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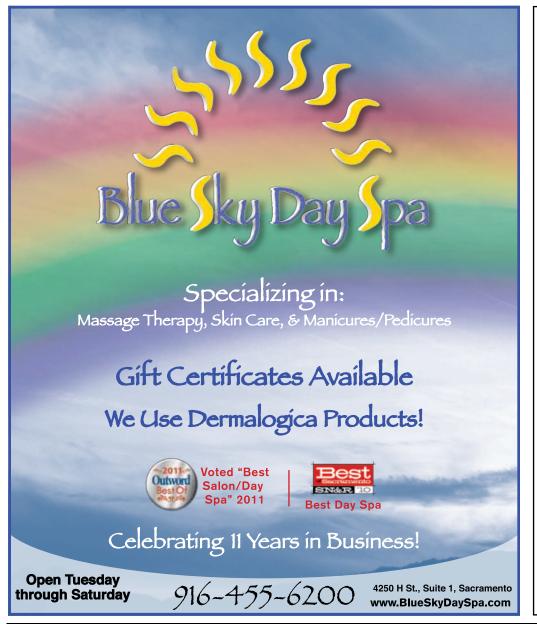
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Bill Fixing Inequalities Between DPs and Marriage Advances

egislation that removes inequalities between domestic partnership and marriage passed the Assembly on Thursday, Sept 8. Senate Bill 651, authored by Senator Mark Leno, eliminates important legal differences that continue to exist between domestic partnerships and marriage.

The legislation, known as the Domestic Partnership Equality Act, ends the requirement that couples must reside in the same household, allows same-sex couples to enter into a confidential domestic partnership and removes age restrictions that do not apply to marriages.

"By maintaining different requirements for domestic partners and married couples, California law continues to be inconsistent with the Supreme Court's ruling that all couples be treated equally," said Senator Leno (D-San Francisco). "This bill will remedy some of those final inequities, including whether couples must live at the same residence before applying for a domestic partnership. As we inch ever closer to equality, the only way to ensure fair treatment is to allow all loving couples the right to marry, but this is a step in the right direction."

SB 651 closes the gap on some of the remaining differences between marriage and domestic

partnership in California. However, same-sex couples still are denied more than 1,000 federal rights that come only with marriage.

"Committed same-sex couples in California continue to experience harm every day without the freedom to marry," said Roland Palencia, Executive Director of Equality California. "The Domestic Partnership Equality Act helps to lessen some of those harms and inequities in the state of California, and we thank Senator Leno for his continued leadership in the fight for full equality."

In addition to addressing inequalities between domestic partnership and marriage, SB 651 allows same-sex couples who married in California, but have since moved to another state, to petition for a divorce if one is not allowed in the state where the couple currently resides.

The bill now returns to the Senate for a concurrence vote on amendments taken in the Assembly before heading to Governor Jerry Brown's desk.

Assembly Sends Governor Bill Clarifying Fallen Service Members Wills

he Assembly has approved and sent to Governor Brown AB 905, legislation that would require California to recognize Defense Department (DD) Form 93 as an acceptable written instrument of will for all military service members.

The bill, authored by Dr. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento), was passed by the Assembly on Sept. 2, and has particular importance in safeguarding the rights of LGBT servicemembers.

"As Vice Chair of the California Assembly Committee on Veterans, I am proud to have worked with members of the military, which now include openly-LGBT fighting men and women, to ensure DD Form 93 provides all of them rights DD Form 93, there is a potential that they deserve," said Dr. Pan. We have also had support in this effort from Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez, who has been a leader in seeing the rights of all Americans respected under the law. Putting

our fallen military service members to rest is among the most solemn and honorable of our duties as a nation and AB 905 helps us carry out their will in these matters."

All military service members complete DD Form 93 to designate Persons Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) of their remains. But because California law does not currently recognize for civil actions between family members over the ultimate disposition of a fallen service member's remains.

With the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." AB 905 would also

provide this federal clarity of will for the families of openly gay and lesbian service members who have sacrificed their lives in service to their country.

"AB 905 will ensure the federal standards and rights provided under DD Form 93 benefit military service members from California, helping their families and partners carry out their will regarding the disposition of their remains should they make the ultimate sacrifice for their country," said Assembly Speaker John A Pérez. "All Californians wearing the uniform put their lives on the line and it is our responsibility as a society to honor their commitment to defending us."

The DD Form 93 is required to be witnessed by an authorized military official, and it is updated

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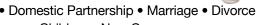
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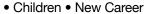


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Seth's Law Passes CA Senate

The Senate has approved Seth's Law (AB 9), designed to address the pervasive problem of school bullying by providing California schools with tools to create a safe school environment for all students.

The bill is authored by Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco) and co-sponsored by a coalition of organizations advancing LGBT equality, including Equality California, the ACLU of California, National Center for Lesbian Rights, Gay-Straight Alliance Network and The Trevor Project. It was passed in a 24-14 vote in the Senate on Sept. 1, and now goes to the Governor for his signature.

