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Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students who are pursuing a degree in the performing or visual arts.

Applications must be received by Aug. 17, and students must be attending a university, college or vocational school within the realm. To apply, visit cgnie.org.

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Call The Center at 916-442-0185 if you are interested in hosting one of these monthly events.

Where to Get Your Fireworks

The Sacramento Valley Bears are once again having a Phantom Fireworks booth at the corner of 16th and Broadway. Profits will befit local LGBT organizations.

The booth will open at noon on Friday, June 29 and run through the 4th of July.

Normal booth hours will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. www. sacbears.org.

The Sacramento Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association will also be hosting a fireworks stand, at a new location this year, 3540 Norwood Ave., at the corner of Silver Eagle and Norwood Ave. The stand will be open from Friday, June 28 through July 4 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Their largest fundraiser of the year, proceeds will be used to produce the Sierra Stampede Rodeo.

www.CapitalCrossroads.org.

CGNIÈ will be setting up a booth in their customary location in the parking lot on 20th St. between K & L Streets, adjacent to The Kennedy Gallery.

Don't be surprised if you run into some royalty at the booth, noblesse oblige and all that. The booth will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. from June 29 through July 4. www.cgnie.org.

All three groups can also use volunteers to help staff the booths, and you can reach them at their web sites to volunteer.

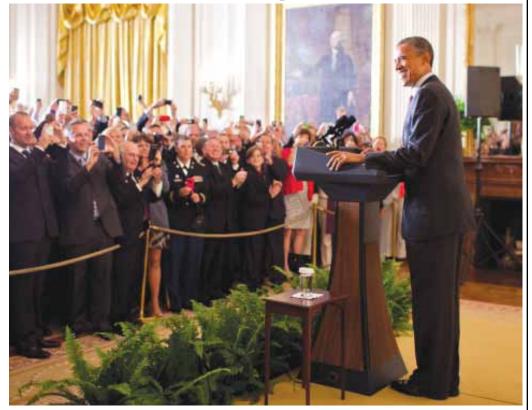
World AIDS Day Planning

Anyone interested in joining the Sacramento World AIDS Day Organizing committee is welcome to come participate in planning sessions.

We meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Sacramento County Primary Care Center, 4600 Broadway, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information contact Paula at 916-876-5548.

Obama Hosts LGBT Pride Reception at the White House



President Barack Obama delivering remarks at the LGBT Pride Month Reception in the East Room of the White House on June 15. In his remarks, the President acknowledged that while great progress has been made, the battle is not over yet: "And as long as I have the privilege of being your President, I promise you, you won't just have a friend in the White House, you will have a fellow advocate for an America where no matter what you look like or where you come from or who you love, you can dream big dreams and dream as openly as you want." You can read the president's full remarks at OutwordMagazine.com. (Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy)

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Bill To Regulate Medical Cannabis Passes Assembly The California Assembly has passed AB 2312, the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Control Act, authored by

Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco).

The bill, which passed the Assembly on May 31, now heads to the Senate, where if passed and signed by the governor, would create the first statewide regulatory framework for the medical cannabis industry in California.

"Today's vote was significant because it

represents a considerable shift that the Legislature is now willing to take responsibility for the effective regulation of medical cannabis in California, 16 years after voters passed Proposition 215," said Ammiano. "With the continuing federal crackdown, we simply cannot afford to

continue keeping our heads in the sand and pretend that everything is fine. AB 2312 is an opportunity for the Legislature to defend Proposition 215 by regulating and controlling an industry that has the support of over 80 percent of Californians."

AB 2312 creates the Board of Medical Marijuana Enforcement within the California Department of Consumer Affairs to oversee and regulate the medical marijuana industry in California. It would also authorize local governments to impose an excise tax.

Health and Human Services Releases Annual LGBT Report

he Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has released the 2012 report of the HHS LGBT Issues Coordinating Committee, which outlines many accomplishments from this past year and sets new goals for the coming year with respect to the health and well-being of the LGBT community.

The steps described in the report include those relating to health coverage, given that LGBT communities may be more likely to be uninsured or under-insured because of discrimination in the workplace and lack of relationship recognition.

We made a commitment to ensure fairness in the health care system for all Americans, LGBT Americans included, and this report shows we are following through on that pledge," said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "Millions of LGBT Americans now have greater assurances that they will be treated with dignity and respect in our health care

system."

The report highlights how HHS has satisfied its 2011 objectives and otherwise advanced the health and well-being of LGBT Americans in many ways over the past year.

The Department lists its key accomplishments from the past year as:

Continued implementation of the Affordable Care Act has given Americans, including LGBT individuals, improved access to health coverage including vital preventive services, such as mammograms and HIV testing, with no co-pay or deductible.

