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High Tea for Equality

The Queer Woman's Event Committee, in association with The Center, invites you to join them for an afternoon of delectable eats, delightful treats, and the opportunity to engage with activists from the community. Fun hats are encouraged!

The High Tea will not only afford you the opportunity to find some direction and motivation in the advancement of LGBTQ equality, but also to spend the afternoon mingling with other phenomenal women.

High Tea for Equality will be held from 3 - 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the Sac G&L Center, 1927 L St. Info: 916-442-0185
SacCenter.org.

Take Pride in Your Health

The Sacramento G&L Center is hosting its first LGBT Community Health Fair on Saturday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind The Center.

Take Pride in Your Health will feature free health and vision screenings, fitness demonstrations and information, healthful eating options, HIV/AIDS testing and education, connection to low-cost and free women's health services, seminars on disease and cancer prevention, and vouchers for free health services and materials.

Sponsors and participating organizations include SMUD, VSP Vision Care, American Cancer Society, ApoteCare Rx, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Yoga Seed, Breaking Barriers, Sac916ers LGBT Basketball League, California Health Collaborative, CARES, Headhunters/Faces, and Sacramento Metropolitan Lions Club

About Our Cover

We wanted to give you a sneak peek at what is coming up at this year's Sacramento Pride, so our cover features the amazingly talented and creative Miss Phi Phi O'hara (Jaremi Carey).

Originally from San Antonio, TX, Miss Phi decided to spread her wings and fly to Chicago, IL in 2009 where she left her stamp in the female impersonation industry and along the way discovered her true identity, not to mention working her way to a spot on season four of RuPaul's Drag Race.

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commentary by Shara Perkins Murphy

Many don't realize, or aren't aware of, the disproportionate impact smoking has on the LGBT community. I might get ousted from the bars this weekend for saying it, but since gay men have almost twice the odds of a cancer diagnosis compared with heterosexual men, we need to put down the cigarettes and support Prop 29.

Over 30 percent the LGBT community smokes – nearly double that of the general population and cancer and heart disease kill more people in California than any other cause. Smoking has been shown to be a strong causal factor in both cases. Sadly, nearly one in two Californian's born today will get cancer in their lifetimes, including 41 percent of bisexual women who will report cervical cancer – that's more than double the prevalence in other women.

Prop 29 – the new \$1 tobacco tax initiative on the June 5 ballot – can help save lives. Prop 29 will raise \$735 million every year for cancer and other tobacco-related disease research as well as give a shot in the arm to tobacco prevention programs.

Additionally, Prop 29 will fund more than \$500 million each year for research into the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer and tobacco-related diseases. This could well lead us to cures for these deadly diseases.

If you take into account that according to the American Heart Association, 30 percent of cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death in the state, is directly attributable to smoking you can see how high our risk is. Worse still, LGBT youth have the highest smoking rates of any group 18-24, at nearly 44 percent compared to only 18 percent for their peers.

Frankly this isn't much of a surprise. Over the years, tobacco companies have targeted the LGBT community, and their marketing tactics are obviously paying off.

But we can fight back. We must not allow tobacco-related diseases to be the next health crisis of our community. Prop 29 will fund life-changing smoking prevention and cessation programs, and public health experts project that the price increase alone will prevent 228,000 youth from starting this deadly habit and save 104,000 lives.

Unfortunately, Big Tobacco is spending

more than \$23 million to defeat Prop 29.

I have worked the last decade with California's LGBT community, as an operative in progressive politics and now as the executive director of our community center. I have seen how this community has

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It only takes 20 minutes after you quit smoking for your body to start recovering and for you to start on a healthier life. See the benefits of quitting smoking at www.stgp.org/quitsmokingtimeline.asp.

California Museum to Honor Harvey Milk Day

The Harvey Milk Foundation, The California Legislative LGBT Caucus and Equality California (EQCA) are hosting a celebration of the life and work of Harvey Milk at a special reception and exhibit honoring the slain civil rights leader.

The program will feature a panel discussion with Stuart Milk, the nephew of Harvey Milk, Anne Kronenberg, Milk's campaign manager, Senator Mark Leno, author of SB 48, Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and Stamp Corbin, publisher of the San Diego based *LGBT Weekly*, who will be the moderator.

The panel will discuss the implementation and benefits of Senate Bill (SB) 48 The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act, signed into law by Governor Brown in 2011, that requires public schools to teach LGBT history. While the act went into effect January 1, 2012, it's still not implemented.

