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Courage to Stand Honors LGBT Military

Members of the armed services and veterans will share their stories of living under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy at a unique event called *Courage to Stand*.

Entertainment for the evening includes international opera baritone Zachary Gordin and pianist Jim Jordan who will perform a special musical dedication, adapted from poetry by Walt Whitman and composed by Clint Brozoni.

Courage to Stand is being presented with the support of Sacramento Valley Veterans and Drexel University and will be a fundraiser for The Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center. It will be held June 1, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at the Citizen Hotel.

The event will be styled after an officer's club cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres and hosted wine and beer – seating will be available, but it is not a sit-down dinner. Black tie/dress blues are optional.

Tickets are available for purchase at www.saccenter.org/couragetostand.



In addition to singing opera, Zachary Gordin has been featured as a "Barihunk." Photo by Bill McClaren.

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Documentary *Positive Youth* Comes to Sacramento

Breaking Barriers is hosting a benefit screening of *Positive Youth*, a one hour documentary following HIV-positive youth in four North American cities in cinéma vérité style.

Each of the four youth in the film feature a dynamic perspective on the reality of living positive today and show how a single person can change the world regardless of their environment.

The cast includes a straight 18-year-old First Nations woman living in an impoverished rural town, a gay 25-year-old white urbanite, a spiritual 23-year-old African-American YouTube activist and a 27-year-old club kid jet-setter.

Tickets for the showing, which will benefit Breaking Barriers, are \$15 and include a post showing panel discussion on HIV & Youth and a pre-event reception. VIP Tickets are also available for \$35 that include an advance copy of the *Positive Youth* DVD and one drink ticket at the reception. Advance tickets are \$10/\$25.

The screening will be on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m.(doors open at 6 p.m.) at the Tower Theatre, 2508 Land Park Dr.

For more information, visit bbcsc.org

Laser Tag with SV Veterans

Join the LGBT Sacramento Valley Veterans (SVV) for an afternoon of laser tag at the largest stand-alone Lasertag facility in the greater Sacramento area, Lasertag of Carmichael, on Saturday, April 28, 2 - 4 p.m.

Enjoy good company, pizza and play a couple of laser tag battles out in the glow-in-the-dark battlefield. Arcades are available, too.

Laser Tag is a low impact, fun activity available to all physical ability levels.

All vets, active duty members and allies are welcome! \$15 per person (covers the game play plus pizza).

LaserTag of Carmichael, 6031 Fair Oaks Blvd. (916-972-7395 LaserTagOfCarmichael.com)

For more info, visit www.sacvalleyvets.com

24th St. Businesses to Raise Money for Homeless Children

PeraDice Cards & Gifts, Delisioso Salon and Clubhouse 24 will be helping to raise money for Mustard Seed School for Homeless Children from May 1 through May 12.

The shops will have a collection box for much needed school supplies and supplies for their summer swimming programs.

Mustard Seed is a free, private school for children 3-15 years old which provides a safe, nurturing and structured environment and a positive learning experience.

On Saturday, May 12, the shops will host a bake sale from noon to 3 p.m. and Delisioso Salon will be giving \$20 haircuts, with the proceeds benefiting Mustard Seed from 2 to 5 p.m. PeraDice Cards & Gifts will donate ten percent of all sales from the day to Mustard Seed.

There will also be activities for kids and live music that evening.

Sacramento Valley Heat

The Sacramento Valley Leathermen are preparing to host Sacramento Valley Heat 2012. Last year, SVH raised thousands for local charities including Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Sunburst Projects, Sacramento Valley Veterans and the Gender Health Center.

Sac Valley Heat will start with a tribute to the legends and trailblazers of the leather community at the first annual Sacramento Leather Dinner.

Featured honorees include Sandy "Mama" Reinhardt.

As always, SVH will feature a vendors fair, games, demos, bootblacking and more.

The fun runs July 6 through 8 at the Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Registration is \$35 for general admission and can be purchased online at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/238049>

Organizers are also seeking sponsorships, vendors, demonstrations and advertisers. For more information, visit sacvallyheat.org