In addition, in 2014, more coverage options

will be available through an expanded Medicaid program and New Affordable Insurance Exchanges, which cannot discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

- Re-launching the web site. www.StopBullying.gov, that contains specific information for LGBT youth to deal with bullies.
- · Creation of an LGBT Youth Suicide task force, as well as funding to state and tribal suicide prevention programs.
- Awarding funding to the Fenway Institute to create national training programs for the nation's community health centers on culturally competent LGBT health care.

In addition, the 2012 report describes how HHS will continue to work closely with the LGBT community and be responsive to their needs by:

- Supporting initiatives to reduce and stop smoking with special emphasis on high-risk populations, including LGBT youth.
- Continuing to address discrimination, harassment, and violence against all individuals through domestic violence resources and prevention programs.
- Funding pilot studies to identify and test innovative ways of reducing obesity in lesbian and bisexual women.

"The 2012 report underscores HHS's commitment to working to ensure that all Americans are able to access affordable, quality care that is sensitive to their unique health needs," said Sebelius. "The report also highlights how HHS initiatives have been designed to meet the needs of LGBT Americans across their lifespan, from training child welfare agencies to helping caregivers serve elderly LGBT individuals with compassion and sensitivity."

Speaker Pérez Addresses UCLA Lavender Graduation



Speaker John A. Pérez delivered the keynote address at the 15th Annual Lavender Graduation in Korn Convocation Hall on the UCLA campus on June 16. Forty-four LGBT Studies minors and LGBT community students participated in the event. During the ceremony, students gave the Speaker the inaugural Lavender Leader Award in recognition for his role in the LGBT community. You can read the Speakers full remarks at www.OutwordMagazine.com.



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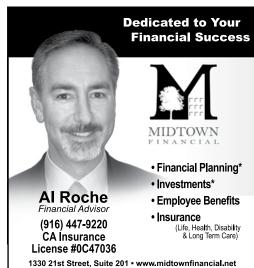
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Lost in Space: Danger LGBT Community, Danger Commentary by Mark Segal

was fortunate enough to attend this year's White House LGBT Pride Reception, and listened intently as the President welcomed all to the White House and then ran off a list of his administration's accomplishments for this community. I'm not going to list them here, but they are impressive.

However, Romney can undo much of what self-hating homo to appreciate endorsing Obama's administration has accomplished for this community. Even that is not the full story, though, because Romney says he'd try to appeal the other areas that have been written into law.

With that, I say your No. 1 priority is to reelect President Obama to protect your rights and gains and to give him the time he needs to do what most have kept a blind eye to - making those executive orders laws, and securing the laws that we have won, such as the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." As I've said a thousand times, passing the **Employment Non-Discrimination Act really** needs to be a priority, but not now.

Now we are in a fight to keep the modest gains we have made, and the only way to do that is to reelect Obama. Let's be clear: This is not going to be an easy election. Did you notice Wisconsin? Did you notice the money in that race?

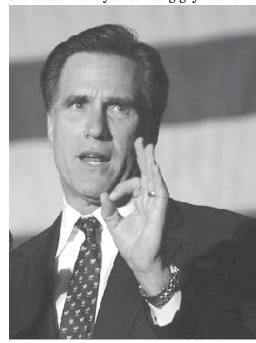
Sheldon Adelson, a Las Vegas casino operator and the man who financed Newt Gingrich's run, has stated that he might give Romney and his super PAC \$100 million. Chances are that Romney will have more funds than Obama.

If that were not enough, did you know there are now 24 states that have pending voter ID legislation? That means that certain people will have a problem voting. Do you even wonder which people they are? The ugliest of those states is Florida. Remember Gore vs. Bush?

As I write this, a press release from GOProud, the gay Republican organization, hits my desk. They endorse Mitt Romney. Here's the rub, they do so for Romney's private sector economy record. There is no mention of any Romney LGBT support to this community in any way.

Guess you'd have to be a rich, white

someone who says he won't honor you or your relationship - and attempt to toss you out of the military since being gay means



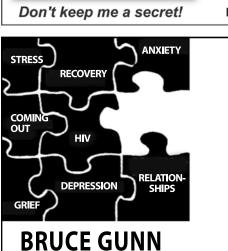
Mitt Romney — indicating how many LGBT rights he would support as president?

you are not fit for U.S. military service.

While this might be a harsh statement about GOProud, we are more than just our wallets: GOProud should at least endorse someone who has given something to this community. Obviously, this is how poorly they think of themselves. But their endorsement makes a point: divide and

If you don't want to wake up on Jan. 21 and see all your rights vanish, your first priority is to reelect President Obama.

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Baseball Hall of Fame Urged to Honor Openly Gay Player

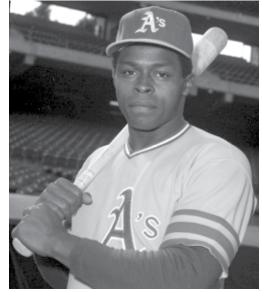
aseball's Hall of Fame has been called on to recognize Major .237 with two home runs, 38 RBI and 35 League Baseball's first openly gay player, Glenn Burke, who played for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland Athletics during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The drive to get Burke inducted into the Hall of Fame was started by Jeremy Redlien, a volunteer EMT, President of PFLAG Oneonta/Otsego and a baseball fan from Oneonta, NY. He lauched the campaign on Change.org once he learned Burke has never been recognized by the Baseball Hall of Fame. To date, more than 15,000 people have joined the campaign.