"I want to thank my colleagues in the Senate for taking this important step forward to ensure that schools have the necessary tools to prevent any young person from being bullied, harassed or worse because of their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression," said Ammiano. "As a former teacher, I know how important it is for our students to feel safe at school. We have a moral duty to prevent bullying and Seth's Law will help schools protect students, and prevent and respond to bullying before a tragedy occurs."

The bill is named in memory of Seth Walsh, a 13-year-old gay student from Tehachapi, CA, who took his life in September 2010, after facing years of relentless anti-gay harassment at school.

"All students deserve to receive an education without fearing for their safety because of who they are," said Roland Palencia, Executive Director of Equality California. "Seth's law is an important step forward in ensuring schools have the knowledge and tools they need to prevent bullying. We thank Assemblymember Ammiano, Assembly Speaker Pérez, the LGBT Caucus and allied lawmakers for championing this critical piece of legislation."

"All students should be able to learn in an environment that is safe and free from bullying and harassment, but that is not the reality for many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students," said Carolyn Laub, Executive Director of Gay-Straight Alliance Network. "Seth's Law will help our schools recognize and address the serious and often devastating consequences of bullying in California's schools."

Governor Brown has not indicated whether he will sign the bill into law, and has until Oct. 9 to act on the legislation.

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GetEQUAL Vows "We Will No Longer Accept Hate Crimes At The Ballot Box"

etEQUAL – a national LGBT civil rights organization primarily using non-violent civil disobedience to stand up to bigotry and hate – responded to a vote by the North Carolina State Senate to send a homophobic state constitutional amendment to the voters in May 2012, by issuing lawmakers and state leaders a blunt warning: "We will no longer accept statesponsored hatred."

GetEQUAL NC, along with GetEQUAL (the organization responsible for last year's White House fence arrests that helped spur the passage of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell's" repeal) and other various local North Carolina equality advocates, announced publicly on Sept. 14 that they have already begun organizing and planning for acts of civil disobedience in the lead-up to the marriage vote in May 2012 and the Democratic National Convention in September 2012 in Charlotte.

"Yesterday, the politicians of this state – my state – cemented their future legacies alongside those of George Wallace, Bull Connor and the other most notorious bigots in America's

history," said Angel Chandler, GetEQUAL's
North Carolina Lead State Organizer. "Today,
we have a very clear message for them – the
days when North Carolina's LGBT population
sat silently in their closets, too ashamed to
stand up and fight this act of state-sponsored
bigotry and hatred, are over. We are no longer
willing to work within the confines of
discrimination and hate displayed yesterday by
North Carolina's politicians. We are standing
up, our voices will be heard, and we will work
to disarm opponents of progress in this country
by calling them out publicly for the nation to
see their bigotry."

The White House released a statement

yesterday stating the President's long opposition to "divisive and discriminatory efforts to deny rights and benefits to same-sex couples." However, President Obama's refusal to publicly state his own, personal support for marriage equality – and directly address the solely political decision by the State legislators that removes the rights of LGBT Americans and their families – has sparked a new wave of actions in support of full federal equality.

GetEQUAL NC is leading the charge, demanding the President speak out publicly in support of marriage equality and specifically condemn yesterday's vote by the North Carolina legislature to deny dignity and respect to this minority group of Americans.

President Obama's public endorsement of marriage equality is important, as he will be spending a lot of time in North Carolina over the next year. In addition to today's appearance in Raleigh to push his jobs bill, the fact that that Democratic National Convention will take place in Charlotte will make the state a

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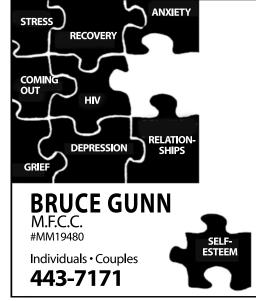
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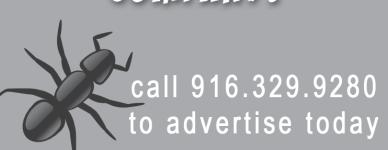
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LeVar Burton to Serve as Spokesperson for AIDS Research Alliance

IDS Research Alliance has announced that actor/activist LeVar Burton has become a spokesman for its AIDS cure research campaign and will headline its October 13 annual benefit, *Art Deco & Jazz*, at downtown LA's fabled Cicada Restaurant.



"AIDS Research Alliance is honored by LeVar Burton's support and involvement in our organization," said Carolyn Carlburg, President and CEO of ARA. "We could not ask for a more dedicated and passionate advocate for our cause."

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The alliance won the Pepsi Refresh online contest last year, earning \$250,000 to build a new high-tech laboratory for testing prostratin. While the drug has shown promise, millions of dollars worth of additional tests are required. ARA's cure research is independent of government or university funding.

"I'm looking forward to spreading the word about prostratin and the importance of raising money to support research on this promising drug developed at the AIDS Research Alliance," said Burton. "ARA needs to grow and expand research on a cure for HIV and get FDA approval to test prostratin on patients."