The celebration is being held at The



California Museum, 1020 O St. on Tuesday, May 15. The evening begins with an Intimate VIP reception and entrance to the Museum exhibit at 5:30 p.m., with the panel discussion starting at 6 p.m. Limited seating is available, please RSVP at harveymilkday.eventbrite.com

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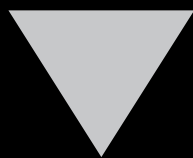


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Sacramento Women's Chorus Presents *Sing Out Sisters*



The Sacramento Women's Chorus, pictured here at an earlier concert at the State Capitol, are presenting their Spring Concert, *Sing Out Sisters*, on Saturday May 12. The Concert will feature special guests from the Girl Scout Choir and will be performed at 7 p.m. at Christ Unity Church, 9249 Folsom Blvd. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or SacramentoWomensChorus.com

Chulito Author Visits Sacramento



Author Charles Rice from NYC came to Luna's in Sacramento on April 24 to read and sign his new novel *Chulito*, about coming-of-age and coming-out as a young gay Latino in the South Bronx. (www.CharlesRiceGonzalez.com) Photo by George Raya.

Sac G&L Center Launches Monthly Donor Drive

The Sacramento G&L Center has launched its May fund drive with a goal of adding 40 monthly donors and raising \$10,000 to support the many programs and activities of The Center.

"2012 is a year of growth and expansion in programs and services at The Center," said Shara P. Murphy the Center's executive director. "In addition to on-going group meetings, we are starting new programming for seniors, LGBT parents, and young professionals."

To support the fund drive, The Center is sponsoring both a health fair on May 12 and a concert by the San Francisco Men's Chorus on May 22. The Center is also diligently

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Equality Action NOW to Host Harvey Milk Day Celebration *by Ken Pierce*

State Senator Mark Leno will receive the "Spirit of Harvey Milk" award in recognition of his authoring, and tireless work for the passage of Senate Bill 572, which created Harvey Milk Day in California.

The award will be presented as a part of Equality Action NOW's (EAN) third annual Harvey Milk Day celebration, on Tuesday, May 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mulvaney's B&L Next Door, 1215 19th St.

Harvey Milk was a leader in the gay rights movement who was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, making him the nation's first openly gay man elected to public office in a major U.S. city.

On October 12, 2009, Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the bill (SB 572) establishing "Harvey Milk Day" to take place each May 22, Milk's birthday. The signing came on the heels of President Obama awarding Harvey Milk posthumously, the presidential Medal of Freedom Award, in August 2009.

"It is because of Senator Leno's tireless efforts in the legislature writing laws that help to increase counseling services to at-risk youth; make sure the achievements of LGBT people

are taught to students; and his continued fight for civil rights for all, that he will be presented with the "Spirit of Harvey Milk" award," said EAN Board President Ken Pierce.

Five more members of the community will also be honored and announced during the celebration.

Local, and nationally-known "spoken word" artist and EAN member, Jovi Radtke will perform an original piece especially written for this event.

The staff of Mulvaney's will provide a buffet with a cash bar. An after-party is being planned for Badlands, Midtown's popular dance club for the over 21 crowd.

Tickets are available for \$25 per person online at www.EqualityActionNOW.org and \$30 at the door. For more information contact Chris Packey at cjpackey@yahoo.com.

Ken Pierce is a community activist and board president of EAN, and can be reached at ken@equalityactionnow.org.