"Glenn Burke came out to his teammates at a time when no one else was talking publicly about their sexual orientation, let alone athletes," said Redlien. "We live in a world where the contributions of gay athletes to the history of sports is often overlooked. It's time to recognize Burke's bravery so that young people today can be inspired by this important figure in baseball."

In addition to being the first Major League Baseball player to come out as gay, Burke is also accredited with popularizing the high five. In a late season game in 1977, Burke's Dodgers teammate, Dusty Baker, hit a homerun. Burke, who was on deck, raised his right hand as Baker crossed the home plate and gave him a high five.

"It's amazing to think that Glenn Burke not only made history by coming out as gay, but that he also popularized something that millions upon millions of people do, from



T-ball players to professional athletes, whenever they want to celebrate a special moment," added Redlien. "Burke's story is something that everyone deserves to learn about, as the contributions of gay athletes are all too often overlooked in professional

Burke's career in the Major Leagues was short, and less than stellar. In his four seasons, and 225 games in the majors playing for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland A's, Burke had 523 at-bats, batted

stolen bases. He played three games and had one hit in five at bats during the 1977 World Series between the Dodgers and the Yankees, who won the series 4-2.

According to a PBS documentary from 2010, Burke's sexual orientation caused friction between him and his managers, with a Dodgers official suggesting that Burke should get married to protect the team's

Burke retired in 1980, and said a few years later that "prejudice drove me out of baseball sooner than I should have, but I wasn't changing."

Burke passed away in 1995, after a battle with substance abuse and HIV/AIDS-related complications.

"I think if Burke had been supported by managers and teammates early on, he would not have left baseball so early, and could have been a contender for the Hall of Fame," said Redlien. "Instead, Burke died tragically after feeling like he didn't belong in professional sports. It is time for his favorite sport to give him the respect he always deserved."

"Jeremy Redlien's petition on Change.org is mobilizing thousands of people who want to see Glenn Burke honored in some way by the Baseball Hall of Fame," said Joe Mirabella, Campaign Manager at Change. org. "Baseball fans are speaking out, and joining Jeremy's campaign in droves."

To add your name to the petition, visit www.change.org/burke

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SVGLS To Host Gold Rush Classic Tournament Labor Day Weekend

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"We are extremely eager to host our first ever tournament and showcase what Sacramento has to offer both in terms of competitive softball play and the social and cultural opportunities the region has to offer," said Patrick Marsengill, the league's Commissioner.

The Gold Rush Classic will be held August 31 through September 2, and is an open division tournament, that will feature round-robin play to determine seeding into a double-elimination bracket for up to 32 C and D North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) rated teams.

The NAGAAA plays in 44 cities across the U.S. and Canada and has over 10,000 players on over 700 different teams, divided into four divisions based upon skill levels. C and D



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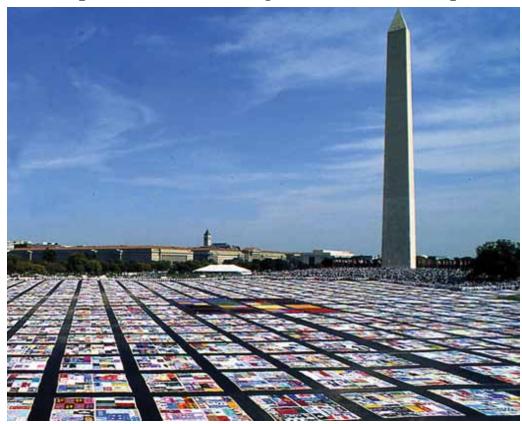


LGBT Caucus Honors Outstanding LGBT Californians



The California Legislative LGBT Caucus celebrated June 2012 as LGBT Pride Month at the Assembly Floor Session on Monday, June 18, and honored seven individuals and two organizations with the 2012 LGBT Pride Recognition Awards. The honorees include (not in order) Dustin Lance Black, Raquel Castaneda, Gloria Johnson, Stan Kiino, Latino Equality Alliance, Charles McKain (posthumous), San Francisco Police Officer's Pride Alliance, Sara Shortt and Rev. Janice Steele.

Creativity and Crisis: Unfolding The AIDS Memorial Quilt



The 25th anniversary of The AIDS Memorial Quilt and 30 years of life with AIDS will be commemorated in Creativity and Crisis: Unfolding The AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, D.C. through July 8. For more information, and to learn how you can ensure that all 94,000 names represented on the 48,000 panels that make up The AIDS Memorial Quilt are displayed during the Quilt's time in DC, visit aidsquilt.org.