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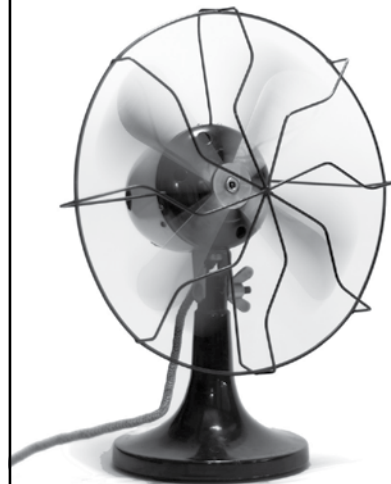
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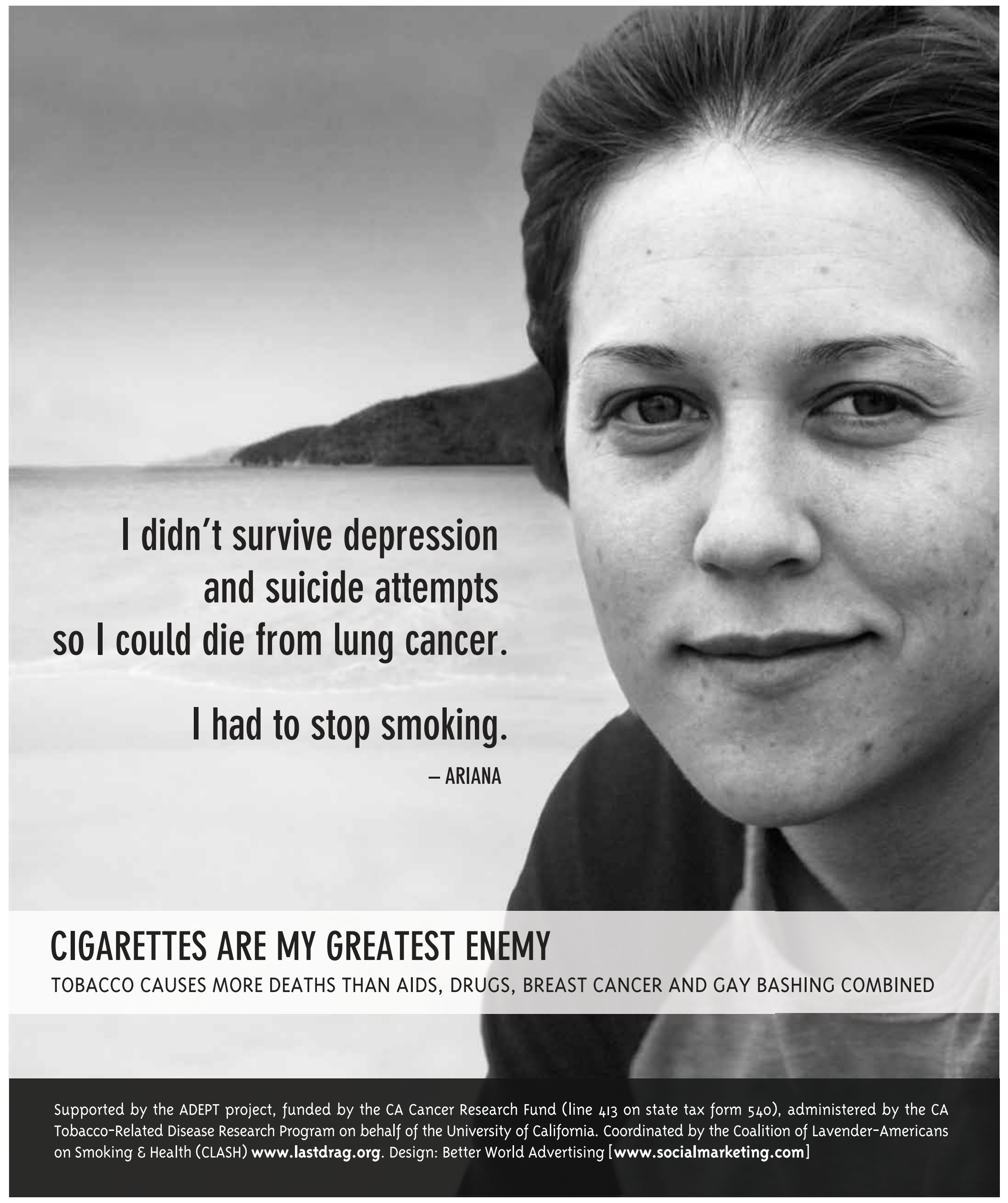


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White House Endorses Legislation to Protect LGBT Youth

The Obama administration has endorsed a bill that would protect LGBT youth from harassment and bullying in schools “based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity” in public elementary and secondary schools.

The bill, The Student Non-Discrimination Act (SNDA), was endorsed at a White House event on Friday, April 20. The bill, introduced by Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) in the Senate and Rep. Jared Polis (D-Colo.) in the House, would help to end entrenched biases toward LGBT students in our public education system by filling gaps in our federal civil rights laws. “Having the White House stand behind the

Student Non-Discrimination Act is key to getting this necessary legislation passed into law,” said Ian Thompson, ACLU legislative representative. “Our public schools should be a safe harbor for our youth, not a place of exclusion and ridicule. By passing the Student Non-Discrimination Act, Congress can have a profound and very real impact in improving the lives of LGBT students. It’s time to make passage of this bill a priority.”

Log Cabin Republicans Elect Three New Board Members



The Log Cabin Republicans elected Washington, D.C. activist Marc Morgan, former senior congressional aide Matt Raymond and New York City businessman Chris Taylor to its National Board of Directors.

“This is an incredibly important year for Log Cabin Republicans, as it is for our party, and we are excited to have three new members of our Board of Directors,” said R. Clarke Cooper, Log Cabin Republicans Executive Director. “Marc, Matt and Chris bring energy, insight and strong networks to further position Log Cabin efforts for an inclusive Republican Party while championing the fight for equality in Congress and across the country.” Morgan is an active member of the D.C.

Chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans, and served as the Republican nominee against D.C. Councilmember Jim Graham. Currently, he is the president of the LeDroit Park Civic Association and on the board of D.C. Black Pride. In 2011, Morgan was elected as “Best Gay D.C. Politician” by the readers of the *Washington Blade*. Raymond served in senior roles working for Congressman Rick Hill (R-MT), Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT) and

George Allen (R-VA), as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, UNICEF and the Library of Congress. Currently Raymond runs his own communications consulting firm and serves as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Washington, D.C. Taylor has been engaged in the Republican party in New York for a long time, including a term as President of the Log Cabin Republicans of New York State and currently as Vice Chair of the New York Republican County Committee. To date, no other LCR state level political action committee has met the fundraising records set under Taylor’s tenure. Taylor is also a private business owner.

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Bill Regulating Medical Cannabis Passes Assembly Public Safety Committee

A bill that would create the first statewide regulatory framework for the medical cannabis industry in California has passed the Assembly Committee on Public Safety and now moves onto the Appropriations Committee.

Authored by Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco), the bill passed the committee by a 4-2 vote on Tuesday, April 17. “Only by regulating medical cannabis will California be able to regain control and ensure safe access for patients,” said Amiano. “Effective regulation benefits everyone – patients, providers, doctors and law enforcement. Passing AB 2312 is an opportunity for the Legislature to defend Prop. 215 by regulating and controlling an industry that has the clear support of the people of California.” “Police officers, lawmakers, and legal patients want clarity about what is legal under state law. AB 2312 answers their questions and provides a path towards the sensible, well-regulated medical marijuana program the voters wanted when they approved Proposition 215,” said Don Duncan, California Director for Americans for Safe Access.



