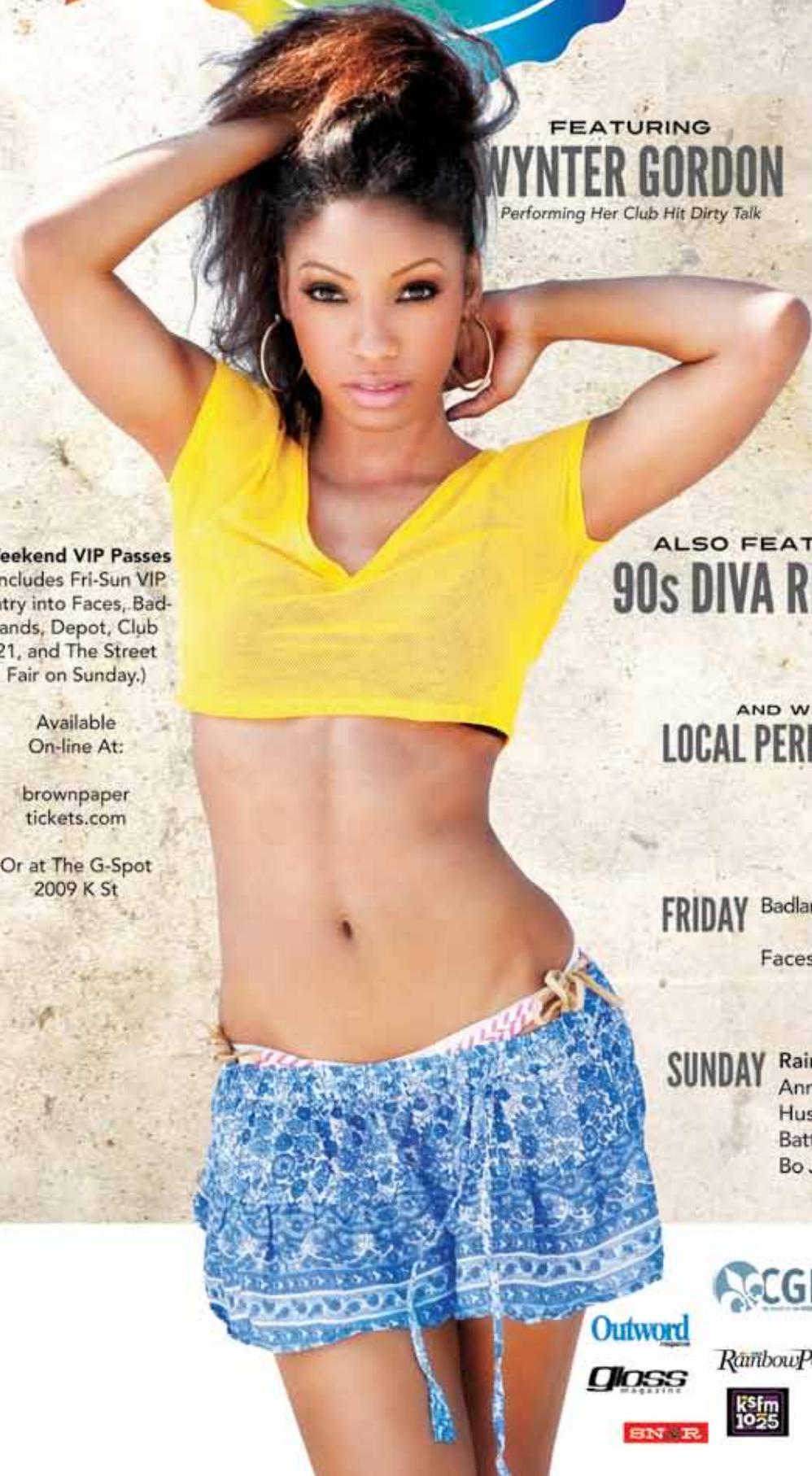
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by Ron Tackitt

I opened the front door and walked into my house. Nothing had really changed, but still, I sensed a loss. It must have been the retro turntable stereo I had been assembling for my good friend, Richard. I was the one that packed it up and shipped it out that very morning, but still, I have to say I kind of missed it.

Besides the fond memories of playing vinyl albums, I had also grown really fond of the speakers I was bundling with the turntable for Richard. They were, by my standards, tiny bookshelf speakers made by an old fave of mine, NHT. I've owned several pairs of NHTs over the years, but never these little "SuperZero 2s."

