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Dear Outword Readers,

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We'll need a minimum of \$300 to replace the window panel, or \$500 if we choose to do laminated glass, which is sturdier and more shatterproof.

We are asking *Outword's* readers if they can help. If you can, and any amount would be appreciated, please mail a check to Lavender Library, 1414 21st St., Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95811.

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Mama's Makin' Bacon

Taryn Thru-U, the ladies of Badlands Drag Review and noted Drag Kings promise good ol' entertainment, while the chefs at Bacon and Butter cook you up a tasty brunch (scrambled eggs with cheese, collard greens/kale, hash browns, bacon, fried chicken & catfish, fruit, biscuits and gravy, jams and a

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Womyn's Events for Womyn

Through the Sacramento LGBT Center, One Night Stand Productions is working to create more activities for the women (no matter how they identify) in our community.

One of the ideas we came up with is a place to go on a Saturday night. In turn "The Lick" was created - a place for the ladies to go and have a good time, where all are welcomed and can feel safe to be themselves.

We have secured the private room at Shenanigan's and will host a variety of events ranging from Open Mic Night and themed dances to Burlesque shows.

Right now we are looking at two Saturdays per month, including a Pride Party on June 15. Proceeds from each event will be donated to the Center.

Our launch party, The Lick, is going to be March 9. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$5, free before 9 p.m.

One Night Stand is an event production company committed to bringing quality events of every genre to the Sacramento. Our events are aimed at fundraising for all LGBTQI non-profits.

Best of Broadway Needs Your Help

Fans of local theater can give to a worthy cause by helping Sacramento's Best of Broadway get back on its feet after a devastating warehouse theft in October of last year that amounted to a loss of over \$33,000 in essential equipment.

Future productions from this local charitable theater organization are at stake unless the stolen items can be replaced in time for Best of Broadway's 40th anniversary

production next September.

Fundraising has made up part of the loss, but this worthy local theater institution needs your help. Sacramento's Best of Broadway is committed to showcasing some of the city's finest local talent with its annual production, which aims to educate, entertain, and inspire children, youth, and adults through music, song and dance.

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Crew Members Needed for NorCal AIDS Cycle

The 9th annual NorCal AIDS Cycle (NCAC) is fast approaching, (May 16 - 19) and cyclists are already training to head out on a 330 mile ride to raise money and awareness for HIV/AIDS service providers in the Sacramento Valley and beyond.

The ride planning team is making a special call for non-riders - medical professionals, insured massage therapists and support crew.

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Pentagon Adds Benefits Denied to Spouses by DOMA

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has announced that same-sex spouses of active members of the military will begin receiving protections that were previously denied to them, including the issuance of military identification cards, access to family support initiatives and joint duty assignments.

The Secretary noted that the Pentagon was doing what it could, within the constraints imposed by the discriminatory so-called Defense of Marriage Act.

"Seventeen months ago, the United States military ended the policy of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.' We have implemented the repeal of that policy and made clear that discrimination based on sexual orientation has no place in the Department of Defense," the Secretary said in his statement. "Taking care of our service members and honoring the sacrifices of all military families are two core values of this nation. Extending these benefits is an appropriate next step under current law to ensure that all service members receive equal support for what they do to protect this nation."

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano directed the Coast Guard to extend the same benefits to Coast Guard

members.

"The announcement by the Pentagon that it will provide same-sex spouses of active service members some of the limited protections it can, within the discriminatory constraints imposed by DOMA, is a positive step that will help families and align with the military's goals of treating service members fairly, while at the same time underscoring just how great a burden DOMA imposes on families and employers," said Evan Wolfson, founder and president of Freedom to Marry.

Panetta noted that one of the great successes at the Department of Defense has been the implementation of DADT's repeal. "It has been highly professional and has strengthened our military community. I am confident in the military services' ability to effectively implement these changes over the coming months."

Senate Passes LGBT-Inclusive Violence Against Women Act

The U.S. Senate has passed Senate Bill S. 47, which re-authorizes a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by a vote of 78 to 22. S. 47 includes explicit sexual orientation and gender identity protections.