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August is Kidspectacular at Fairytale Town

't's always about the kids at Sacramento's Fairytale Town, but this August is even kidsier with a whole lot of fun activities and events for kids, families and the young at heart.

It all starts with Moonlight Costume Ball: Men in Tights, on Friday, Aug. 3, from 7 - 11 p.m., a Robin Hood-themed fundraiser that features a red carpet photo op, giant dance floor, DJ, costume contests, live performance by Celtic rock band Tempest and fun all night long.

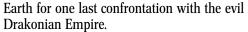
Then on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 & 5, at 2 p.m. there's a Children's Concert Series with Ericka Davis and Kiss N Tell, with performances by the Freebadge Serenaders, Musical Charis and Ricky Berger. Sunday is National Kids Day, so this is the place to be! Chalk it Up will host carnival games, arts and crafts activities, live music, chalk art and

The annual Family Campout at Fairytale Town, from Friday, Aug. 10, 5:30 p.m. through Saturday, Aug. 11, 7 a.m. is about the best fun a kid and their family can have together hey, you get to spend the night at Humpty Dumpty's house! Plus, a theater performance, arts and crafts activities, a scavenger hunt, bedtime stories and a sing-along.

The Fairytale Town Troupers present A Princess of Stars Episode 3: Return of the Trilogy! on Saturdays & Sundays, Aug. 18, 19, 25 & 26, with show times at 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. In their final show of the season, The Sisterhood of Space Fairies joins

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More for the young at heart, Jackie Greene will be live in concert Saturday, Aug. 18. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and starts at 8 p.m. at one of Sacramento's favorite concerts to support Fairytale Town's education programs and park improvements.

With a bit of a departure from kids, kids, kids, there will be a Teacher Workshop: Giving Voice to Children's Literature on Wednesday, Aug. 29, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., where you can learn easy and effective read-aloud techniques from Francie Dillon, a professor of children's literature at Sacramento State University.

And what better way to wrap it all up than with Pop-Up Cinema: The Wizard of Oz on Friday, Aug. 31, at 7 & 10 p.m. The 7 p.m. show features the movie and fun arts and crafts activities for kids, and the 10 p.m. screening features the movie played along with the cult-favorite Pink Floyd album, The Dark Side of the Moon.

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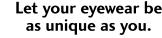
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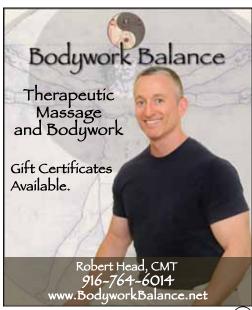
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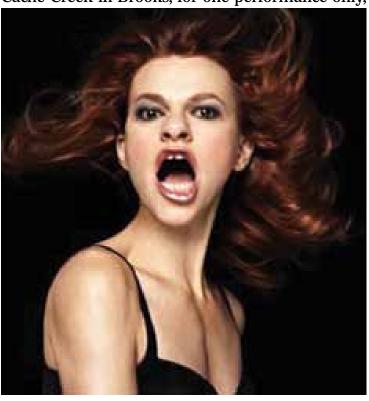


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Scheduled to make its debut on August 1 at WhereTheBearsAre.tv, the series is a romp through L.A.'s trendy neighborhood of Silver Lake, and whose mystery eventually reaches its climax in the desert outside of Palm Springs.

From the creative team of Rick Copp (*The Brady Bunch Movie*) Joe Dietl (*The Thin Pink Line*) and Ben Zook (*Jack and Jill*), *Where the Bears Are* will be shown in 26 four-minute episodes, and feature guest appearances by Bruce Daniels, Tuc Watkins, Jackie Beat and Shawn Pelofsky.

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The Bard Is Alive and Well in Land Park

't's hard to believe that this season will be the 27th for the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival, which continues to produce high-quality theater every summer in William Land Park.

To celebrate its 27th birthday, the Festival presents King Arthur and Shakespeare's A Comedy of Errors. (King Arthur is written and directed by Luther Hanson in the style of William Shakespeare.)

Hanson, who is the current Festival Director and a Professor in the Theatre Arts Department at City College, has been involved with the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival for

"One thing I discovered was that all outdoor Shakespeare Festivals run out of plays to do," said Hanson. "So I decided to write a new one. If you've never seen a King Arthur at a Shakespeare Festival, it's because there isn't one. So we wrote our own."

Bradley Moates, who plays Merlin in King Arthur, is also a veteran member who joined the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival fresh out of high school.

"I was lucky enough to be cast with seasoned community actors who mentored me and taught me how to rehearse and work this outdoor arena," said Moates. "Today, I am a seasoned professional actor, and I have the great chance to set an example and help out

work that is done through City College," said Hanson. "As part of the educational system, the theatre department brings together students and community theatre actors, creating a



Bradley Moates as Merlin and Brent Bianchini as Arthur in Luther Hanson's King Arthur, an original play written in the style of William Shakespeare premiering at the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival 2012.

anyway I can."