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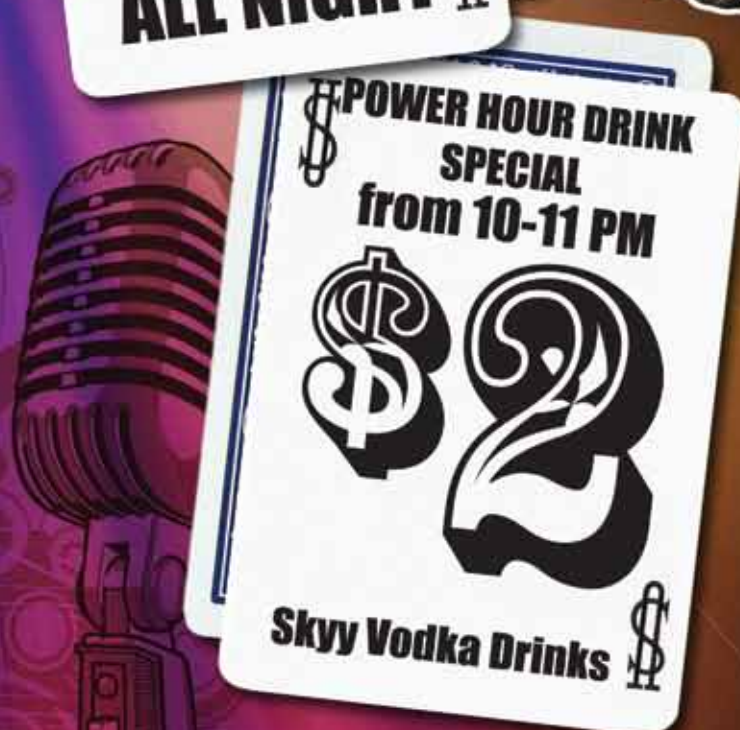
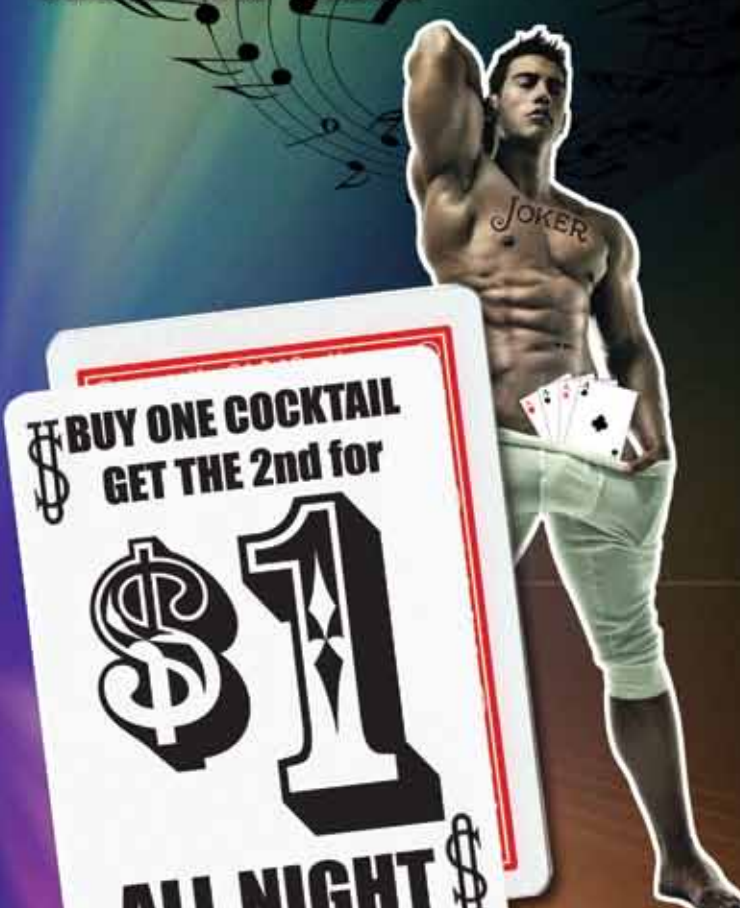
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The NCAC Opening Ceremony and ride-out will be held the morning of Thursday, May 17 at 7 a.m. at Folsom Lake's Beals Point. Friends and family of cyclists and support crewmembers will gather to cheer the ride-out and to participate in a ceremony including a performance of the National Anthem and a non-denominational prayer for the strength and comfort of cyclists and crew during the challenging event.

NCAC cyclist and Sacramento City Councilmember Jay Schenirer will present a Council Resolution in support of the event.

The cyclists will follow a circuitous, often challenging ride through the Sierra foothills and northern Central Valley, ending their first 103-mile day at Gridley, Calif. The group will end its second day at Williams, Calif., and its third day at Woodland, Calif.

The annual event raised nearly a quarter million dollars in 2011 with approximately 90 cyclists. Each NCAC cyclist pledges to raise a minimum of \$1,500, and many raise more. Proceeds of the ride support non-profit HIV/AIDS service organizations in the Greater Sacramento and surrounding regions.

Closing Ceremony will be held at the California State Capitol on Sunday, May 20, beginning with a ride-in at noon, followed by

performances of the UC Davis California Aggie Marching Band, Sacramento Sirens Cheer Elite and the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus. The event also will include exhibits by benefiting organizations.