Burton will join ARA supporters enjoying the sounds of Grammy-nominated vocalist Monica Mancini, daughter of Henry Mancini, at the Thursday, October 13, benefit. Art Deco & Jazz, at Cicada in the landmark1928 Oviatt Building in downtown Los Angeles, will honor the pioneering work of three prominent HIV physicians.

The physicians being honored include: Michael Gottlieb MD, a physician widely credited with reporting the first cases of AIDS in 1981; Wilbert Jordan MD, founder and director of OASIS Clinic in 1985, still the only AIDS medical service organization in South Los Angeles; and Robert Winters MD, Associate Medical Director of ARA and one of its longest-serving medical professionals.

Tickets to Art Deco & Jazz are available by contacting aidsresearch.

org.

CGNIE Awards Scholarships at Rainbow Festival



CGNIE, The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, awarded two La Kish Hayworth Memorial Scholarship Awards, at this year's Rainbow Festival on Sept. 4. The \$250 scholarships went to Andy Leggett and Christie McElroy to help them complete an educational degree in the performing or visual arts and were presented by Rich Jones, CGNIE's Scholarship Director.

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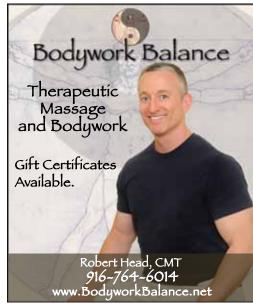
Supervisors Recognize LGBTs in Redistricting Process



The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors recognized members of the LGBT community who formed an ad hoc committee and worked tirelessly to ensure that the community was recognized as a "community of interest" in regard to the elective redistricting process. Pictured are (I-r) Sara Freid, Steve Hansen, Rosanna Herber, Supervisor Phil Serna, Dr. Darrick Lawson, Paul Curtis, Eireanne Flannery, Dennis Mangers, Bonnie Osborn and Benjamin Phillips-Leseñana. "LGBT advocates clearly voiced their community of interest's position throughout the redistricting process. This will have a positive effect on local elective politics and governance for years to come," said County Supervisor Phil Serna.

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Homophobia in Sports: How LGBT Athletes & Allies are Changing the Game

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There are currently no out major league athletes in the United States, however, IN THE LIFE in its upcoming September episode Changing the Game, goes inside the aggressive, homophobic world of sports with "Bam Bam" Meulens of the SF Giants, Former NY Giants Running Back Tiki Barber, Rugby Star Ben Cohen and college wrestling champ Hudson Taylor to get an insiders look at homophobia in sports.

Featuring the pioneering work of GLSEN's Pat Griffin, out college athletes, and the Fearless exhibit IN THE LIFE documents the concerted effort to end homophobia in sports.

"I always hearken it back to the Jackie Robinson era. Think about a time when African-Americans weren't allowed to play sports simply because of the color of their skin. Think about the contributions that were missed then that are now capitalized on. It's the same thing with sexual orientation as it was



Columbia University wrestling coach and Division 1 All-American wrestler Hudson Taylor talks about Athlete Ally, a Web site he started "as a resource to encourage athletes, coaches, parents, fans and other members of the sports community to respect all individuals involved in sports, regardless of perceived or actual sexual-orientation or gender identity or expression." Taylor is seen here in taking down an opponent when he wrestled for the University of Maryland Terrapins

with skin color. It doesn't matter. You're either a great athlete or you're not," said Tiki Barber, former running back with the NY Giants.

Changing the Game will air on

KVIE 6 at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 24, and repeated on Tuesday, Sept. 27 also at 11:30 p.m. For more information, visit www. itlmedia.org.

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As a part of prestigious U.S. Masters Synchronized Swimming Championships, an attempt to set the Guinness World Record of "The World's Largest Human Floating Pink Ribbon" will be made - and they need floaters.

What began as a sporting event has become so much more. The Sacramento Synchronized Swim Team and United States Synchronized Swimming are partnering with the Sacramento Valley Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the California Skin Cancer Prevention Program to bring a unique and memorable event to California. From October 13-16. 2011 the Roseville Aquatic Center will be the site of the U.S. Masters Synchronized Swimming Championships.

To officially set this first-ever record, over 250 swimmers must connect head-to-foot while floating on the surface of the water to create the

formation of the Susan G. Komen Running Ribbon and must do this without touching the bottom of the pool. The "head" of the running ribbon will be made up of breast cancer survivors, including: two-time U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist in synchronized swimming, Karen Josephsen; WNBA Monarchs star, Edna Campbell, local TV-personality, Tina Macuha; and the Executive Director of the Sacramento Komen Affiliate, Donna Sanderson.

The float event will also serve as a fundraiser benefitting the Sacramento Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Float participants will purchase a \$10 commemorative pink swim cap to wear during the float with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Sacramento Affiliate. A portion of the spectator ticket proceeds will also benefit Komen. In addition to booths

focusing on breast health education,

the St. Joseph's Medical Center Mobile Mammography Unit, which is housed on an 18-wheel tractor trailer, will be onsite Saturday, October 15, 2011 to provide tours.