Sara Hanson, who plays Morgan Le Fay in King Arthur, also has a long history with City Theatre that dates back to her junior year in high school.

There is something truly special about the

bridge from college level performances to performing in the community and beyond."

"The Comedy of Errors will be directed by David Harris, who started as a production assistant with the Festival in 1999. Harris has also worked as a stage manager, an actor, a



Breanna Reilly as Guenevere and Brent Bianchini as Arthur in Luther Hanson's King Arthur, an original play written in the style of William Shakespeare premiering at the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival 2012.

production assistant and a production manager with the Festival.

The Comedy of Errors is best when the actors communicate to the audience clearly that they are playing a strong dose of slapstick," said Harris. "We are taking inspiration from classic vaudeville types, such as Laurel and Hardy and Abbot and Costello. Those comic duos represent what works best in this type of play, language and physical comedy in balance."

King Arthur opens Friday, June 29, and plays June 30, July 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, and 27. The Comedy of Errors opens Friday, July 6, and plays July 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 29.

For more information, please visit www. sacramentoshakespeare.net.



Entertainment

Pixar Gives Girls Equal Time in *Brave* Tom Cruise Heats Up *Rock of Ages*

nough with the 3D already! Maybe I am biased because I already wear corrective lenses, but those goofy 3D glasses are getting on my last

gets past its thin, low-concept premise.

The Esquire IMAX
I can't wait to see how Andready.

There are some films that benefit from being shown in 3D - Avatar comes immediately to mind - but in too many instances Hollywood is using 3D as a cash grab to gouge moviegoers into paying more at the box office for the pleasure of being immersed in the movie.

Personally. I don't want to be immersed in the world of Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter, a new movie so awful that showing it in 3D literally takes its awfulness to another dimension.

I also review Pixar's latest big-screen feature, Brave, which is so good that the 3D doesn't detract from the delight you feel at seeing that studio's first full-length film featuring a female heroine.

The Multiplex

A flame-haired, Scottish princess is at the heart of *Brave*, and she is a welcome addition to the wonderful world of Pixar, the current masters of movie animation. In an unusual storyline, the young heroine is responsible



Tom Cruise in "Rock of Ages"

about rock music. Still, see the film for Cruise and for Alec Baldwin and Russell Brand, who have a hilarious gay duet.

MIB3 peaks early during a spectacular scene, set in a Chinese restaurant, with killer seafood and aliens coming out of the woodwork. After that, it's pretty

I can't wait to see how Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone fare with the iconic roles of Peter Parker/Spiderman and his love interest in The Amazing Spiderman. Some have said that it was too soon to reboot this franchise. but with movie special effects progressing at record speed, the new version may be even more spectacular than the recent Sam Raimi/Tobey Maguire trilogy. Decide for yourself at midnight on July 2nd when Spidey casts his web in IMAX 3D. Visit www.imax. com/sacramento.

The Crest

If *Bernie* is still playing at this theater (or anywhere else in town) by the time you read this, go see it. One of the finest films of the first half of the year provides Jack Black with his best role in years, as a Texas funeral director who romances a wealthy widow played by Shirley MacLaine and then kills her. It's all terribly true, which makes it even more fun when director Richard Linklater includes interviews with real-life

> townspeople who knew Bernie – and they appear to be even crazier than him.

Ballet in Cinema

Cinemark and Emerging Pictures have teamed up to bring the best of The Bolshoi Ballet and The Royal Ballet to a theater near you. Ballet lovers will be in hog heaven this July and August when Romeo & Juliet and The *Sleeping Beauty* – along with three other productions dance on to movie screens for two nights each. Get in touch with your "inner tutu" and visit www.balletincinema.com

for more information.

Singin' in the Rain

Debbie Reynolds will be on hand with an exclusive, speciallyproduced interview during the 60th Anniversary screenings of *Singin' in the Rain*, the film Reynolds starred in - along with Gene Kelly that is generally considered the greatest movie musical of all time. All theater screenings of this classic film take place on Thursday, July 12. Visit www.FathomEvents.com.



for her mother turning into a bear, a transformation that will be permanent unless our very brave 'wee lassie' can reverse the spell.

Tom Cruise is so sexy and so in character as a heavy metal singer in Rock of Ages - and I am not ordinarily a fan of the actor - that it's too bad the movie around him is so mediocre. An all-star cast can't make up for the fact that director Adam Shankman gives the entire production a synthetic, Glee-like vibe that is all wrong for a movie

much downhill for this tired franchise starring Will Smith. The movie is almost worth seeing for Iosh Brolin's dead-on impersonation playing a younger version of Tommy Lee Jones.