"Since its passage in 1994, VAWA has been our nation's response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, but LGBTQ survivors of violence have not been explicitly included in the law," said Sharon Stapel, Executive Director of the New York City Anti-Violence Project. "Today's Senate vote is the first step in making sure every survivor of violence in this country has the protections and support they need if they are in an unsafe relationship."

The historic legislative action for LGBTQ was endorsed by the NCAVP, the National

Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, the Human Rights Campaign and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and was sponsored by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Senator Michael Crapo (R-ID).

The Bill now goes to the House for approval.

"We urge the leadership of the House of Representatives to stop their partisanship and make these programs more accessible," said National Center for Transgender Equality Executive Director Mara Keisling.



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Bill Addresses Public Health, Condoms as Evidence

Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (D-SF) has introduced a bill aimed at furthering public health goals by ending the criminalization of condom possession among sex workers.

AB 336, introduced February 13, would end the practice in which police use the possession of one or more prophylactics as a factor in prostitution arrests and prosecution.

Researchers believe the change would help stem the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"The police have plenty of other criteria they can use in determining who should be arrested as a prostitute, but condoms are the only effective deterrent to the spread of HIV," Ammiano said in a released statement. "We have to encourage safe-sex practices, not frighten people into spreading disease."

A researcher presenting a study at the International AIDS Conference in 2012 called for just this kind of legislation to resolve the dilemma of sex workers who feel they must decide between being arrested and protecting themselves for sexually transmitted diseases.

Condom use during prostitution also protects customers and families of both parties.

The incentive not to use a condom is especially strong where a second arrest carries possible felony charges for sex workers with a positive HIV test on record. That is, when condoms are used as evidence, the prostitutes who should most use them are the ones most discouraged from using them for fear of prosecution.

The bill would not prevent the police from identifying or arresting suspected prostitutes. Law enforcement could still use other factors – things like presence in known prostitution areas, approaching cars, manner of dress, possession of sex toys or lubricants, possession of large amounts of cash – as evidence.

"They can still arrest people under the law," Ammiano said. "They would only be prevented from using as evidence the one thing that protects public health: condoms."

Sponsors for AB 336 are the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and the LA Gay & Lesbian Center.

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Well, to be honest, we haven't really researched the question, but if you answered *The Trivia Show* at the Depot, you just might be a Trivia Master! Host Christopher Scott celebrated the 500th episode of the show on Wednesday, February 13 and will celebrate ten years of the show this June. Scott, in the red shirt surrounded by some of his trivia masters, writes all the questions himself and covers everything from recent events to watching comedy clips on the Depot's monitors and grilling you on what you just saw. It's a lot of fun, and it's free, so come get your trivia fix, every Wednesday night at 9 p.m. at the Depot, 2001 K St.

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NCTE Outlines 13 Ambitious Policy Goals for 2013

The National Center for Transgender Equality has released their policy goals for 2013, and while NCTE continues to press assertively for the almost 100 policy goals described in its Blueprint for Equality, these 13 goals represent policies they feel are likely to be attained before the year is over.

Many of these goals reflect a common theme: the Obama Administration has, and should use, broad authority to prohibit anti-LGBT discrimination by entities that receive federal funds, whether in employment, health care, housing, or education.

"A robust agenda requires robust action," said Mara Keisling, NCTE's executive director. "2013 is going to be another really big year with the expertise and connections that we have."

The goals for 2013 are:

- The President should issue an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation by federal contractors.

- The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission should issue enforcement guidelines for gender identity discrimination

in the workplace.

- The Department of Labor should issue guidelines for equal treatment of transgender people in all federal jobs programs, such as Job Corps and One-Stop Career Centers.

- The Social Security Administration should update its gender change and other policies affecting transgender people, and remove gender data from all remaining data matching programs.

- The Department of Health and Human Services should adopt regulations prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation in all federally-funded health care facilities and programs.