Swimmers ranging in age from 20-99 (men and women), representing the United States and Canada, will compete in overall team and individual titles in the solo, duet, trio and team events.

The public is invited to come out to watch the four-day competition and Guinness World Record™ attempt. There are approximately 50 spaces for individuals who have some prior synchronized swimming experience to join the world record attempt. Registration begins September 26, 2011, at www.worldrecordfloat.com and costs \$25.

Competition begins Thursday, October 13 and runs through Sunday, October 16. Spectator ticket prices are \$2 per day (Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday) and \$5 on Saturday, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Susan G. Komen for the Cure; kids 10 and under are free.

For a full schedule or to register for the World Record Float, please visit www.worldrecordfloat.com

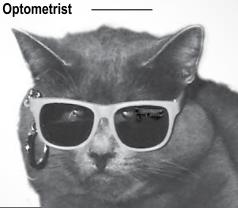
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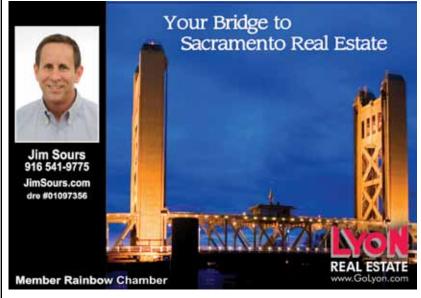
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The Crocker Art Museum is partnering with the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival to present a selection of audience-favorite short films from past festivals. Before the screening, there will be spotlight gallery talks on works by LGBTQ artists in the Crocker's collection.

The program will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6 and includes the following films:

• Little Black Boot (2003, USA, 17 min) by director Colette Burson – A modern Cinderella tale in which a high school girl



dresses up as a boy for the prom and finds mutual attraction with the prom queen.

- *Ryan's Life* (2004, USA, 24 min) by director Nick Wauters Complications arise for high school student Ryan as he begins to wonder if he might be gay.
- Gódir Gestir (Family Reunion) (2006, Iceland) by director Isold Uggadottir A

modern-day coming out story about a young Icelandic woman living two separate lives.

• *Groucho* (2006, Spain) by directors Angel Almazan & Medardo Amor – David, a 16-old teenager, approaches his neighbor in the elevator, pretending to want to help him, when it is him who is looking for help, advice and excitement.

- Babysitting Andy (2007, Canada, 11 min) by director Pat Mills What do you do if you're nine and nobody will tell you what fellatio means?
- *Six* by director Amy Neil A diverse collection of LGBTQ individuals telling their stories in six words.

The program is \$6 for Museum members and \$12 for nonmembers. Tickets are available for purchase at CrockerArtMuseum. org, the Museum Admission Desk, or by calling 916-808-1182.

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Philharmonic Orchestra celebrates with Olga Kern, as she marks the 10th anniversary of her triumphant "Gold Medal" at the Van Cliburn Competition in 2001.



"Kern's musicality radiates off the stage and saturates the hall, and it is joyously alive, immediately communicative, fragrantly sensual, and almost visual in its intensity," said Ronald Broun of *The Washington Post*.

Kern will perform one of the world's greatest piano concertos, filled with power, expressiveness and brilliance – Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No. 2*, under the direction of Maestro Michael Morgan. Also on the program will be Brydern's *Double Identity*, a work alive with jazz-infused swing and bebop, and Brahms' *Symphony No.2* – the sunniest of his symphonies filled with soft and tender melodies and exhilarating dancing tunes.

The concert will be performed on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. at the Community Center Theatre and also on Sunday October 16 at the new Three Stages at Folsom Lake College. For tickets and more information call 916-732-9045 or visit SacPhill.org.





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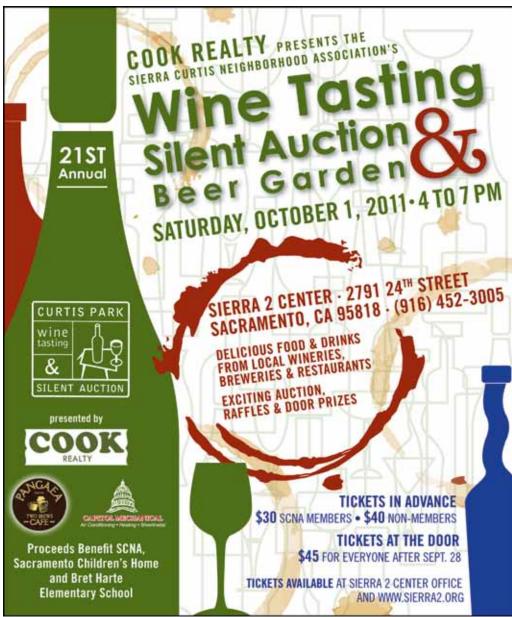




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can hardly believe it's been 20 years since the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (SIGLFF) began, as an event initially sponsored by a gay fraternity at Sac State. Two decades later, SIGLFF is still going strong, and its 20th Anniversary event will feature 13 short films and two features over three consecutive nights.