As it turns out, that has been my loss. The Zeros were black and finished in a high gloss piano-type finish with black grills. Their diminutive size means they could pretty much hide out on any bookshelf, but there was no hiding their sound.

It's possible to talk speaker theory for hours, suffice to say, I'm not going to. I'm merely going to point out that for the size and price of these little wonders, I could not begin to offer an alternative.

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# Music

by Chris Narloch

## What Matters Most to Barbra Streisand New CD of Bergman Songs Reviewed

**B**arbra Streisand is a recording industry unto herself. The singer has been with the same record label, Columbia Records, for almost 50 years, an incredible achievement in the fickle music business, and one shared only by the equally amazing Tony Bennett.

Streisand is the only artist to achieve number one albums in five consecutive decades, and she is the only woman to make the top 10 all time best selling artists list, which includes Elvis Presley and The Beatles.

The singer has achieved her success, at least in music, not by innovating or changing with the times but by sticking to her strengths. True, she has occasionally strayed into other musical genres, including rock and even disco, but she always comes back to what she does best, namely ballads and Broadway.

Her previous album, *Love Is The Answer*, which was produced by Diana Krall, was Streisand's best release in years, perhaps decades. It would be a tough act for any artist



to follow, and, predictably, the singer's new CD is nowhere near as good. Still, it does contain several gems interpreted in singular Streisand fashion.

*What Matters Most* is Streisand's tribute to her friends, songwriters Alan and Marilyn Bergman, who are responsible for a number of the

singer's biggest hits, including "The Way We Were" and "You Don't Bring Me Flowers." The new CD is a collection of their songs not previously recorded by Streisand.

Not surprisingly, the first and last songs on the new disc are the strongest. Streisand leads with a gorgeous version of "The Windmills of Your Mind," the hauntingly beautiful, Oscar-winning song from the 1968 film *The Thomas Crown Affair*.

The singer's phrasing on that cut, and on the CD's title track, which is the last song on the disc, is as remarkable as ever. She also nails the lushly romantic "Solitary Moon" and "Alone in the World."

On the downside, even a vocalist as skilled as Streisand can't do much with dull material like "So Many Stars" or "The Same Hello, The Same Goodbye." Luckily, more of the tracks on *What Matters Most* succeed than fail.

When the singer wraps her voice around a really good lyric and melody, such as "That Face" or "Nice 'n' Easy," the results are lovely.

## A Broken Heart Inspires Matt Zarley

**M**att Zarley is not at all shy about his rugged good looks, but it is his emotions and singing voice that are propelling him to the top and heating up the charts and dance clubs around the world.

Zarley has received critical acclaim as an openly gay singer/songwriter; has been named one of *People Magazine's* "Hottest Bachelors"; has performed on Broadway; and, has had Billboard Dance hits, but the release of his new CD, *Change Begins with Me* featuring the single "WTF," may just be the biggest change in his life.

All of the songs on the emotionally-charged CD were co-penned by Zarley and feature such songwriting collaborators and producers as Grammy winner Andy Zulla and Mark Picchiotti, among others.

Songs such as "Perfect," "Forgive Me (For Not Forgiving You)," "Thank You For You," "Trust Me," "Apology," and "I'll Always Remember" reflect the journeys of some of Zarley's personal relationships with a poignancy and self-discovery for the singer/songwriter.

"Like many songwriters, my music is really inspired by love and heartbreak," admits Zarley. "During the recovery process after a painful break up a few years ago I had an