Nothing can prepare you for the horror that is Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. The only reason I attended the screening was for Benjamin Walker, the sexy young actor who plays Lincoln as an axe-wielding action hero. This is a painful, one-joke movie that never



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Entertainment

We Were Here Debuts on DVD Classic AIDS Doc Is a Must-see

ne of the best movies of 2011, and the finest documentary yet made about the AIDS crisis, is now available for home viewing. If you missed it recently on PBS, be sure and check it out on DVD.



We Were Here, by David Weissman and Bill Weber, concentrates on San Francisco and the peak years of the epidemic to tell a very human story of death and survival told by those who were in the trenches: lovers, friends, caregivers and researchers.

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The moviemakers chose their subjects very carefully, and the four men and one woman interviewed in the film are remarkably eloquent and yet down to earth in their descriptions of the harrowing early years of AIDS.

I was moved to tears by this film, and I won't soon forget the faces of the "ordinary" heroes depicted in *We Were Here*, whose enormous compassion and sacrifice were anything but ordinary.

For more DVD reviews, visit www.outwordmagazine.com.

Crocker Art Museum Celebrates Pride

The Crocker Art Museum celebrated Pride on Thursday June 14 with their Annual Pride Mix. The event featured the Badlands Drag Review with hostess Taryn Thru U and DJ Miz-B-Haven, a few games of Drag Queen Bingo with Rusty Nails hosted by *Outword*, art-making activities, a performance by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, an LGBTQ Community Resource Fair and docent-led tours of works by LGBTQ artists. You can get artsy at crockerartmuseum.org. Photos by Jolanne Tierney.









State Fair Food Is More Fun Than Ever This Year!

ot a hankerin' for a deep-fried cheeseburger (five-alarm style with jalapeno cheese)? How about deep-fried red velvet cake with frosting? Or maybe some deep-fried potatoes? (Wait, that's too pedestrian.) These concoctions may not be Dr. Oz approved, but they sure do sound tempting, and You'll find them all at this year's State Fair!

If you think of the 2012 California State Fair as a really big restaurant, wait till you see the menu, filled with sometimes wacky offerings from more than 100 inventive vendors willing to fry, chill, boil, broil, sauté or serve up almost anything on a stick:

Here's a sampling of the culinary adventure that awaits you

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Pork chop on a stick – NEW!

Chocolate-covered bacon

Sides

Grilled Caesar salad Brick of curly fries Deep-fried mac 'n' cheese on a stick - NFW!

Deep-fried cream cheese topped with sweet-hot sauce

Deep-fried cheese curds

Deep-fried grilled cheese – NEW! Cottage cheese and peaches

Desserts

Beignets - NEW!

Chocolate-covered wine grapes – NEW! Caramel-apple sundaes and peanut butter-and-jelly sundaes – NEW!

Deep-fried cinnamon rolls with icing – NEW!

Deep-fried red velvet cake with frosting – NEW!

Sorbetto-filled fresh fruit - NEW!

Cool Beverages

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Having a hard time visualizing what deep-fried red velvet cake with icing would look like? Well, this version, served up at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, might have you wondering if you can get it with caramel dipping sauce too.

This year's California State Fair runs July 12 through 29 at CalExpo, 1600 Exposition Blvd. It is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission is \$12 general, \$10 ages 62-plus, \$8 children 5-12. Children under 4 free. (Discount tickets on sale until July 11.) Parking is \$10.

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Music

A Conversation With Amy Ray of the Indigo Girls by Erin Newbold

or nearly 30 years, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have been writing and performing music together as the Indigo Girls. Known for their political and environmental activism, as well as for openly identifying as lesbians, Amy and Emily have stood up for what they believe in and incorporated it into their music.

The folk-rock duo has earned a Grammy, seven Grammy nominations, and multiple gold and platinum records. Still going strong, they are currently on tour to promote their 14th studio album Beauty Queen Sister.

Amy was kind enough to do an interview with *Outword*.

Your songs pretty much relate to everyone and it's nice that people recognize that, regardless of their sexual orientation or background. What kind of music did you grow up on? What bands/ artists would you say most inspired you to make music yourself?

Both of us grew up on a lot of different kinds of music. Emily definitely earlier on, was listening to The Jackson 5 and a lot of black music, then she got into Joni Mitchell and more of the singer-songwriters, James Taylor and stuff like that. I first started listening, when I was really young, to Elton John and Cher. You know, the people that were out in the early 70s and some hippy music.

You've been very socially and politically active over the years: gay rights, environmental issues, gun control, etc. Do you feel especially passionate about any one issue that might not be getting the attention in the media that you feel it should?

We spend a lot of time on environmental issues and we work with a lot of Native American groups. We started a group called Honor The Earth, and we work on a lot of queer issues.

When it comes to dealing with women and matters of the heart, I understand

how there would be enough material to keep you in lyrics for the rest of your life. Has song writing been helpful during the healing process of a broken relationship? Or does hearing those songs over and over keep the wound open longer than necessary?