The historic Crest Theatre will once again host the Festival, which runs October 13-15. To celebrate the milestone. SIGLFF has scheduled a 20th Anniversary Gala Celebration two weeks before the actual Festival to help kick off the festivities.

Tickets are \$65 in advance for that event, which will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Fat's Catering in Old Sacramento and will include delicious food, cool music and the opportunity to purchase your VIP Pass for the festival in advance.

The VIP Pass can be purchased for \$30 and entitles patrons to prime seating to the Festival each evening, plus heavy hors d'oeuvres from Fats Bistro and wine from Barefoot Wine at a pre-show VIP Reception each night in the Crest lobby.

Read on for my thoughts on this year's

Thursday, Oct. 13 – Feature, 7:30 p.m.

The unofficial "men's night" kicks off with a short film entitled The Rescue that is filled with sexy men and an eye-popping amount of skin. Some viewers may find this gimmicky mini-movie annoying, but I was entertained, if not exactly enlightened, by the concept - which has a lonely gay man searching for love at an animal shelter of sorts. To give any more away would be unfair so I'll let you discover this short's surprises on your own.

Next up is the feature *Morgan*, and I thoroughly enjoyed this moving story of a recently disabled cyclist who falls in love with another man he meets on the basketball court.

Leo Minaya stars as Morgan, and the actor gives a winning performance as an athlete who has a hard time accepting that he is now wheelchair-bound. When he falls for the equally attractive and athletic Dean, Morgan runs into trouble trying to balance love with his dream to return to racing.

Although the story is straightforward, the filmmakers are to be applauded for giving us a hero who is complex - Morgan is more than a little obsessive and has a selfdestructive streak to boot.

Kudos to SIGLFF for showing this film, which features a poignant depiction of romance (and sex) between a disabled person and a non-disabled person. Don't let the subject matter scare you away. Morgan is surprisingly entertaining.

Friday, Oct. 14 – Feature, 7:30 p.m. The unofficial "women's night" begins with feature top-notch acting and production

a funny, five-minute short film entitled Lesbian Cliché Song that is essentially a music video built around lesbian stereotypes. There's not much to it, but I enjoyed the movie on its own modest terms.

If you've ever been in love with your best friend, you'll relate to Jamie and Jessie Are Not Together, the lesbian feature about two young women whose relationship becomes complicated when one of them decides to move from Chicago to New York.

values. Either film could easily be expanded and developed into a feature.

The Spanish title, *Uniformadas* (Uniformed), follows a day in the life of a precocious, Catholic schoolgirl who appears to have strong same-sex stirrings. The young actress who plays the lead is incredibly photogenic, and she manages to convey her character's curiosity without a lot of dialogue.

The Brazilian short, Eu Nao Quero Voltar Sozinho (I Don't Want To Go Back Alone), also features a school-aged child, this time a blind boy, who is thrown for a loop when a new boy arrives in his class. As in Uniformadas, the child actors do a remarkable job filling out a simple story with real emotions.

Children also figure into three other fine

The third movie featuring kids at risk is the moving documentary America's Most Unwanted, a vital and important work in progress from San Francisco filmmaker Shani Heckman.

That film follows three queer youth, recently emancipated from foster care, on their journey towards acceptance and success.

Two funny crowd-pleasers involve the subject of self-pleasure. Deaf Relay - At Your Service, another U.S. short, is a satirical look at the high-tech critical communications service provided to deaf or hard-of-hearing people so they can enjoy their phone services – including phone sex.

Ms. Thing, from Canada, is a sexy, 7-minute short that proves that sometimes a girl just needs a hand. Even sexier than Ms. Thing, Cold Star is a wordless appeal for acceptance of your own and others sexual identity.

Uniformadas

A deliriously erotic celebration of polymorphous pleasure that erupts in a



Jamie and Jessie is a quirky, hit-and-miss movie that has two appealing lead actresses to recommend it. Simultaneously low budget and ambitious, the film features a number of musical-like sequences, several of which are charming.

The filmmakers may have bitten off more than they could chew with some of those musical numbers, but I did enjoy the movie's healthy dose of sex. Jamie and Jessie shows young gay women can be just as horny and hedonistic as young gay men, an idea that I found oddly refreshing.

Saturday, Oct. 15 – Shorts Night, 7:30 p.m.

Not surprisingly, the evening of short films is once again your best bet if you are only able to attend one night of the Festival. Shorts Night has 11 mini-movies currently scheduled to unreel, including films from Germany, Spain, Iran, Brazil, Canada and the

My two favorite titles this year are the movies from Spain and Brazil, both of which



films this evening. In the U.S. short Henry & Anthony, a father and son who cannot quite understand each other must find a way to meet in the middle.

In Suffocation, also from the U.S., a boy who overhears hate speech while at school imagines his revenge on those who thoughtlessly use words to inflict pain and

public pool, Cold Star should have Festival patrons hot and bothered by the end of its sexy seven minutes.