NCAC has raised nearly a million dollars to benefit non-profit HIV/AIDS service providers in the Greater Sacramento region and surrounding areas. The event is among the most successful Sacramento charity fundraisers in history based on total dollars raised.

The mission of NorCal AIDS Cycle is to support organizations throughout Northern California working to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic and to care for those living with and affected by HIV/



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Beneficiaries of the 2012 ride include Sacramento-area organizations CARES, Breaking Barriers, River City Food Bank, and Sunburst Projects, Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center, Golden Rule Services of Sacramento and HARM Reduction Services; and Sierra Foothill AIDS Foundation of Auburn; Caring Choices of Chico-Redding; and Shasta Trinity Tehama HIV Food Bank of Redding.

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Courage to Stand is an opportunity for civilians to obtain a

glimpse of what life was like for our military brethren whom served in silence. Those that served will share personal details of their lives under this discriminatory policy, and the various ways each dealt with life, love, camaraderie and service.

Among those sharing stories will be Jeff Wilfahrt who will tell the story of his son Andrew Wilfahrt, the first openly gay Army soldier killed in combat since the repeal.

International opera singer Zachary Gordin and pianist Jim Jordan will perform a special musical dedication, adapted from poetry by Walt Whitman. Clint Brozoni (who studied with Pulitzer



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Entertainment

by Chris Narloch

The Avengers Opens a Can of Whoop-ass!

Popcorn movie season has begun with a bang thanks to the early summer release of the ultimate superhero film, *The Avengers*. I also review several smaller titles trying in vain to compete with that blockbuster at the box office.

The Avengers

There is an abundance of testosterone on screen in this cinematic superhero smackdown – not that I'm complaining – but Scarlett Johansson holds her own with the big boys. The actress appears to be having a blast alongside Robert Downey Jr., Jeremy Renner, Mark Ruffalo, and the two hunky Chris's (Hemsworth and Evans).

The Lucky One

Zac Efron has definitely discovered the gym since his High School Musical days, and the newly-hunky actor gives a decent, understated performance in yet another adaptation of a Nicholas Sparks book.

The movie also gets points for touching on the Iraq War's effect on our military's mental health – Efron plays a troubled vet – and Blythe

of *The Five-Year Engagement*.

Work, life and other comedic business keep their characters from tying the knot year after year, and although the outcome is never in doubt, the surprises here are the smart script and the fizzy performances by the entire cast.

The Crest

There are at least three intriguing titles coming to the Crest in May:



The Avengers is probably fifteen or 20 minutes too long for its own good, but that is the only negative thing I can say about this very entertaining adrenaline rush of an action flick.

For once, the 3D and the CGI are supported by funny dialogue, fine performances, and skillful direction by Joss Whedon.

The Raven

I'll see John Cusack in anything, and the actor gives an intense, committed performance in this new thriller inspired by the life of Edgar Allan Poe, master of the macabre.

Unfortunately, the movie settles for a cheesy fictional plot based on Poe's stories when a more realistic bio-pic probably would have been a lot more interesting and just as weird, given the facts of the writer's life.

Danner and Taylor Schilling provide able support. Unfortunately, Sparks can't seem to resist clichéd plot elements such as an evil sheriff and a child in peril.

The Five-Year Engagement

God bless Jason Segel, who isn't afraid to do nude scenes, even though he doesn't exactly look like Brad Pitt or Channing Tatum. That didn't stop the doughy comedic actor from doing a full-frontal scene in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* a few years back and now a booty shot in this new rom-com. Segel gives hope to regular guys everywhere that you don't need six-pack abs and buns of steel to score with the ladies.

Emily Blunt doesn't seem to mind that there is a little bit more of him to love, and since she is just as quirky a performer as Segel, I enjoyed their chemistry and the alternately sweet and raunchy style

Terence Davies' *The Deep Blue Sea*, based on the play by Terence Rattigan and starring Rachel Weisz and Tom Hiddleston; Michel Piccoli as a Pope suffering from panic attacks and self-doubt, in *We Have A Pope*; and the Beatles' animated musical comedy classic, *Yellow Submarine*. Visit www.thecrest.com for dates and details.

Opera on the Big Screen

This May, opera fans can enjoy select encore performances from the Metropolitan Opera's new production of Wagner's Ring cycle, as part of the award-winning series *The Met: Live in HD*.