That's an interesting question. I think that typically it depends on when you wrote the song. If you write a song out of the pain of breaking up or something that vou felt estranged about. I think if you sing it over and over again, it's a healing thing. But when you write something that's a real pure love song, and then that person is not in your life anymore, that's painful because every time you sing it, you miss them. So, it's kind of the opposite from what you would think.

Your latest album Beauty Queen Sister has gotten great reviews. Do you feel more comfortable producing music on your own label?

It's nice to have our own label, but we also have the infrastructure of Vanguard Records, who distributes us. The way we work kind of changed a little bit, dictated by being independent, but it was a positive change, and I think it brought really good things to us.

You've been making music together now for 30 plus years, are there any future projects outside of Indigo Girls in the works?

No future projects either way. Right now we're touring with The Shadow Boxers, a rock band in Atlanta that Emily first heard. We're also going to be doing shows in different cities with different



Amy Ray (pictured) and Emily Saliers of the Indigo Girls are on tour promoting their new CD Beauty Queen Sisters.

symphonies. We have about 20 of our songs being arranged by different string arrangers and we'll just go and play as a duo, backed up by their symphony. So, those are the kinds of things that we're doing right now and for the next year as we're writing music for a new record.

If you hadn't chosen music as your career, where do you think you'd be right now and what would you be doing?

I'd probably be teaching. English or some kind of humanities, or I might be working in some kind of science field with animals or something. Those are kind of the two interests that I had looked at.

Lucky for us. Thank-you so much, Amy, for taking the time to interview with us. Have a great

Editor's Note: You can read an extended version of this interview online at www.outwordMagazine.com

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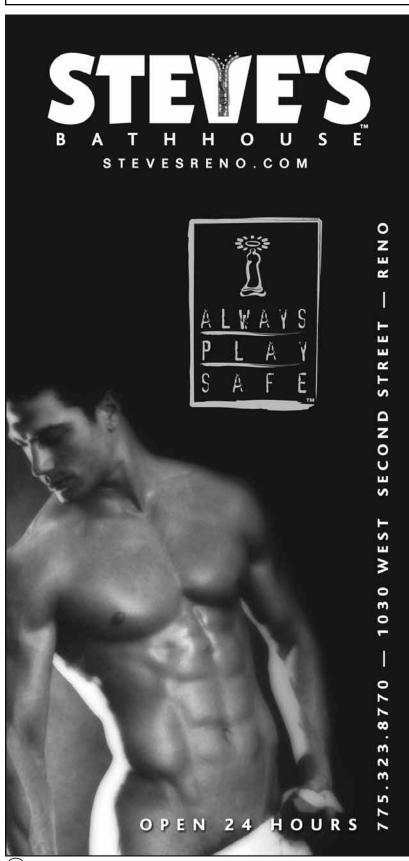
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July

Monday, 2 DEADHEADING AT DUSK

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Tuesday, 3

MARA AND THE BITTER SUITE

Broadway singer/actress (and Sacramento native)
Mara Davi performs from her new CD
Unspoken, with an opening set featuring the Graham Sobelman Trio and local singers. 7 p.m.
The Cosmopolitan Cabaret, 1000 K St. Info: 916-557-1999 www.

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Mara and the Bitter Suite

Sacramento native and Broadway singer/actress Mara Davi (A Chorus Line, The Drowsy Chaperone) and Adam Waite perform songs from their debut album Unspoken, with opening act Graham-A-Rama. Get a free album with admission, and watch for her next Broadway show The Toxic Avenger in the near future.

July 3



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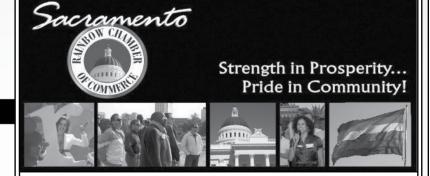
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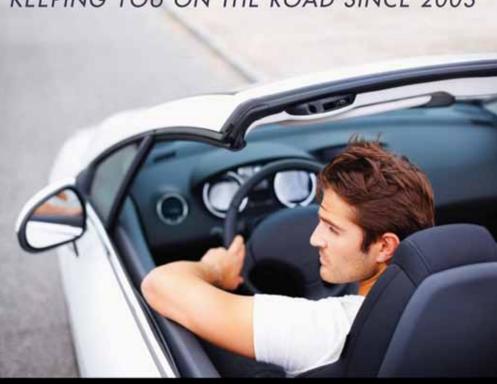
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and dinner special for \$9.95: Herb Crusted Tri-Tip with Vegetable Medley. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Sac Zoo. Info: SacZoo.org

Friday, 6

SVL FETISH NIGHT

Whatever your fetish is - from leather to sports - put on your gear for this night dedicated to you and hosted by the SVL. 8 p.m. Free, no cover. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt. com sacvllylthrcorp.org

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Featured bands include Full Blown Stone, Dogfood, Street Urchinz and DJ Nate D ft.