- The Department of Education should issue Title IX guidelines to ensure that transgender students can fully be themselves

GOALS

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Log Cabin Republicans Name New ED

The Board of Directors of Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) has named Gregory T. Angelo the group's Executive Director. Angelo has been the Interim Executive Director since the start of the year following the resignation of its former outspoken executive director R. Clarke Cooper.

"I am honored to receive the confidence of the Board of Directors to lead Log Cabin Republicans," said Angelo in a released statement. "Our organization has experienced tremendous growth in recent months and I am excited to forge ahead as we continue to advance the rights of all Americans."

"As a chapter leader, including former Chairman of the Log Cabin Republicans of New York State, Gregory has firsthand experience and understands the importance of organizing local members to influence, educate and encourage decision-makers to stand up for equality," said Jerry Katlin, LCR's Board

Chairman in a statement on Angelo's promotion. "We are fortunate to have Gregory's leadership, media savvy and political acumen to continue the vital work of this historic organization at a critical time for our nation and the Republican Party."

"We still have many hurdles ahead of us, but history and momentum are on our side," said Angelo. "As Executive Director, I look forward to leading Log Cabin Republicans to assist our advocates, support our allies and work for a Republican Party that advocates our core values of individual liberty and freedom for all Americans."



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Bill Introduced Requiring Condoms in Adult Films

Legislation has been introduced requiring that condoms be used in all adult films produced in California, intended to ensure that the thousands of actors employed in this multi-billion dollar industry are given the reasonable workplace safety protections needed to reduce exposure to HIV and other communicable diseases

AB 332 was introduced by Assemblymember Isadore Hall III (D-Los Angeles), who announced the bill on February 15, at a press conference where he was joined by Michael Weinstein, President of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and Darren James, a former adult film actor who contracted HIV while working in the industry,

"When it comes down to it, adult film actors are employees, like any other employee for any other business in the state," said Assemblymember Hall. "We have an obligation to ensure that all workers, regardless of the type of work, are protected from workplace hazards and injury. AB 332 will give these actors a proven way to prevent the spread of disease while creating a safer workplace for actors throughout this growing industry."

A 2010 study of adult film actors in Los Angeles County found that 28 percent of adult film actors tested positive for either gonorrhea or chlamydia or both diseases.



Michael Weinstein, President of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Assemblymember Isadore Hall III and Darren James, a former adult film actor, announce the introduction of AB 332.

Between 2004 and 2010, 23 actors connected with adult film industry tested HIV positive with the most recent infection being identified in October 2010.

To date, LA County health officials have determined that eight of these people were likely infected as a result of their work in the adult film industry.

Regardless of Orientation, AP Says It's *Husband or Wife*

The Associated Press has released a statement announcing a new *AP Stylebook* entry for husband and wife, coming after a requested revision by the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association.

The request for a revision was issued after an internal memo was recently circulated directing AP reporters to use the terms *husband* and *wife* for same-sex couples only with attribution and in quotes.

Several NLGJA members brought the memo to the attention of the NLGJA Rapid Response Task Force, and on February 14, NLGJA President Jen Christensen wrote an open letter to the *AP Stylebook* editor, urging a revision to make it clear that writers should use the same terms for married individuals — whether they are in a same-sex or opposite-sex marriage.

The new entry was added to the *AP Stylebook Online* and will be in the spring edition of the printed book and *Stylebook Mobile*. It states:

"husband, wife regardless of sexual orientation, husband or wife is acceptable in all references to individuals in any legally recognized marriage.

Spouse or partner may be used if requested."

"The National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association applauds The Associated Press for the quick action to set appropriate guidelines for the terms husband and wife," said the NLGJA in a released statement. "Language choices like these have an

impact."

The NLGJA offers helpful online tools for reporters covering the LGBT community, and the NLGJA Stylebook Supplement on LGBT Terminology is available at www.nlgja.org/resources/stylebook, as is their Journalists' Toolbox.



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SWC to Premiere New Work at 25th Anniversary Concert

The Sacramento Women's Chorus will celebrate their 25th Anniversary with a gala concert that will be their largest concert ever, and will feature a special guest from the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus and the world premiere of "A Woman's Voice."