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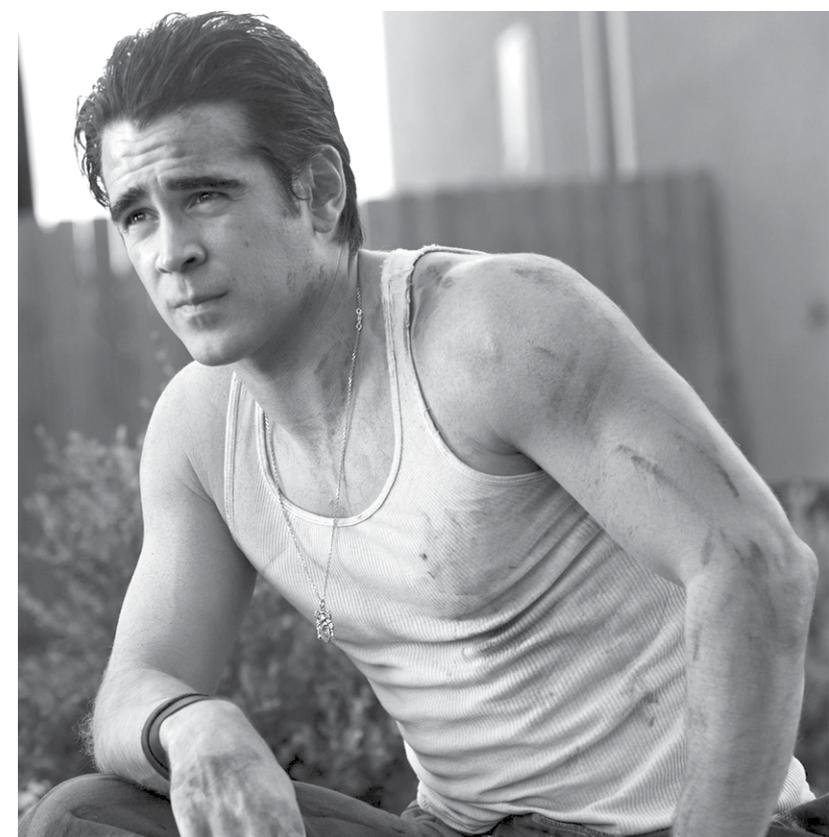
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# Movies

by Chris Narloch

## Scary Summer Cinema

I rarely review horror movies anymore because most of them, especially the *Saw* series, contain too much gore for my weak stomach. (The proliferation of 3D splatter films has not helped matters.)



Colin Farrell plays the hunky vampire-next-door in the remake of *Fright Night*.

So, I am pleased to report that there are three scary movies of interest currently in theaters, and only one of them is being presented in 3D – the new *Fright Night*, which was at least shot in 3D. The other two titles, *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* and *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*, are in glorious 2D.

### Fright Night

Having never seen the original 1985 *Fright Night* film, I went into this new reboot with an open mind. Fans of the first version, which has become a beloved cult film in some quarters, may cry foul, but I enjoyed much of the remake, especially Colin Farrell's performance as the hunky vampire-next-door.

Anton Yelchin also acquits himself admirably, as the teenaged vampire hunter hero, and he is ably supported by Toni Collette and Imogen Poots as his character's mother and girlfriend, respectively.

Also along for the scary-funny ride is Christopher Mintz-Plasse (from *Superbad*), who has a deliriously drawn-out death scene that is one of the film's highlights. But it's Farrell (in smokin'-hot sexy

tight jeans, Farrell understands that a successful vampire performance must be equal parts sexy and sinister.

To its credit, the movie's R-rating is soft rather than hard. (The language in this *Fright Night* is more graphic than the violence.)

### Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Audiences have gone ape for this nifty new version of *Planet of the Apes*, starring James Franco – it topped the box office its first two weeks of release.

Movie fans were apparently ready for a return of the “apes gone wild” concept, and the film is a beautifully-made B-movie with excellent special effects and a first-rate cast.

Franco plays a corporate research scientist using apes to test a cure for Alzheimer's who gets in over his head after he brings home the surviving baby chimp. It's not long before hairy beasts are on the loose in San Francisco (and I'm not talking about Friday night in the Castro.)

The people who made this movie were smart enough to know that the casting and the script are at

mode) who makes the movie a must-see.

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## Legends of Flight Lands at IMAX

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Filmed in 15/70 3D for IMAX theaters and other Giant Screen venues, *Legends of Flight* is a visually captivating presentation that explores the relationships between natural flight, advanced design, innovative assembly techniques and operational technologies that have brought us to the dawn of a new era in aircraft design.

Viewers will soar engineless through breathtaking mountain passes, feel the wind in their hair barnstorming in a Stearman bi-plane, and will experience sheer flight exhilaration as a Harrier Jump Jet leaps into the sky at the pilot's command and then rockets to tactical speed.

*Legends of Flight* debuts at the Esquire IMAX Theatre just in time for the sixth annual California Capital Airshow (CCA) at Mather Field in Sacramento on September 10 and 11. The CCA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the importance of aviation, and enhancing awareness for the service and sacrifice of our military men and women.

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# Calendar

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## Aug.