The series begins with the new documentary *Wagner's Dream*, which chronicles the making of the Met's Ring cycle, followed by the four individual operas, *Das Rheingold*, *Die Walkure*, *Siegfried* and *Götterdämmerung*. visit www.metoperafamily.org

Entertainment

SFGMC to Premier *Give 'Em Hope* at Capitol

by Matthew Bulingame

“Exciting, humbling and appropriate,” says Teddy Witherington, the executive director of the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus (SFGMC), when asked how it feels to be premiering the new Harvey Milk anthem *Give 'Em Hope* on the steps of the Capitol building on Tues., May 22 at a free concert.

“We took this project on with purpose and also humility,” Witherington continues. “The legacy of Harvey Milk belongs to us all and we have assembled a huge number of collaborating organizations and individuals who are helping us with this awesome project. We do not do this alone and have fantastic partners like the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center and the Sacramento Gay Men’s Chorus.”

The event is being presented as part of SFGMC’s California Freedom Tour and on their Sacramento visit they will also be performing that evening at 8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave. in Sacramento. Proceeds from the performance will go to the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center.

The performance will highlight musical selections from *Godspell*, *Wicked* and *Hairspray* as well as feature a special guest performance by the Sacramento Gay Men’s Chorus (SGMC).

“We were asked by the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus if we would like to make a joint appearance at a show they were hoping to put together in Sacramento,” says Mike Tentis, President of the Board of Directors of SGMC. “The concert was specifically planned to occur in Sacramento on Harvey Milk Day as a symbolic reminder of the hard-fought political gains that our community has realized over the past few decades. As the concert will be a fundraiser for the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center, we were happy to agree to be a part of this effort.”

So why, other than being from the city Milk represented during his short time in office, is SFGMC the perfect group to take on this momentous challenge?

“SFGMC made its first public appearance at the impromptu candlelight memorial on the steps of San Francisco’s City Hall the night that Harvey Milk and George Moscone were assassinated,” explains Witherington. “I would often wonder how that connection might be given new meaning. In 2010 SFGMC was formulating a strategic vision for the next three years; a performance-based project to honor the 35th anniversary of Harvey Milk’s 11 months in office and the 35th anniversary of the night the Chorus began to take shape.”

The group commissioned Pamela Stewart to write the anthem, now entitled *Give 'em Hope* based on one of Milk’s most famous quotes “You gotta give ‘em hope.” The song

was set to music by composer Joseph Martin. For the group, the decision to premiere the work on the steps of the state capitol in honor of Harvey Milk Day was the obvious choice.

“The message of LGBT freedom and acceptance isn’t limited to a proposition, a percentage or a state line” says Witherington. “This year, we also take our Freedom Tour to Denver and Laramie, working there in close harmony with the Matthew Shepard Foundation. At every concert we have raised funds for local organizations – so far approximately \$30,000 – so that they too can ‘Give ‘em Hope’ in places where it matters.”

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Entertainment

How I Learned To Drive at Capital Stage

Winner of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Paula Vogel's *How I Learned To Drive* is a devastating and darkly funny tale of survival as seen through the lens of a troubling relationship between a teenage girl and an older man.



Stephanie Gularte and James Hiser in a scene from *How I Learned To Drive*.

Vogel's play is a brave and hopeful story of a woman who learns the rules of the road (and life) in the 1960s and '70s from behind the wheel. As her memories unravel, a beautifully crafted tale unfolds with insight, humor and heart.

Directed by Janis Stevens, and starring Stephanie Gularte, James Hiser, Jamie Jones,

Melanie Marshall and Eric Wheeler, *How I Learned To Drive* will play May 16 - June 17 at Capital Stage in Sacramento.

Vogel first came to national prominence with her AIDS-related seriocomedy *The Baltimore Waltz*, which won the Obie award for Best Play in 1992. Visit www.capstage.org.

Beer & Ballet Set to Pour & Pirouette



Tickets are on sale now for the next *Beer & Ballet*, a popular Sacramento Ballet event where fans can see the dancers perform up close in a setting both informal and intimate. Enjoy beer, wine or soda as you watch edgy new works created by the dancers themselves. Many followers of the company say that these in-studio events are the ones that made them permanent dance lovers. *Beer & Ballet* runs May 11-27 at the Sac Ballet Studios, located at 1631 K Street in Sacramento. Visit www.sacballet.org. Photo by Keith Sutter Photography.