Grease

From slumber parties to sock hops and hit songs like "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin," and "You're the One That I Want," *Grease* will be high energy, hand-jiving fun. Brandon Albright and Kirsten Scott star as Danny and Sandy. *Grease* plays through July 1 at The Music Circus. Get your tickets at 916-557-1999 or tickets.com. Photo by Charr Crail.



with Inkdup on drums, plus fresh air, good food and the famous beer garden. Free. 5 p.m. Cesar Chavez Plaza, 10th & J Sts. Info: DownTownsac.org

Saturday, 7

MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL

Celebrate Sacramento's rich cultural diversity with a day of international dance and music performances including African dance and drumming, Scottish highland dancing and more. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$5. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Dr. 916-808-7462 fairytaletown.org

CLOSE CALLS & CALAMITIES

California's early settlers had to deal with floods, fires, shipwrecks and all manners of disaster. Who sank and who swam? Find out at this tour. Free. 10 a.m. Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway. Info: 916-264-7839

Monday, 9

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, 10

BUTCHERING 101 CLASS

Lava lake Lamb owner Brian Bean will discuss lamb and their ranch, plus Danny Johnnson focusing on Lamb. Includes dinner. 6 p.m. \$75. Taylor's, 2900 Freeport Blvd. Info: 916-443-6881 taylorsmarket. com

Thursday, 12

VALLEY BEARS NIGHT OUT

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for dinner good conversation and friendship. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Chevy's on the River, 1369 Garden Highway. Info: SacBears.org

CROCKER ART MIX

Get into the avant-garde spirit of studioglass artists at Red Hot & Bohemian Mix, with live music and docent-led gallery tours. 5 - 9 p.m. Free with museum admission. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Info: CrockerArtMuseum.org

TWILIGHT MUSIC AT SACZOO

Live music with East Wind, car show featuring low riders and dinner special for \$9.95: Barbecue Chicken served with House Potato Salad. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Sac Zoo. Info: SacZoo.org

Friday, 13

OUTWORD'S HAPPY HOUR

It's been a long week, so come and unwind with a very special Happy Hour with great raffle prizes, and of course TJ has some great drink specials. 5:30 - 7 p.m. The Depot, 2001 K St.

Sunday, 15

PFLAG'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

It's time for the 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social, so come cool down from the summer heat, chat with friends and enjoy some delicious Clover Ice Cream and River City Root Beer! 4 - 6 p.m. Taylor's Market & Kitchen, 2900 Freeport Blvd.

Tuesday, 17

NO HATE PHOTO SHOOT

Some of the biggest stars and ordinary heroes have been captured in the NOH8 campaign, now it is your turn. Wear white and come camera ready. \$40. 4 - 7 p.m. The Citizen Hotel, 926 J St. Info: www.noh8campaign.com



SVGLS continued from page 7 division teams support the more recreational levels of play. The tournament will be played at the Sacramento Softball Complex. "We will be welcoming players with open arms and extending a warm Sacramento welcome to them," said Marsengill. "They will stay in and downtown hotels, eat at restaurants on the safe grid, and have the opportunity to partake in environment.

Rainbow Festival Weekend as well as other

community, proceeds from the tournament

Lesbian Center, SVGLS's designated 2012

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As part of the League's commitment to its

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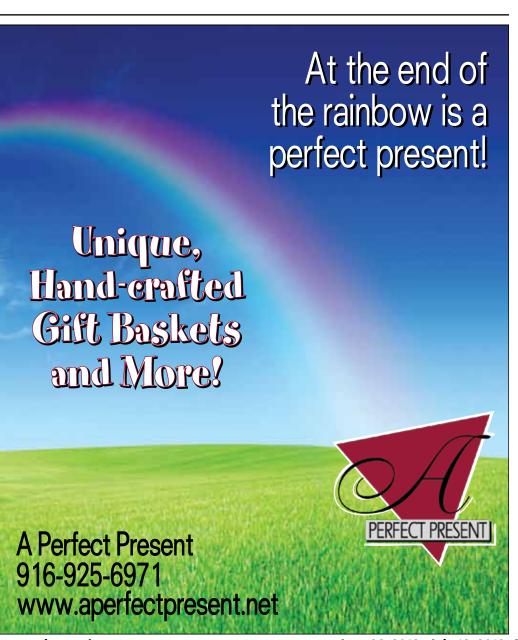
providing space, diverse programming,

awareness in an affirming, compassionate

Tournament registration is open now and costs \$325 per team before July 1, and \$400 afterwards. Individual players are also welcome to join in the fun and can be matched up with teams looking to fill their rosters through the web site. Badlands, The Bolt, FACES, and the Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau have already signed on as sponsors.

More information on playing in the tournament, volunteering, or sponsorship can be found at GoldRushClassic.org.









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