Members of the Sacramento Women's Chorus at an earlier concert. Photo by Kati Garner.

"A Woman's Voice," written by Marvin Hamlisch and Alan & Marilyn Bergman, was used by Barbara Boxer in her 2012 campaign for the Senate. The 50 plus "songbirds" of the SWC will also perform show tunes, tender ballads, hot jazz and oldies – something for everyone: music with heart, harmony and love. "Over the years, hundreds of women have sung under seven different directors," Chorus member Kati Garner told *Outword*. "All are invited to join us for this tribute to the power of women giving voice to the lives of women." The concert will have two performances, one at 2 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the Sacramento Waldorf School, 3750 Bannister Rd. in Fair Oaks. Tickets and more information are available at SacramentoWomensChorus.org.

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LGBT Population Percentages Highest In DC and Hawaii

The percentage of adults in the United States who identify as LGBT ranges from 1.7 percent in North Dakota to 5.1 percent in Hawaii and 10 percent in the District of Columbia, according to findings from a new study released by the Williams Institute.

The study is the largest population-based survey ever conducted that includes measurement of LGBT identification, and was released by Williams Institute Distinguished Scholar Gary J. Gates and Gallup Editor-in-Chief Frank Newport. Most states are within two percentage points of the nationwide average of 3.5 percent.

While LGBT communities are clearly present in every state in the union, their visibility is generally higher in states with greater levels of social acceptance and LGBT supportive legal climates, according to the new study.

"These new first-of-their-kind estimates of the percentage of adults who self-identify as LGBT in all 50 states and the District of Columbia constitute a significant advancement in our understanding of the LGBT population," said Gates.

More than 206,000 adult Americans were surveyed for the study, and 41 of the 50 states have underlying samples exceeding 1,000.

The study found that states with proportionally larger LGBT populations tend

to have supportive LGBT legal climates. With the exception of South Dakota, each of the states with populations four percent and over has laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

These states have also taken steps toward more LGBT equality by recognizing same-sex marriages, civil unions or domestic partnerships. Iowa is the only state among those with the lowest LGBT populations to extend similar rights. In fact, six of the ten states with the lowest LGBT populations are among the most conservative states in the country.

The ten states with the highest percent of LGBT population are: DC, 10%; Hawaii, 5.1%; Vermont, 4.9%; Oregon, 4.9%; Maine, 4.8%; Rhode Island, 4.5%; Massachusetts, 4.4%; South Dakota, 4.4%; Nevada, 4.2% and California, 4%;

The ten states with lowest percent LGBT population are: Iowa, 2.8%; Alabama, 2.8%; Pennsylvania, 2.7%; Nebraska, 2.7%; Idaho, 2.7%; Utah, 2.7%; Tennessee, 2.6%; Mississippi, 2.6%; Montana, 2.6%; and North Dakota, 1.7%

Queer Web Series Looks at Sex, Love, Booze, Drugs, Friendship, Family and Amazing Acts of Stupidity



Internet darling Cole Escola (right) plays Henry Bits, a young gay trying *really* hard to have the time of his life as he and his hot roommate navigate foot fetishism, online dating, getting tested for STDs and more in this soon to be released Web series. Pictured (l-r) are Seth Andrew Miller, Salvatore Infantino and Cole Escola. Take a sneak peek at the3bits.com.

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Kristine W & Swing Out Sister on CD

Two musical acts that have enjoyed great popularity with the gay community recently released new CDs. Dance club queen Kristine W collects all of her biggest hits for *New & Number Ones* while Swing Out Sister celebrates 25 years of their timeless pop soul on *Private View*.