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GiveLocalNow Helps Nonprofits Survive and Thrive

While you may not have heard of GiveLocalNow, it's all but certain that someone in your life has been affected by the community groups that this regional campaign is intended to support.

The campaign, launched last year, invites people to visit GiveLocalNow.org and do their share to support the nonprofit of their choice. It also calls attention to planned giving, in which people gift causes that reflect their hopes and beliefs, instead of leaving bequests to heirs.

Focused on the four-county Sacramento region, GiveLocalNow seeks nothing less than to reverse research that shows area residents giving less on average than people elsewhere in the country.

Yet, within an LGBT community known and respected for its support of nonprofits, GiveLocalNow remains virtually unknown. Organizers hope to change that with the help of leaders and allies within the LGBT community.

"There are a number of nonprofits that would benefit from closer engagement with GiveLocalNow. From arts groups like the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, Sacramento Women's Chorus and the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, to community service organizations such as the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center, the AIDS Housing Alliance and CARES," said Mike Tentis, president of the Gay Men's Chorus.

Beyond the web site, GiveLocalNow also aims to encourage more planned giving, an immensely promising solution to saving struggling nonprofits, if only the word gets out. While 40 percent of Sacramentans have an estate plan, only 22 percent include charitable giving.

While the GiveLocalNow.org lists dozens of charities, it aims to inspire people to support local charities that benefit any number of causes.

The campaign seeks to increase the average annual contribution from regional households that give from \$1,990, to the national average of

\$2,355. Significantly, regional residents earning more than \$200,000 contribute appreciably less of their annual income to charitable causes than their counterparts throughout California and across the United States - \$11,041 versus \$17,719 statewide and \$18,112 nationally.

In addition, the campaign hopes to drive a marked increase in the share of charitable giving that supports local nonprofits. Ninety-one percent of households surveyed believed it is important to give locally, while only 63 percent of donations were made to local organizations.

Additionally, GiveLocalNow intends to increase the local share of giving to 68 percent, while boosting the number of people who give from the estimated current average of 62 percent (the national average is 66 percent) to 67 percent within the Sacramento region.

Achieving all three "GiveLocalNow" campaign goals will boost yearly contributions to regional nonprofits by nearly \$250 million.

Not only will regional residents see and hear the campaign, they can join it. By visiting GiveLocalNow.org, people can share personal stories of which nonprofit causes they support and why. This is in addition to a social media push that connects people to the campaign's cause through Facebook and Twitter.

GiveLocalNow is the result of the vision, leadership and hard work of a broad array of regional leaders who believe that we can, and must, evolve into a more charitable region. The Sacramento Region Community Foundation currently stewards the campaign on a day-to-day basis, with collaboration from the Nonprofit Resource Center.

LGBT Families Attend White House Easter Egg Hunt

by Dave Rupel

California residents Christopher Cullen, and his partner Bill Butchart, and their two daughters, Sophia and Charlotte were among the 30,000 people selected by lottery to attend the Annual White House Easter Egg Hunt.

Butchart was aware that in 2006, The Family Council - an organization that represents one million LGBT parents and the two million children they are raising - organized 100 families to campout for White House Easter Egg tickets.

President Bush's White House did not take the group up on their request, but in 2009, President Obama changed all that by inviting LGBT couples and he's made the LGBT families welcome every year since.

While Bill and Chris' family didn't get to mingle with the Obamas, who only attended the opening, and their time slot was in the afternoon, Butchart is thrilled they went. "Seeing other two mom and two dad families in attendance reassured us this administration's commitment to recognizing, respecting and protecting our families



Christopher Cullen and his partner Bill Butchart with their daughters Sophia and Charlotte at the Annual White House Easter Egg Hunt.

as well."

Cullen and Butchart will be exchanging wedding vows this summer in their native New York state, where gay marriage is now legal.

Sac. Area Democratic Clubs To Host Candidate Forum

In what organizers are calling a strong show of unity heading into the June 2012 Primary season, the Stonewall Democratic Club has joined forces with other Sacramento area Democratic clubs to present a candidate community forum.

"Once again, Sacramento is blessed with a wealth of terrific candidates for federal, state and local office," said Stonewall Club President Sam Catalano. "We are so very proud to join together with these other Democratic clubs to present the public with a candidate forum of Democratic candidates for office – free of charge."

Participating clubs include: JFK Democratic Club, Women Democrats of Sacramento County, Fem Dems of the Sacramento Region, the Veterans Democratic Club of Sacramento County, Elk Grove-South County Democratic Club, the Folsom Democratic Club, the Latino Democratic Club, the Green Democratic Club and the Wellstone Progressive Democrats.

Candidates will begin speaking at 11 a.m. with short five to ten minute presentations concluding at about 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Woodlake Hotel Pavilion Room, located at 500 Leisure Lane.

The schedule of candidates speaking is as follows: Bonnie Pannel (11:05 a.m. Sac City # 8); Gary Blenner (11:15 a.m. Sac County Sup # 4); Jeff Kravitz (11:20 a.m. Sac County Sup # 3); Rebecca Sandoval (11:25 a.m. Twin Rivers Area 6); Kim Mack (11:35 a.m. Sac City

Twin Rivers Area 7); Mike Baker (12:35 p.m. Twin Rivers Area 1); Betty Williams (12:45 p.m. Sac City # 8); Richard Pan (12:55 p.m. Asm 9th); Regy Bronner (1:05 p.m. Asm 6th); Steve Hansen (1:15 p.m. Sac City # 4); and



Terry Schanz and Steve Hansen, both openly gay and running for the hotly contested District 4 City Council Seat, will be among the candidates making their case for election at a Candidates Forum hosted by local Democratic clubs. Photo by Dan Aiello.