There are only one or two duds this year in the shorts program, which is otherwise another strong collection of eclectic LGBT films that SIGLFF can be proud of.

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A Woman of Heart by Marcy Alancraig

reviewed by Gabriel Constans

In A Woman of Heart, Marcy Alancraig has created the living essence of the land) will a masterful story, which combines the best of Toni Morrison's divine ability to create intimate, complex characters, Amy Tan's sensory qualities of well-defined family, place and time and traces of Isabel Allende's realistic surrealism.

The left-wing politics of Petaluma, California's thriving community of Jewish chicken ranchers of the 1920's is recreated as Rheabie Slominski tells the "true" story of her life to granddaughter Shoshana. "But probably you know already, dolly, that in this life we are not always given the expected stories," Rheabie warns, revealing that the family was haunted by relatives killed in the 1917 revolution in Russia.

As she discovers her own abilities to see ghosts and Guardians, Shoshana also uncovers deeper family secrets about pogroms, alcoholism, adultery, sexual orientation and friendship. When Rheabie is beset by illness and begins to die, Shoshana tries to heal what has been revealed and make real connections with people in her past and present.

The presence of the family ghosts and, in particular, the Guardians (as resonate with eco-feminist and ecologically-minded readers. Rheabie's affair with her neighbor's wife (in the 1920s) and Shoshana's questioning of her own sexuality are subtly interwoven throughout.

Mancraig

People who enjoy historical drama, family sagas, contemporary literary fiction, and those interested in Jewish culture, should enjoy this intricately crafted story. Available from MazoPublishers.com.

Gabriel Constans has written for numerous magazines, newspapers and journals and often writes reviews for "The New York Journal of Books." Her latest fiction is the novel "Buddha's Wife" and a collection of short stories titled "St. Catherine's Baby."



Theatre by Chris Narloch

The Play's the Thing at Ashland

saw four stimulating productions over three days this past Labor Day weekend at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) Lin Ashland, and I didn't end up seeing a single Shakespeare play. I didn't plan it that way, but with so many great shows to choose from, you can't see everything.

It's nice to know too, for those who are Shakespeare-phobic, that there is no shortage of Bard-free fun to be had at OSF.

I accomplished my plan to see at least one production in each of the three OSF venues, and that goal (and my schedule) allowed me to catch an eclectic array of entertainment, including a magnificent musical, a very funny farce, and two world premiere productions, all reviewed below.

The Pirates of Penzance

If you count yourself a fan of Gilbert and Sullivan, or you just love musicals, get thee to Ashland and see this excellent production of the classic comic opera before it closes on October 8.

OSF artistic director Bill Rauch pulls out all the stops in his hilarious and energizing mounting of the love story between pirate apprentice Frederic and the object of his affection, Mabel.

From the first notes of the score, after the British flag at the top of the stage is pulled down and replaced with a pirate flag, you know you're in for several hours of peerless pleasure.

It doesn't hurt that *Pirates* is the first-ever, full-fledged musical to appear in the gorgeous, open-air Elizabethan Theatre, which allows for some spectacular stargazing ambitious, site-specific theatrical event in which 26 actors entertain audiences who move around the OSF campus during the performance.

There are elements of performance art in

quack doctors, and his own philandering wife, attempt to scam a wealthy hypochondriac.

Consummate actor David Kelly is perfection as Argan, whose list of psychosomatic ailments is long. This over-the-top production gives The *Imaginary Invalid* a gay-friendly spin that includes bright, day-glo costumes and a number of added songs that turn the play into a very entertaining quasi-musical.

Not all of the songs work, but the strong



A scene from The Imaginary Invalid playing through November 6, at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

this experimental work, but I was hoping for more interaction with the performers, and I didn't really warm to the touchy-feely, "we're all connected" message of the show.

Willful has a lot of potential though and

cast sell them with style, and the packed house I saw the show with on a Saturday night ate up every hilarious minute of it.

The Imaginary Invalid closes November 6.

Ghost Light

This compelling play about the late San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, is a co-production with Berkeley Rep, which will also produce the work early next year.

A heartfelt tribute to the memory of his father directed by Moscone's son, Jonathan Moscone, Ghost Light is an ambitious play, filled with ghosts, that attempts to reclaim the memory of the elder Moscone, whose fame has been overshadowed by that of Harvey Milk, who was also killed by Dan White.

The younger Moscone was only 14 when his dad died, and the memory of his father in Ghost Light is an understandably larger than life one. Christopher Liam Moore does a fine job of playing the grown-up Jon, a gay theater director who runs into trouble directing *Hamlet*.

The parallels drawn between the famous father and son in that Shakespeare play and the father and son in Ghost Light are the weaker element in the new play, but when Ghost Light focuses solely on the Moscone men, it's fascinating.

Ghost Light closes at OSF on November 5.

osfashland.org.



A scene from The Pirates of Penzance playing through October 8, at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

during intermission.