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Friday, 11

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Saturday, 12

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR HEALTH

The Sacramento G&L Center hosts an LGBT Community Health Fair, with free health and vision screenings, fitness demonstrations and information, healthful eating options, HIV/AIDS testing and education and more. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Center parking area, 1927 L St. Info: 916-442-0185 SacCenter.org

SIX WHEELS UNDER

Author David Del Valle (*Lost Horizons*) talks about and signs his new book, *Six Wheels Under*. 6 p.m. Free. The Lavender Library, 1414 21st St. Info: 916-462-0558 LavenderLibrary.com

Sunday, 13

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Monday, 14

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Tuesday, 15

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Friday, 18

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Featured bands include Nickel Slots, Infamous Swanks, Blackeyed Dempseys and DJ ADMJ, plus fresh air, good food and the famous beer garden. Free. 5 p.m. Cesar Chavez Plaza, 10th & J Sts. Info: DownTownsac.org

Saturday, 19

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Tony Fever Takes Over Broadway

Outword Reviews Five NYC Plays

by Chris Narloch

“Tony Fever” is in full force this May, as Broadway performers, producers and other professionals wait to learn if their productions can turn Tony nominations in to Tony Awards. Fortunately, I’ve just recently returned from my annual pre-Tonys trip to New York City and can give you a rundown on several of the nominated shows.

Next issue, I’ll have reviews of the Broadway musicals I saw, including a new production of *Evita*, co-starring Ricky Martin; the screen-to-stage adaptations of *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, *Once* and *Newsies*; the bawdy blockbuster *The Book of Mormon* and a red-hot revival of *Porgy and Bess*.

This issue I cover the plays I caught while in the Big Apple.

Venus in Fur

If Nina Arianda fails to win this year’s award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Play, I will be throwing things at my television screen on Tony night. Her performance in this play is so razor-sharp and funny that she keeps you on the edge of your seat from her entrance until the final scene.

Co-starring the equally talented and sexy Hugh Dancy, *Venus in Fur* is David Ives’ fascinating play about a writer/director and an actress who engage in an intensely dramatic “pas de deux” during her audition.

The Best Man

Describing the current Broadway revival of this 1960 political play by Gore Vidal as a star-vehicle would be putting it mildly – celebrity pile-up is more like it. It’s not everyday one gets to see the likes of James Earl Jones, Angela Lansbury, Candice Bergen, John Larroquette and Eric McCormack on the same stage, unless of course you are returning to the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre night after night during this show’s limited run.

That might not be a bad idea, since this production of Vidal’s still relevant and thought-provoking work amounts to a master class in stage acting by its uniformly excellent, star-studded cast.

Peter and the Starcatcher

Although the competition is unusually stiff in 2012, I am rooting for this charming little sleeper to win the Tony for Best Play. A prequel to *Peter Pan* based on a 2004 children’s novel by Dave Barry, *Peter and the*

Starcatcher is an amazing blast of theatrical creativity that eschews big-budget special effects and elaborate sets in favor of more suggestive staging that allows audience-members to use their imaginations.

That’s not a problem given the poignant beauty of both the script and the performances, which add up to an enchanting, one-of-a-kind work of art.

Tribes

A dysfunctional family drama with a twist, *Tribes* is the best play on the subject of deafness that I have seen since 1980’s *Children of a Lesser God*.

A deaf actor named Russell Harvard movingly plays the deaf son in a hearing family who rebels after he begins dating a young woman who is losing her own hearing. She helps him connect with other deaf people and learn sign language, which upsets his professor father, who had made the decision when his son was young not to teach him to sign for fear of stigmatizing the boy.

A powerful off-Broadway play about the damage families can do.

End of the Rainbow

The one dud play I saw this trip was an exercise in grave-robbing purporting to reveal the truth about Judy Garland’s last months, when the singer attempted to make



A scene from *Peter and the Starcatcher*.

a comeback with a series of concerts in London while addicted to drugs, drink and her last husband, the controversial Mickey Deans.

As Garland, Tracie Bennett gives the kind of all-stops-out, bravura performance that wins awards, but she didn’t remind me much of Judy, unless you believe that Garland had lost every shred of decency and vulnerability by this point in her life.

Are gay audiences really this hard up for entertainment that we need to spend two hours watching one of our icons get literally and figuratively trashed?