2); Annette Emery (11:45 a.m. Twin Rivers Area 6); Walter Kawamoto (11:55 a.m. Twin Rivers Area 3); Terry Schanz (12:05 p.m. Sac City # 4); Kevin McCarty (12:15 p.m. Sac City # 6); Linda Fowler (12:25 p.m.

Rob Kerth (1:25 p.m. Sac City # 2).

"We welcome you to come hear directly from the candidates to help make a more informed decision when you reach the voting booth this June," said Catalano.

For more information, visit www.sacstonewall.org

California LGBT Veterans Take Step Toward Equality

The California State Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs has passed AB 1505, legislation that would ensure California veterans are not denied state veterans benefits because of their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

Authored by Dr. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento), the bill passed the committee on Wednesday, April 11, and featured testimony from Sacramento Valley Veterans President Ty Redhouse.

"The recognition of the contributions that LGBT veterans have made throughout our nation's history is growing and the call to ensure that they are eligible for state and federal veterans is sparking a national debate," said Dr. Pan, Vice Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs. "I am proud to be carrying legislation that moves us closer to the day when all of our veterans are given all of the respect and support they deserve for defending our country."

AB 1505 will next be voted on by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary.

"Our nation's heroes deserve these state benefits and they deserve federal benefits, but when it comes down to it, they deserve the same rights and equality under the law that they pledged to protect when they put on the uniform."

Benefits the bill would provide include: College Tuition Fee Waivers for Veterans' dependents; Non-Resident College Fee Waiver; Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise



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Bill to Support Gay-Owned Businesses Advances

A bill that would make California the first state in the nation to have a bill dedicated to the advancement of gay-owned businesses has passed its first legislative hurdle, the California State Assembly Committee on Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection.

AB 1960, introduced by Assemblymember Roger Dickinson (D-Sacramento) and co-authored by the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, is now referred to the California State Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

Under the bill, information about LGBT owned business enterprises would be included along with information about minority, women and disadvantaged business enterprises as reported by the California Department of General Services.

Testimony before the committee in support of the bill was provided by Dr. Darrick Lawson, Rainbow PAC Chair, with Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce President Bonnie Osborn and Benjamin Phillips-Leseñana, Sacramento G&L Center Board Member and Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Board Member also appearing in support.

The measure received 23 letters of support from organizations and companies, including American Airlines and Toyota Financial Services.

"Minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises, along with LGBT-owned businesses, make up a large share of the small businesses that are major economic drivers and job creators for

our state," Dickinson said. "Having access to accurate information about small business owners and their needs will help inform the state on how to best serve small businesses that are vital to our economy, as well as lay the groundwork for future growth."

"Simply having data about LGBT-owned businesses available will be of tremendous value to organizations serving LGBT businesses, to marketers, and to business-to-business companies interested in marketing to LGBT-owned businesses," said Chamber Vice President Dr. Darrick Lawson. "For the first time in history, we'll be able to get a picture of the economic contributions of LGBT-owned businesses statewide."

"The existence of successful LGBT businesses has often been unacknowledged or ignored due to prejudice, even as they brought vitality and prosperity to their communities," Phillips-Leseñana said. "With this legislation, the state of California acknowledges that LGBT-owned businesses are valued equally with other small businesses as important contributors to the economic growth and social fabric of our state."

For more information, visit www.rainbowchamber.com.

Hosseini Joins G&L Center's Board of Directors

The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center's Board of Directors has added community and business leader Babak Hosseini as a board member.

Hosseini has extensive experience in the financial and banking industry and is currently an Advising Board Member of the Sacramento Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission. His community leadership also includes past service as a member of Rebuilding Together at Countrywide Home Loans, School Savings Program at Washington Mutual Bank and American River Parkway Foundation.

"The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center is entering 2012 with renewed purpose and direction and growing support and participation from the community at large. I am pleased to be part of the team," said Hosseini.

"Babak's addition brings the total number of members on the Center's Board to eight, which is the strongest we have been in several years," said David Heitstuman, President of the Center's Board of Directors. "The willingness of leaders in our community to step up and serve the Center

is yet another indication that we are turning a page to one of the most promising chapters in the Center's 26 year history."

For more information on the Center's activities, please visit www.saccenter.org.



Babak Hosseini

Obama Administration Endorses Student Non-Discrimination Act

blogentry by Ian S. Thompson

Following a screening of the documentary Bully at the White House on April 20, the Obama administration officially endorsed the Student Non-Discrimination Act.

The Student Non-Discrimination Act would provide LGBT students, and those perceived to be, with explicit federal protections by establishing a comprehensive prohibition against discrimination and harassment in all public elementary and secondary schools across the country based on a student's actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Importantly, the legislation also protects students who associate with LGBT people, including students with LGBT parents and friends.

Bully shines much needed light on what is a serious, national problem. As the film



shows, students who are, or presumed to be LGBT are an especially vulnerable population in our nation's schools.

Despite this fact, in the year 2012, there is no federal law in place that explicitly protects students from discrimination and harassment on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Student Non-Discrimination would change that by explicitly bringing LGBT student under the protections of federal civil rights laws.

Until today, the administration would only say that it "strongly supports the goals" of SNDA. Today's endorsement from the Obama administration makes clear to all Members of Congress what the White House views as a necessary federal legislative solution to the serious problem of anti-LGBT discrimination and harassment in our nation's public schools.

The administration is on board. Now, it is time for Congress to act. Please join the ACLU in urging Congress to pass this critically important legislation today. Visit ACLU.org to find out how.

Ian Thompson is a Legislative Representative in the ACLU's Washington Legislative Office. In this capacity, Thompson works to advance the organization's civil liberties and civil rights agenda in Congress and the executive branch by focusing on LGBT rights, HIV/AIDS and sex education.

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JUST FOR YOU: Sierra Forever Families has partnered with IKEA of West Sacramento to host a special Exploring Permanency orientation on June 6 from 6:00-8:00pm. Please RSVP by calling 916.368.5114.