Kristine W
This new greatest hits set, which includes 15 songs for the CD version and 17 total tracks on the digital edition, features remixed hits, covers of two of the singer's

late, great Queen of Disco entitled "Sometimes Like Butterflies." Kristine W has landed 16 No. 1 hits on the dance charts, and she has a strong, soulful voice. If you don't own any of her music yet,

lesser-known songs, plus a DVD of a concert shot at Billboard Live in Tokyo. Swing Out Sister is singer/songwriter Corinne Drewery and keyboardist/composer Andy Connell, and this release marks the pair's first live DVD. Highlights include a stellar recreation of their blockbuster hit "Breakout," which segues into a cover of the Jackson 5's "I'll Be There," and a performance of "Stone Soul Picnic," a song that is not on the CD.



Swing Out Sister - Corinne Drewery and Andy Connell

idol's songs, and a couple original tunes. A dance version of Chaka Khan's "Through the Fire" is probably the most successful cut on the CD, and Kristine W also pays tribute to her other idol, Donna Summer, with a remake of an obscure song by the

New & Number Ones is a good place to start.

Swing Out Sister
Private View is the new CD/DVD collection by this dynamic duo, and it features re-imagined versions of some of their hits and

That CD takes ten songs and gives them fresh arrangements and includes studio chatter and intro counts to give fans a peek at the duo's working process. Highlights include a slowed-down "Breakout" and a punched-up "Incomplete Without You."



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Our Best Of survey, over the years, has taken on a number of different shapes and sizes, technologies and style of question. For the people that vote, one thing is for sure, you are a passionate bunch!

This year has been no exception. We decided to go with an open-answer style so you could write in your favorites, so as not to limit the answers. As has happened in the past some answer most or all or them, and others chose to answer just one -- over and over and over again. And that's perfectly alright!

Our Best Of is not here to award Nobel Prizes, it's meant purely as entertainment, and maybe even turn you on to something you didn't know about. So, barring the repeat voter, (yes, we DID count your votes!) we're super happy that this year was our best year for number of respondents.

Here is what you said were your favorites. Also listed are as many of the wide-open write-in category answers as possible. Enjoy!



LIFE

Best Place to Come Out to Your Family
At Home

Best Place for a Wedding/Commitment Ceremony
Capitol Park

Best Salon/Day Spa
Blue Sky Day Spa

Best Place to Get Your Hair Done
Tie: Trendsetters and Space 07

Best Place for a Weekend Getaway
San Francisco

Best Destination for a LGBT Vacation
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Disneyland

Best LGBT Community Resource
The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center

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NorCal AIDS Cycle

Best Place to Explore Your Spirituality if You are LGBT
Spiritual Life Center

BUSINESS

Best LGBT Business Person in Our Community
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Best Gay Pride (LGBT) Celebration
Sacramento

Most LGBT-Friendly Car Dealership
Tie: Elk Grove Subaru and Mel Rapton Honda

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WRITE-IN

Best...

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Best Asian Food
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Best Vegetarian
Andy Nguyen's

Best Mexican
Ernesto's

Best Breakfast
Fox & Goose

Best Sushi
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Best Americana
Hot Rods

Best Burger
Hamburger Patties

Best Italian
Paesano's

Best Pizza
Tie: Zelda's and One Speed

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Jack's Urban Eats

Best Meal for Two Under \$50
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Mulvaney's B&L

Best Coffee Hangout
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NIGHTLIFE

Best Place to Meet a Hot Lesbian
Tie: The Depot and Home Depot

Best Place to Meet a Hot Gay Man
Badlands

Best Place to Take a Date
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Best Place With Wireless to Hang Out
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Best Place to Walk Your Dog
McKinley Park

Best Place to Shop for Things for Your Home
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Disney's *Beauty and Aida* on Local Stages

by Chris Narloch

Two of Disney's most popular Broadway musicals return to Sacramento this month. *Beauty and the Beast* will sing and dance its way into the Community Center with a big budget touring production, while Elton John's and Tim Rice's version of *Aida* gets a more intimate treatment, courtesy of Sacramento's Green Valley Theatre Company.

Beauty and the Beast

Broadway Sacramento asks you to be their guest as they present Disney's beloved theatrical version of the timeless tale of Belle and her beast.