### Thursday, 25

**ECLECTIC TRASH BOOK CLUB**  
Join this LGBT book club for a lively discussion of *The Silver Hearted* by David McConell. 7 p.m. Lavender Library, 1414 21st St. Info: 916-492-0558 LavenderLibrary.org

### Friday, 26

**BEARS IN THE SAC**  
The Sacramento Valley Bears kick off the fun with a Midtown

Bar Crawl, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Depot, and finish the night off with a dance party at Badlands starting at 8 p.m. Info: sacbears.org

### CHICO RAINBOW SHOW

A Pride kick-off concert with Coyote Grace, Xavier Toscano & Aubrey Debauchery. 7 p.m. \$10. Chico Women's Club. Info: stonewallchicopride.com

### Saturday, 27

#### BEARS IN THE SAC

The Sacramento Valley Bears head to the pool for some rays, good food and better company. Later that night, the action moves to The Bolt for an Underwear

Party, beer bust, campout and more. Info: sacbears.org

### STONEWALL CHICO PRIDE

Entertainment and live performances all day including: Sisters of Perpetual Indulgences of Reno, Jovi Radtke and C. Foster, fashion shows by local designers, vendors, food and music, DJ dancing and much more. \$5 suggested donation. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Downtown City Plaza. Info: stonewallchicopride.com

### CHICO PRIDE DANCE

Take your Pride and boogie with it. Downtown City Plaza. Info: stonewallchicopride.com

### Sunday, 28

#### BEARS IN THE SAC

The Sacramento Valley Bears head out for brunch and then to the pool at FACES for some rays, free BBQ and good friends. Info: sacbears.org

### WHITE TRASH BASH

TJ and the Depot are celebrating their 14th Anniversary and throwing a parking lot party, with a complimentary drink, wet underwear contest, white trash BBQ, Taryn's trashy drag shows and drink specials. 5 - 9 p.m. The Depot, 2001 K St.

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### GAMES @ LAVENDER LIBRARY

It's Gaymer Geek Board Game Night, with games from modern strategy to old favorites. 7 - 9 p.m. The Lavender Library, 1414 21st St. Info: 916-492-0558 LavenderLibrary.org

## Sep.

### Thursday, 1

#### LEATHER 101

The Sacramento Valley Leathercorps hosts a class on various aspects of the leather community. 18+ open to all. \$5 suggested donation. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The Geery Theater, 2130 L St. Info: svlclub.com

### Friday, 2

#### RAINBOW FESTIVAL

Sacramento's gayest festival kicks off with live performances by Disco Diva Tommi Rose and Jimmy James at FACES and the SF Diva Drag Show with Cassandra Cass and DJ Pornstar at Badlands. 20th & K Sts. Info: CGNIE.org

### VETERANS NIGHT OUT

Join the LGBT Sacramento Valley Veterans and active duty folks for a night on the town with food, fun and camaraderie. Start at 5:30 p.m. at the Depot, (2001 K St.) Then we'll go to Head Hunters for those who want dinner. Info: 916-436-7676 SacLGBTVeterans.org

### Saturday, 3

#### RAINBOW FESTIVAL

Sacramento's gayest festival gets even better with superstars Crystal Waters at Badlands (11 p.m.) and Wynter Gordon at FACES (midnight). 20th & K Sts. Info: CGNIE.org

### CHALK IT UP SACRAMENTO

An amazing display of sidewalk chalk art by local artists - bring your cameras! Plus live music and premier craft and food vendors. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, 16th & P Sts. Info: chalkitup.org

### Sunday, 4

#### RAINBOW FESTIVAL

Sacramento's gayest festival takes to the streets, with community and vendor booths, and live performances by Crystal Waters, Wynter Gordon, Cece Peniston, Robin S., Lonnie Gordon, RWCB, and more. Plus a Latin stage with Daniel Hermosillo and Vilma Diaz Y La Sonora. Plus, Hush Parking Lot Party at the Depot, wet T-shirt contests and the Bojangles' Closing Party. 20th & K Sts. Info: CGNIE.org

### SVL MEET & GREET

Join and meet members of the Sacramento Valley Leathercorps for breakfast and then go as a group to the Rainbow Festival. Pancake Circus, 21st & Broadway. Info: sacvlllylthrcorp.org

### Tuesday, 6

#### CGNIE MEETING

Meet members of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, and find out what CGNIE is all about and how you can join them at their monthly general meeting. Potluck. 6 p.m. Kennedy Gallery, 1114 20th St. Info: www.cgnie.org

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# Entertainment

## The Great American Trailer Park Musical

South Park meets Desperate Housewives in *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, a two-hour slice of white trash heaven with a cheeky script and infectious music.