Josh and Matthew Dilegame, who met over 10 years ago, had a strong desire to become parents. The couple selected to work with Sierra Forever Families and are now parents to two children who were living in foster care, Justin (7) and Joseph (5). Becoming parents opened up a whole new world for Josh and Matthew. They couldn't imagine life without their sons. Today, Josh, Matt, and the boys are eagerly awaiting the addition of a little sister to their family.

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Big Gardens in Small Places

words and photo by Hunt Drouin

Spring is here and people have begun their annual treks to nurseries in search of great ways to shake off the winter blahs and add color to their yards or patios. While you may not have the South 40 to work with, you can still transform your patio garden into an urban oasis.

While I admit there's a lot of fun and satisfaction in spending a day with your hands in the dirt, fertilizing lawns, planting seeds, shrubbery and flowers, not everyone has a yard to work in. No problem. All you need is a little outdoor space to make your own garden oasis.

Patio gardens can provide just as much satisfaction and enjoyment in a limited area. I've never been known to have a particularly green thumb, but I'm not afraid to experiment with my potted plants until I find something I can't kill.

Head out to any place that sells plants, be it large home improvement center or a local nursery. A few favorites are Green Acres, Capital Nursery and Windmill Nursery. At any of these locations, staff will help you find plants and flowers that will thrive in your setting, be it full sun, mostly shade or anything in between.

Just look through the selection and pick a few things that strike you. As you make your selections, pay attention to how big the plant is supposed to grow, if it flowers during certain seasons (it's always fun to get a show of color at different times throughout the year) and if it needs special soil amendment. I stay away from plants that need certain pH balances.

Choosing the plants and flowers is just the first step. Picking through a selection of containers can also help you define your style. Formal, colorful, whimsical and anything in between are all options for you. You may even consider different heights or use bricks or stacked stones to provide varying elevations.

Make sure you ask those helpful gardeners about the right potting soil and any special instructions for planting. Then, go home with your new treasures, roll up your sleeves and get a little dirty.

If something doesn't work out quite right, no worries, you can always change it up (save your receipts because some nurseries guarantee larger plants -- a little benefit I've used on occasion).

Now go enjoy a Spring Weekend!





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Greener Solutions for Pesky, Biting & Stinging Pests

by Doug Moss - EarthTalk

With spring in full swing, mosquitoes and other biting pests are out in full force, and a common question this time of year is if there are any natural bug repellents that really work, so that you don't end up using the harsh, chemical varieties. The good news is, there are some really effective bug repellents that aren't chemically based, and there are also some other strategies you can use to keep the bugs away.

While the industry standard insect repellents rely on the insecticide DEET (N,N-Diethyl-meta-toluamide) to keep bugs at bay, many environmental and public health advocates worry that regular long-term exposure to even small amounts of the chemical can negatively affect the human nervous system.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that, in studies, DEET has been shown to be "of low acute toxicity," although it can irritate the eyes, mouth and skin. The EPA concluded after a comprehensive 1998 assessment that DEET does not present a health risk as long as consumers follow label directions and take proper precautions. And since nothing works quite as well as DEET in deterring disease-carrying ticks and mosquitoes, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is relatively bullish on its use in order to reduce incidences of Lyme

disease, encephalitis and other insect-borne diseases.

Regardless, many consumers would prefer natural alternatives, and there are several companies already selling DEET-free insect repellents, many of which use essential oils as their active

ingredients. WebMD reports that soy-based repellent formulas (such as Bite Blocker for Kids) are the most effective substitutes for DEET, usually lasting for 90 minutes, which is longer than some low-concentration DEET formulas. Some other leading alternative repellents include All Terrain's Herbal Armor, Quantum Health's Buzz Away Extreme, Lakon Herbals Bygone Bugz and California Baby's Natural Bug Blend Repellent.

WebMD adds that, despite popular opinion, products containing citronella are not the best non-chemical choice, as their

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DEET may well be the most often used insect repellent, but there are alternatives that may be more environmentally friendly.

Region's First Co-digestion Facility Gets Green Light

Construction has begun on a Sacramento region co-digestion facility that will provide a new local disposal option for wastes such as fats, oils, grease (FOG) and liquid food processing waste.

The project will increase the production of biogas already being

produced at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment

Plant (SRWTP) in Elk Grove by injecting waste materials directly into the digestion system, bypassing initial steps that are currently depleting the energy value of the waste.

The facility is a joint venture of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) and is part of the Sacramento region's renewable energy efforts.

SMUD and SRCSD received approximately \$1.45 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding from the United States Department of Energy, and \$100,000 in matching funds from the California Energy Commission to help construct the facility.

The remainder of the project will



Construction is already underway for the Sacramento region's first co-digestion facility at this site in Elk Grove.

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Protect the Investment in Your Home with the Right Insurance

by Stephanie Slagel

Everybody has to live somewhere, right? Whether you choose to live in a home, condo, or apartment, you'll want to protect your home and property with a residential insurance policy.

Residential coverage insures your dwelling and/or personal property against common causes of damage and loss, such as theft, vandalism, fire, lightning, ice, wind, and plumbing malfunctions, among others. However, some hazards will not be covered, including floods, earthquakes, and hazards that affect the land itself but not the building, such as contamination.

When considering residential insurance, ask your agent which perils are included in the basic policy, and which may require separate or additional coverage. Here's what you need to know about insuring your home, no matter where you choose to make it.

Homeowners Insurance

A homeowners policy is typically the most comprehensive form of residential insurance

because it covers a house's exterior and interior, as well other structures on the property, such as a garage. The policy will also cover residents' personal property, including clothes, furniture, electronic equipment and other household items. (Additional coverage may be needed for especially valuable items.)