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The cast, orchestra, costumes, lighting, set design and direction are all first-rate and combine to make this a time capsule production of *Pirates*. I can only hope that it makes a frequent return to OSF (and soon). It's that good.

Willful

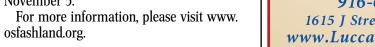
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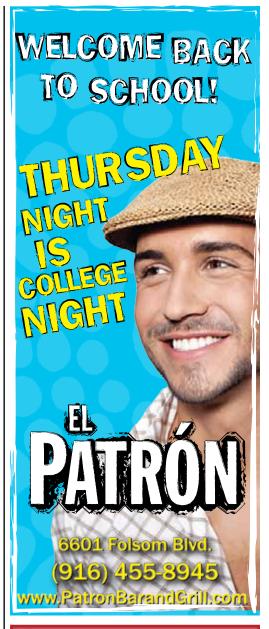
some fine performances, including my current OSF crush, Eddie Lopez, who is almost as good here as he is as the sexy star of The Pirates of Penzance.

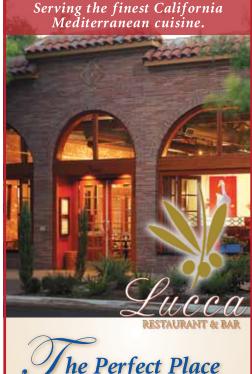
The Imaginary Invalid

Willful closes October 9.

The wildest thing I saw this year at OSF was this full-tilt and funny updating of the famous farce by Moliere in which a host of







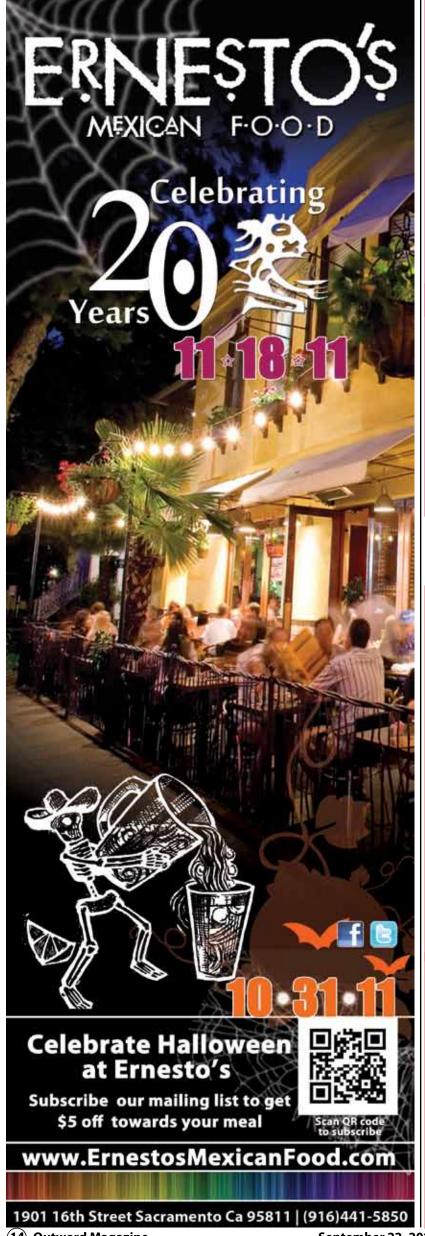


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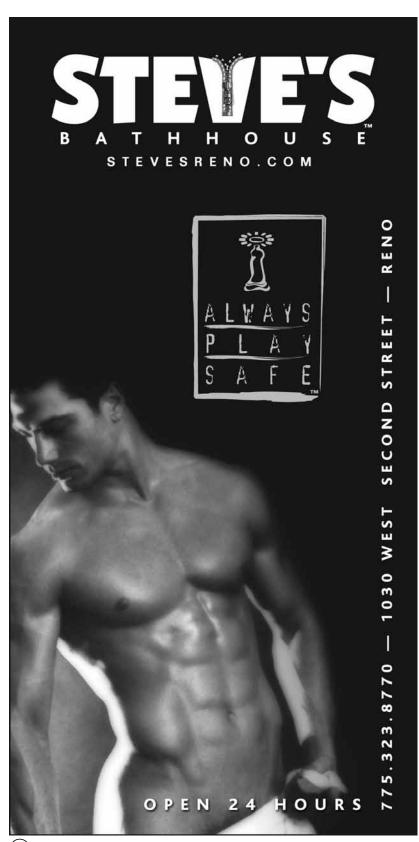








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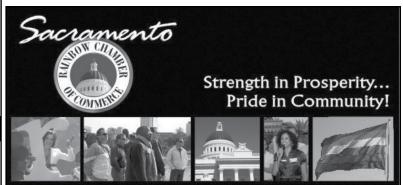


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ECLECTIC TRASH BOOK CLUB

Join this LGBT book club for a lively discussion of *The German* by Lee Thomas. 7 p.m. Lavender Library, 1414 21st St. Info: 916-492-0558 LavenderLibrary.org

CROCKER LGBT SHORT FILMS

The Crocker and SIGLFF host a showing of six of the best short films from previous years of SIGLFF, including *Babysitting Andy* and the Spanish comedy *Groucho.* 7 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Info: 916-808-1182 CrockerArtMuseum.org.