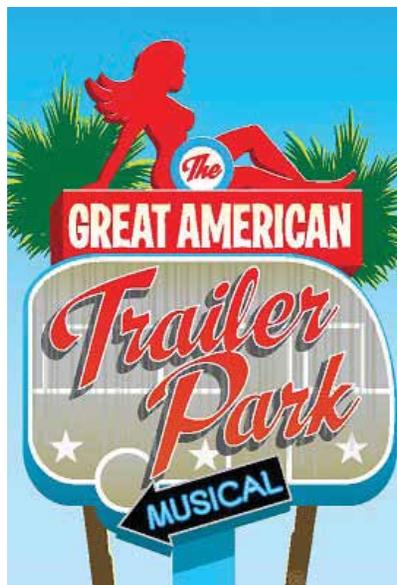
There's a new tenant at the Armadillo Acres, and she's wreaking havoc all over Florida's most exclusive trailer park.

When Pippi, the stripper on the run, comes between the Dr. Phil-loving, agoraphobic Jeannie and her tollbooth collector husband, Norbert, the storms begin to brew.

The original off-Broadway production of the show was described by *The New Yorker* as "more fun than a chair-throwing episode of Jerry Springer set to music."

*The Great American Trailer Park Musical* plays Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. through September 11 at the Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre in Old Fair Oaks Village, a terrific venue that is open-air and under the stars.

Call 916-966-3683 or visit FairOaksTheatreFestival.com.



## Kevin Spacey Brings *Richard III* to S.F.

The recent smash hit production of William Shakespeare's *Richard III*, which opened at The Old Vic in London on June 29, 2011, is already slated to play San Francisco this October. Kevin Spacey reteams with his "American Beauty" director, Sam Mendes, for this highly acclaimed production.

*Richard III* places San Francisco on a roster of 11 locations around the world that have been chosen to host the production, including London, Epidaurus, Hong Kong, Aviles, Spain, Istanbul, Beijing, Singapore, Sydney and New York.

Kevin Spacey, Artistic Director of The Old Vic, plays the title role in *Richard III*, and the Curran Theatre in San Francisco is the only U.S. venue, other than BAM in New York, to host this landmark event.

Tickets for *Richard III* went on sale Friday, August 19 and range from \$35-\$150. The production will play the Curran October 19-29. To see if any tickets are left, please visit [www.shnsf.com](http://www.shnsf.com).



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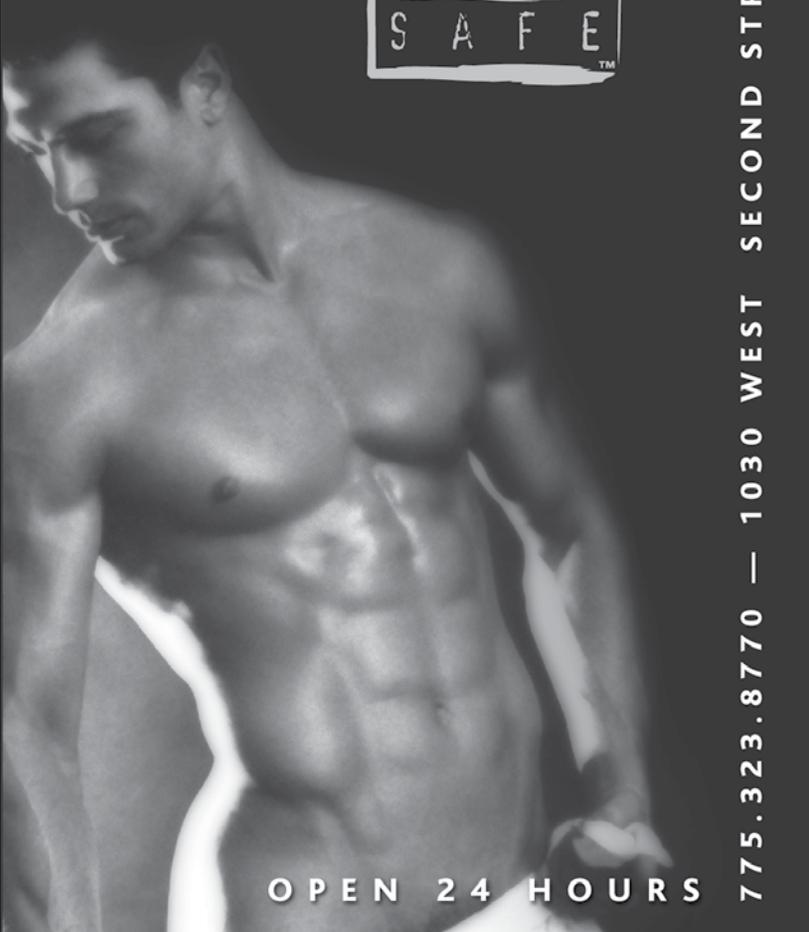
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*Outword's* original tag line was "The Word is Out" and our mission was simple: To serve, entertain, educate and inform. Additionally, we hoped to provide pride and empowerment in our community and ourselves. Those words still stand strong as our mission today.