Before buyers finalize a mortgage, lenders usually require that they purchase a homeowners policy, so if you're in the market for a house, contact an agent to start the process. If you already own a home but have no insurance, the average cost to insure a single-family home is about \$800 per year. That's peace of mind for an affordable price.

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Old City Cemetery Offers Rose Care Workshops

The Master Gardeners at the Historic Rose Garden and City Cemetery are offering two free workshops on roses that not only offer you an introduction to rose care, but give you a unique look through Sacramento's historic city cemetery.

The first is "Rose Classification Part I - Old Garden Roses," where you can learn about early once-blooming Alba, Damask and Gallica roses and repeat-blooming Bourbons, Chinas, Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals, all within the Historic Rose Garden.

The two-hour workshop will include a lecture, a hands-on examination of typical varieties and a short walk through the garden looking at some of the garden's nearly 500 old and historic roses.

The workshop will be led by the Historic Rose Garden's Manager and Sacramento County Lifetime Master Gardener and will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 5.

The second is a hands on volunteer experience with a fittingly spooky title,

"Deadheading at Dusk," where you can help remove spent blooms from the many rosebushes and tidy up the garden which encourages repeat blooming of the roses.

Tools and training will be provided for this gardening workshop and light refreshments will be served. The workshop starts at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7.

Parking for both events is located across the street from the 10th Street gate. Workshops are free, however, donations are appreciated and go for restoration and preservation of cemetery artifacts. For more information, call 916.264.7839 or 916.448.0811 or visit www.oldcitycemetery.com.



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Two Wicked Divas This Way Come by Chris Narloch

While Sacramento waits for its first engagement of *Wicked* to open at the Community Center on May 23, fans of that blockbuster Broadway musical can buy tickets for separate Northern California appearances by the show's original Galinda and Elphaba, Kristin Chenoweth and Idina Menzel.

Kristin Chenoweth

Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth is embarking on her first concert tour, during which the Broadway star will perform tunes from her latest album, *Some Lessons Learned*, as well as songs heard on *GLEE* and selections from her starring role in *Wicked*.

Chenoweth will play the Zellerbach Auditorium in Berkeley, on Friday, May 11. Visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Idina Menzel

In addition to creating the role of Elphaba on stage, Idina Menzel is also the Tony Award-winning actress, singer and songwriter who starred in the original stage production of *Rent*.

Her concert in Modesto will offer a diverse repertoire of classic pop and musical theater favorites, including a fresh spin on contemporary songs.

Menzel appears at the Gallo Center, on Tuesday, June 5. Visit www.galloarts.org.



Wicked's original Elphaba and Galinda, Idina Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth, will both be making appearances on local stages, Chenoweth in Berkeley and Menzel at the Gallo Center in Modesto.

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Entertainment

Killer Joe, Titanic & Little Shop on Local Stages

by Chris Narloch

There's a lot of good theatre happening in and around Sacramento this month, with an emphasis on musicals from *Titanic* to *Little Shop of Horrors*. Here's a very brief rundown of what currently looks promising on area stages.

STC (Sacramento Theatre Company) has two intriguing productions on now: *Barrymore*, a one-man show about Drew's famous actor grandfather, playing until May 6, and *Little Shop of Horrors*, the enchanting stage musical based on the 1960 Roger Corman film about a man-eating plant, with a great score by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, playing through May 20. Visit www.sactheatre.org.

B Street Theatre opens Kate Fodor's *Rx* on April 29, a play described by the New York Times as "a sprightly, engaging comedy." Love, drugs and corporate America have wild side effects in this new romantic comedy, playing through June 10. Visit www.bstreettheatre.org.

Big Idea Theatre on Del Paso Boulevard continues with *Killer Joe* by Tracy Letts, playing through May 5. Nobody does

dysfunctional family drama with black comedy quite like Letts, and this one is about a killer cop hired to knock off a family member for her insurance money. Call 916-960-3036.

Three Stages in Folsom hosts El Dorado Musical Theatre's production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein masterpiece *Oklahoma!*, playing through May 6. Curly and Jud are still fighting over Laurey after all these years in this classic American musical. Call 916-608-6888.

DMTC (Davis Musical Theatre Company) feeds the fire of recent Titanic-mania with their productions of the surprisingly good musical stage version of history's most famous maritime disaster, the sinking of the 'unsinkable' super ship. *Titanic: The Musical* plays through May 6 in Davis. Call 530-756-3682.

Smudge Offers a Creepy & Funny Look at Parenthood

KOLT Run Creations is quickly building a reputation for presenting plays that explore new ground and test the boundaries of contemporary theatre. Their newest production, *Smudge*, is no exception, a dark, sci-fi comedy that explores new frontiers in parenting, with a twist of Darwinism.

In *Smudge*, a hopeful young couple, Colby and Nicholas, have idyllic plans for their first child. However, they end up with a more difficult reality when they give birth to a "smudge," a baby with not only physical abnormalities, but unique abilities that change the lives of Colby, Nicholas and Nick's brother, Pete, forever.

Penning by Rachel Axler, an Emmy Award-winning writer of *The Daily Show* and *Parks & Recreation*, *Smudge* stars Eric Baldwin as Pete, Barry Hubbard as Nicholas and Kelley Ogden as Colby and is directed by Lisa Thew.

KOLT's production of the wickedly funny and provocative play runs through May 20 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. on May 13 and 20. There will be talkbacks following the May 5 and May 13 performances. All shows will be at the Ooley Theater, 2007 28th Street in midtown Sacramento. Tickets are \$20 general admission (\$15 for students/

KOLT followers) and can be purchased online at www.KOLTRunCreations.com.



Colby (Kelley Ogden) and Nicholas (Barry Hubbard) get their first look at the sonogram of their new baby in Rachel Axler's *Smudge*.