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PFLAG President Howard Papworth presented awards to Hansen and posthumously to the Follansbees, which was accepted by their son Dr. Stephen Follansbee (center.) the parents that have been a part of PFLAG throughout the years were in attendance, parents who not only accepted that their children were gay, but that embraced them and loved them even more. They were recognized for their Pearls of Wisdom and truly are our heroes.



PFLAG Regional Director and former Sacramento PFLAG President Pam Whitely accepts a resolution from Sac. County Supervisor Phil Serna.



Assemblymember Roger Dickinson presented a resolution from the State Assembly honoring the work of Sacramento PFLAG. outwardmagazine.com

Tobacco

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the ability to unite behind a cause – a cause that affects us, a cause that will increase the chance of things getting better for our community.

Prop 29 will help keep youth from smoking and help adults quit. It may lead to cures to some of the most deadly diseases of our time.

No matter how much money Big Tobacco spends, let's unite to show them we won't be bought.

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working to produce its annual Pride events including the Courage to Stand Reception, Parade, and Festival the weekend of June 2.

“Expanding the number of monthly contributors provides a consistent funding stream that not only keeps the doors open and the lights on, but facilitates opportunities for our hundreds of volunteers to make a difference in the community,” said Perkins

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Join the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, LIVESTRONG, the National LGBT Cancer Network, the Coalition of Lavender-Americans on Smoking and Health (CLASH), the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers, and countless doctors, researchers and survivors by voting Yes on Prop 29 on June 5.

Military

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Prize-winning composer David Del Tredici) composed the piece.

This historic event will be the kickoff to the 2012 Sacramento Gay Pride Weekend and is presented with the support of Sacramento Valley Veterans and Drexel University. The event will be held at the Citizen Hotel on June 1, beginning at 7 p.m. *Courage to Stand* will be styled after an officer's club cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres and hosted wine and beer. Seating will be available, but this event will not be a sit-down dinner.

Tickets for *Courage to Stand* are \$75, and are a tax-deductible donation. For tickets and more information, please visit saccenter.org/courage-to-stand.

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their four day odyssey. Plus information fair and live entertainment. 11 a.m. State Capitol. Info: norcalaidscycle.org

BEAR'S BRUNCH

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for brunch and a great start of the day with friends. 7 - 10 p.m. Info: SacBears.org

Monday, 21

SAC VALLEY VETS MEETING

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

TACOS CON KEVIN

Sacramento City Councilman Kevin McCarty is in the final stretch and you can meet him at this fundraiser. 5:30 - 7 p.m. El Patron, 6601 Folsom Blvd. Info: mccarty4sacramento@gmail.com

Tuesday, 22

GIVE 'EM HOPE!

The SF Gay Men's Chorus premieres the new Harvey Milk Anthem *Give 'Em Hope*. Free. 4 p.m. State Capitol. Info: SacCenter.org/sfmenschorus

SFGMC FREEDOM TOUR

The SFGMC, joined by the Sacramento GMC, bring their *Freedom Tour* to Sacramento, performing favorites from *Godspell*, *Wicked*, *Hairspray* and more. 8 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2626 Capitol Ave. Info: SacCenter.org/sfmenschorus

HARVEY MILK DAY

State Senator Mark Leno will receive the “Spirit of Harvey Milk” award at this celebration of the life of Harvey Milk, hosted by EAN. 6-8 p.m. \$30. Mulvaney's B&L Next Door, 1215 19th St. Info: equalityactionnow.org

PFLAG SACRAMENTO

Support group for parents and friends of LGBT. 7:30 p.m. St. Marks UMC, 2391 St. Marks Way. Info: pflagsacramento.org

Thursday, 24

BIG NAMES, SMALL ART

Enjoy music, artist demos and a silent auction featuring the work of more than 100 “Big Name” regional artists, each work measures in at 12-by-12 inches or less starting at \$25. 6 - 9 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Info: CrockerArtMuseum.org



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As Yogi used to say, "who'd a thunk it?," but with the help of the Sacramento Valley G&L Softball League, who raised a record \$2,320, Outword's DQB has now raised \$51,473.63 for local nonprofits and charities. Thanks so much to Richard and David of Hamburger Patties and their amazing staff, our amazing drag queens, Do Me, Felicity and Rusty, and of course all you fabulously generous Bingo Players, you really hit one out of the park!

La Kish Hayworth Memorial Scholarships

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For more information contact
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