Friday, 7

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

HUSH LADIES NIGHT

Joy's hosting a night of Vamps & Tramps - you get to guess which one she is! There will be a Vampire Costume Contest with \$500 in prizes, Vampire Bartenders and dancers. 9 p.m. No cover. The Depot, 2001 K St

Saturday, 8

THE RETURN OF FLIGHT 34

This time the destination is Washington, D.C. for *A President's Ball*, a fantastic drag show celebrating past CGNIE Board Presidents. 7 p.m. FACES, 2000 K St. Info: CGNIE.net

Sunday, 9

PRIME TIMERS SACRAMENTO

Men 50+ (and their friends/admirers) are invited for brunch and conversation. Noon. Club 21, 1119 21st St. Info: PrimeTimersSacramento.com

HEALING ARTS FESTIVAL

Dr. Mark Halpern explores the ancient science of Ayurveda, plus over 70 exhibits with intuitive readers, flutes, holistic healing, jewelry & crystals and more. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Doubletree Hotel, Bus. 80 & Arden. Info: 916-202-6962 HealingArtsFestival.com

Monday, 10

STONEWALL DEMOCRATS

Join the LGBT Democrats for their monthly meeting, with guest speakers and discussions of current political events. Social, 6 p.m., meeting, 6:30 p.m. Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane. Info: 916-441-1787 SacStonewall.org

Tuesday, 11

BEARS' NIGHT OUT

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for dinner and good friends. 7 - 10 p.m. Jack's Urban Eats, 1230 20th St. Info: SacBears. org

COWBOYS/COWGIRL SOCIAL

Join Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo for a social and soda/beer bust. 7 p.m. The Bolt, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 capitalcrossroads.org

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

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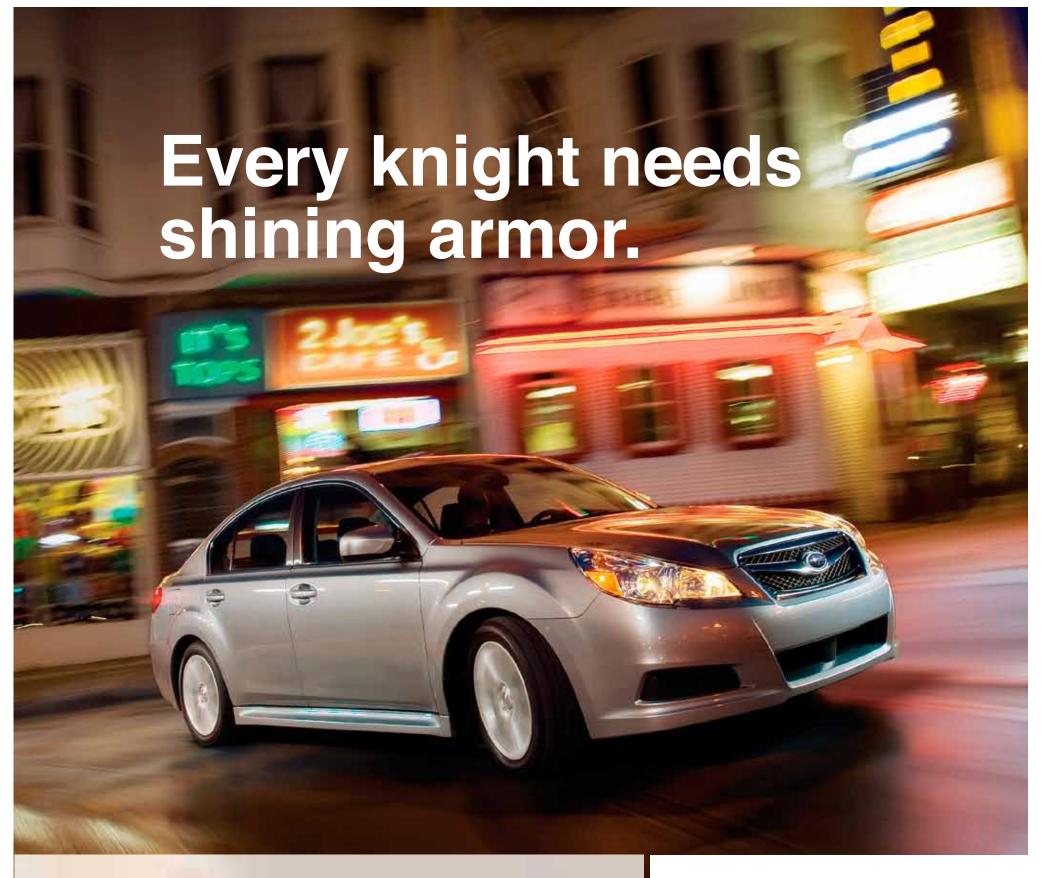
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