Hot Greeks and Red in S.F.

by Chris Narloch

There is so much exciting theater happening in Northern California currently that I had to split things up into an article spotlighting local stages in Sacramento and this piece, which describes the theatrical goings-on over in the Bay Area.

Hot Greeks

You have until May 19 to catch *Hot Greeks*, back by popular demand for a limited engagement at San Francisco's Hypnodrome Theatre, home of the Thrillpeddlers, Northern California's edgiest "underground" theater troupe.

In *Hot Greeks*, college rhythm meets the Peleponnesian War as Athens University takes on Sparta for their annual pigskin showdown. Join the Tri Thigh Sorority 'girls' and their footballer boyfriends, jiving to the big-band hit parade sounds of the 1940s.

Hot Greeks was originally produced and performed in 1972 by San Francisco's gender-bending theatrical troupe, The Cockettes. In 2010, Thrillpeddlers mounted a condensed 70-minute version of *Hot Greeks* and it was an instant, sold-out hit. This new 2012 production expands the show to a full-length version and restores three songs from the original 1972 production.

For more information, visit www.thrillpeddlers.com.

Red

John Logan, the Oscar-nominated author of *Hugo*, *Aviator*, and *Gladiator*, won Tony and Drama Desk Awards for this feverish 90-minute drama about the artist Mark Rothko, who wrestles with his new apprentice in a battle of wits over a bucket of paint.

The passionate play that wowed Broadway, and won the Tony for Best Play in 2010, has been extended at Berkeley Rep through May 12. Visit www.berkeleyrep.org.



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FILM, CHAMPAGNE & CAKE

Sacramento Premiere of Xavier Durringer's hilarious new political satire that chronicles French President Nicolas Sarkozy's ascent to power. Benefit for French Film Fest. 7 p.m. Crest Theatre, 1013 K St. Info: sacramento french film festival.org

The Grapes of Wrath

John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning novel is the life-affirming story of a Great Depression-era family who overcomes hardships associated with leaving their Oklahoma home in search of a better life in California. Presented by the Prospect Theater Project. May 4 - 11, Gallo Center, Modesto. GalloArts.org 209-338-2100



Friday, 27

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It's a dance party starting off with country dancing (7 - 9 p.m.) with instructor Cindy Baudin giving line dance lessons (7 & 8 p.m.) followed by a mix of dance music (9 p.m. to midnight.) \$5. Country Club Lanes Ballroom, 2600 Watt Ave. Info: 916-601-3710 JamminJoEvents@comcast.net

Saturday, 28

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MANGO THOUGHTS

Lesbian southern humorist, pastor and songwriter Meg Barnhouse presents an evening of stories and songs, *Mango Thoughts in a Meatloaf Town*, accompanied by her partner, Kiya Heartwood. \$10. 7 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd. Info: www.uuss.org

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

Come out and cheer on your favorite team as men don red high heels to raise awareness and funds for WEAVE. 10:30 a.m. Capitol Mall. Info: WEAVEinc.org

WAR ON WOMEN

UniteWomen is holding a rally to draw attention to the Right's War on Women, part of a national day of rallies and demonstrations. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. North steps, Capitol. Then march to Southside Park for speakers, music food & workshops from 1 - 5 p.m. Info: facebook.com/unitewomen

COLLAGE

A group for folks aged eight and older with one or more parents that are LGBTQ. Come and play games, make friends and plan fun activities. 2-4 p.m. Sac G&L Center, 1927 L St. Info: 916-514-2251 colage.org facebook.com/colage.sacramento

Monday, 30

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Nanci Zoppi in a unique cabaret

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Graham-A-Rama returns to the Cosmopolitan Cafe for a show they have been working on for over a year, a unique cabaret experience during which the audience will determine the outcome of the evening in the style of the *Choose Your Own Adventure* book series. See:

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experience, during which the audience will determine the outcome with a set list that varies from classical to musical theatre to contemporary pop. Backed by the Graham Sobelman Trio. \$20. 7 p.m. Cosmopolitan Cabaret, 1000 K St. grahamarama.com

Wednesday, 2

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Thursday, 3

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Saturday, 5

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Congratulations from all the realm went out to Emperor 38 Michael Kennedy and Empress 38 Key Pears on an excellent year as they took their final walks at The Fashionista Ball - Coronation 2012 held Saturday, April 22. Congratulations also to Emperor 39 Clarmundo Sullivan and Empress 39 Jowana Piece St. James, the new Monarchs of CGNIE.



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Polar Bears, Bullies & Cartoon Jazz by Chris Narloch

After you see *The Hunger Games* and *Cabin in the Woods* at the multiplex, check out what's new on the big screen at Sacramento's Crest, Tower and IMAX theaters.

The Tower

If *Bully* is still playing as you read this, go see it.

This is the acclaimed documentary that has caused a stir both for its uncompromising depiction of gay and straight school-aged victims of bullying, and for its initial "R" rating (for profanity), which has since been changed to PG-13 after critics and fans of the film put pressure on the MPAA. Now kids can see the movie, and



Kenneth Weishuhn, a gay 14-year old Iowa teen not depicted in the film, was bullied to suicide just after the movie *Bully* arrived in theaters.

more schools will be able to eventually use the film as a teaching tool.

The movie is disturbing and sad but very powerful and absolutely essential viewing given the current epidemic of teen bullying and teen suicide.

The Crest

Currently scheduled to open at the Crest on April 27, *Chico & Rita* was among this year's Academy Award nominees for Best Animated Feature. *Rango* ultimately took home that prize, but *Chico & Rita* sounds like a must-see for fans of great animation.

The romantic drama details the love affair between two musicians over six decades and numerous countries and political regimes. It features cartoon 'cameo appearances' from a number of legendary jazz artists, including Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie and Chano Pozo. Visit www.thecrest.com.

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The Hunger Games Left Me Hungry – and Not for More

by Chris Narloch

I had high hopes for the big-screen version of Suzanne Collins' initial installment in her remarkable series of young adult novels, about a futuristic society where unlucky teenagers are chosen to fight to the death on a "reality" television show.