Of course, we would not be successful without the years of work from our dedicated staff, writers, editors, photographers, graphic designers and sales people.

The final piece of the puzzle is you, and I would like to thank all of you, our loyal readers, for picking us up, or these days, for reading us online or on our iPad/iPhone app.

As the publisher and owner of *Outword*, I still feel that together we really can make a difference -- by speaking out and by volunteering our time and our money to continue to fight for equality. If you do nothing, then you deserve what you get -- sorry.

Thank-you for helping us celebrate our 16th birthday!

## Movies

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least as important as the special effects in a horror movie. Franco, Freida Pinto and John Lithgow make us believe in the silly yet scary story, which is efficiently structured despite its clichés.

Special mention must also go to Andy Serkis, the genius actor who gave life to Gollum in *The Lord of the Rings* films. Serkis similarly breathes realistic life into the leader of the ape rebellion, Caesar, who bonds with his human 'dad' (Franco) before drug side effects turn him into a sequel-ready psycho-ape.

### Don't Be Afraid of the Dark

I wasn't able to preview this one before we went to press, but I have modestly high hopes given the fact that one of the producers -- he also co-wrote the script -- is Guillermo del Toro, who is currently my favorite fantasy/horror director.

Del Toro, the man behind *Pan's Labyrinth* and the *Hellboy* movies, was inspired by a 1973 telefilm of the same name that he considers to be the scariest TV production ever made. (The out of print original is being rereleased on DVD to coincide with the new version in theaters.)

The remake was directed by Troy Nixey and stars Katie Holmes, Guy Pearce, and Bailee Madison as Sally, a young girl who moves to Rhode Island to live with her father (Pearce) and his new girlfriend (Holmes) in the 19th-century mansion they are restoring.

While exploring the house, Sally starts to hear voices coming from creatures in the basement whose hidden agenda is to claim her as one of their own.

## SF Pride

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2010's commitments, and those final payments were made prior to this year's Pride event.

"We're moving in a very positive direction," added Williams. "Pride is here to stay, and as the Board enters its annual planning phase, we remain committed to both positioning the SF Pride organization for long-term success, and to continue supporting our Community Partners, as we have done for the past 15 years."

For more information on San Francisco Pride, visit [sfpride.org](http://sfpride.org).

## Zarley

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epiphany and after accepting my contributions to the reason for the split, I really began to work on myself."

From this experience Matt co-wrote the title track, with Zulla and Chris Curtis, (featuring the amazing sounds of the Broadway Inspirational Voices).

"I believe that you can never really expect people to change and sometimes it requires you to change things in your own life to find happiness," says Zarley. "If you want your life to change, I think those changes first have to start within."

In addition, the CD features the hot dance tune, "WTF," co-written by Matt and renowned DJ/producer, Mark Picchiotti, who also took on the role as producer for the original track as well as two of the remixes. The single recently debuted at #2 on the Billboard Breakouts for Hot Dance Club Play chart.

Zarley's passion for songwriting resulted in his first solo album, *Debut*, which was released in 2002. The set featured the Billboard dance hit, "You Always Want (what u ain't got)" and "Say Goodbye," which is also featured on the all-star Human Rights Campaign (HRC) benefit CD, *Being Out Rocks*.

To learn more about Zarley, visit [www.MattZarley.com](http://www.MattZarley.com).

### Read on Facebook... (about online dating)

"When we gonna hook up?"

"When we gonna meet and play?"

Dude, we coulda met up a loooong time ago and done the deed already if you would have bothered to post a "pic" that was not taken via satellite through a cement block and three layers of gauze and axle grease. You don't have to show your junk but I ain't lookin to f\*\*\* a baseball hat and a pair of sunglasses.

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