Unfortunately, Hollywood has trouble turning great books in to great movies, and *The Hunger Games* is no exception, thanks to a mismatch of director to material. This story needed a bold, edgy filmmaker, and talented though he may be, Gary Ross, the director of *Pleasantville* and *Seabiscuit*, was not the appropriate person for the job.

The movie should have been suspenseful and chilling – imagine what Kathryn Bigelow, the director of *The Hurt Locker*, could have done with it – and instead it feels both bloated and dumbed-down.

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Pests

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effectiveness typically wanes within an hour. Likewise, peppermint oil and some other plant-based oils are also effective as insect repellents. Even venerable Avon Skin-So-Soft bath oil, long thought to deter pests as well as DEET, only keeps mosquitoes away for up to a half hour.

Beyond repellents, there are many other ways to keep pests away. For one, avoid floral fragrances from perfume, deodorant or other sources that can attract mosquitoes and other bugs. The EarthEasy web site recommends eliminating standing water around your home to keep mosquito breeding at bay. Bird

baths, wading pools and pet water bowls should be changed at least twice a week; also make sure your gutters are draining properly. Also, since mosquitoes are attracted by carbon dioxide released from campfires and barbecue grills, EarthEasy recommends throwing sage or rosemary on the coals to repel the mosquitoes.

If all else fails and DEET is your only option, use it sparingly. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends using repellents with no more than a 30 percent concentration of DEET for kids over two-months old (and no repellent for younger babies).

Keep in mind that formulas with lower concentrations of DEET may work just as well as others, but not for as long. A ten percent DEET concentration, for instance, should work for up to two hours outside. Applying DEET-based bug spray to your clothing instead of skin can help minimize any negative effects of exposure. Also, kids and grown-ups alike should wash off any DEET-based repellents when they are "out of the woods" so to speak.

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be funded by SRCSD. The construction cost of the FOG receiving station is approximately \$2.1 million.

The additional biogas captured will be used by SMUD to generate renewable energy at SMUD's Cosumnes Power Plant located in southern Sacramento County.

In a released statement, SMUD and SRCSD said that benefits of the project include:

- Saving local businesses money

by providing an advanced, local disposal option for wastes that will eliminate fuel and fleet costs associated with trucking the waste to distant locations.

- Increasing the production of biogas which will be used to generate renewable electricity for up to 2,000 homes in the region.
- Utilizing existing waste processing and power generation infrastructure to minimize capital costs.

• Eliminating greenhouse gas emissions associated with organic waste in landfills and its transportation to disposal sites outside the region.

- Reducing the amount of wastes that enter the local sewer system.

The statement further says that the project is expected to be completed by Dec. 2012 and is the culmination of years of study and a successful pilot test in 2009.

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does boast eye-catching work by its costume and set designers, as well as first-rate performances by most of its cast. Yet Ross tries to create tension with jumpy hand-held camera work, an over-used device that becomes irritating very fast.

It doesn't help that the script leaves out important details from the book that would explain why certain characters align with others or are spared by fellow contestants.

None of this will matter, of course, to the books legions of fans, who can subconsciously fill in what's missing while they're watching and will not be bothered by the fact that the film does not stand on its own as a satisfying experience unless you have read the book. (This same problem has so far also plagued the producers of the *Twilight* films.)

The film is still worth seeing, especially for Jennifer Lawrence's tough, star-making lead performance as Katniss, but *The Hunger Games* isn't half as effective and scary as *Winter's Bone*, an excellent thriller from 2010 that first put the actress on the map.

The Word is out.

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Condo Insurance

Like homeowners insurance, condo insurance is usually required by lenders as a condition of the mortgage. However, the cooperative nature of a condominium adds a few twists to a traditional homeowners policy. Usually the building's exterior, common spaces and some unit structural elements will be covered under the condo association's master policy. The cost of this insurance will be included in the dues paid to the condominium association.

The coverage needed for your particular unit will vary depending on the master policy. Most likely, you will be responsible for buying a unit policy that insures most of the interior elements – including additions, renovations and improvements – as well as your personal property. Review condominium association documents, like by-laws or covenants, for information on the insurance requirements for unit owners. You can also purchase additional coverage for special assessments against unit owners to pay for repairs to common property or other expenses.

Renters Insurance

When you rent an apartment, your landlord is usually responsible for insuring the building's physical structure, both inside and out.

As a renter, you alone are responsible for insuring your personal property against theft, damage and loss. Unlike homeowners and condo insurance, renters insurance is not usually required as a condition of occupancy. That means the decision to carry renters insurance is up to you. It's an easy decision to make, though. The average renters insurance policy costs around \$15 a month, making it an affordable option for almost any budget.

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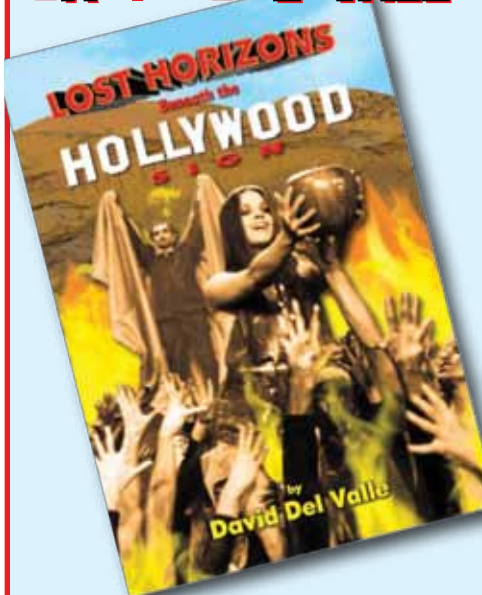
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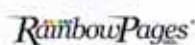
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