Even in this family-friendly, Disney incarnation, the power of a great love story comes through, thanks in no small part to the dynamite score by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, which includes "Belle," "Be Our Guest," and the classic title song.

If you've never seen the great live action movie version of the story, which is in French and was directed by Jean Cocteau, I highly recommend it. When shown that 1946 film, entitled *La Belle et la Bette*, Greta Garbo is reported to have said at the end, "Give me back my beast." I know just how she felt.

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* plays March 6-17 at Sacramento's Community Center Theater. Visit www.BroadwaySacramento.com.

Aida

I will be interested to see what Green Valley Theatre Company does with the



award-winning Broadway musical version of the famous opera by Verdi, retooled courtesy of Elton John and Tim Rice.

Aida is a love triangle between the title character, another princess named Amneris, and a soldier named Radames that both women love.

Aida plays through March 10 at the Grange Performing Arts Center in Sacramento.

Visit www.greenvalleytheatre.com.

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This world premiere will be sung in English with English supertitles, and tickets to the family-friendly production are half-price for ages 16 and under.

With music by Nolan Gasser and a libretto by Carey Harrison, *The Secret Garden* will be performed in Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus from March 1 - 10. Visit www.CalPerformances.org.



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Sunday, 3

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Mar. 2



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A Lady and a Woman

Velina Brown as Miss Flora and Dawn L. Troupe as Biddie in Shirlene Holmes' play about hope, devotion and the gifts awarded to the bold and true of heart, takes place at a time long before it was "ok," and in the last place you'd think it was permissible, a small Southern town. March 7 - 24, The Eureka Theatre, 215 Jackson St., SF. Tickets: 800-838-3006 TheRhino.org



SIDETRAX SUNDAY SHOWCASE

Detox (*Ru Paul's Drag Race Season 5*), Susan Belluci, Taryn, Chantal and Kima Larue step up to a new level of drag show. 8 p.m. Sidetrax, 2007 K St. Info: 916-441-6823 SideTraxSac.com

Monday, 4

MORRISSEY

His early days were with the UK's The Smiths before moving on to his own solo career, and this rocker and indie pioneer, with special guest Kristeen Young, is on tour. 8 p.m. Mondavi Center, UC Davis. Info: ApeConcerts.com

Wednesday, 6

PFLAG ELK GROVE

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VALLEY BEARS MEETING

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Thursday, 7

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at school.

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development should issue guidelines clarifying that homeless shelters must provide all persons with access to shelter consistent with their gender identity.

- The National Center for Health Statistics shall release Model State Vital Statistics legislation that includes modernized standards for gender change on birth certificates.

- The U.S. Senate should pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA).

- The U.S. Congress should pass immigration reform that protects LGBT families and asylum-seekers.

- The U.S. Congress should pass an LGBT-inclusive Violence Against Women Act.

- The President should appoint highly qualified transgender people to key positions throughout the Administration.

- NCTE will support advancement of equality through new laws and policies at the state level.

For more information, visit TransEquality.org.

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SACRAMENTO PRIME TIMERS

Men 50+ (and their friends/admirers) are invited for brunch and conversation. Noon. Visit PrimeTimersSacramento.com for location

SOUND AND SPIRIT

Spirituals, chant and folksongs from the global village. 3 p.m. Sacramento Choral Society, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th St. Info: 916-536-9065 SacramentoChoral.com

Monday, 11

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. Woodlake Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane. Info: 916-441-1787 SacStonewall.org

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With more and more states approving same-sex marriage, jeweler Dian Malouf was stunned by the lack of matrimonial jewelry appealing to men, so she has designed an innovative collection of rings for fashionable gentlemen who are headed down the aisle of commitment. You can see more of the collection at www.dian-malouf.com.

Kosher Movies at the Crest

by Chris Narloch

You obviously don't have to be Jewish to enjoy Jewish movies, and for three days this March, the Crest Theatre will host the 16th Annual Sacramento Jewish Film Festival, one of the River City's finest film events.

16th Annual Sacramento Jewish Film Festival

Mark your calendars for March 7, 9 and 10 because those are the three days scheduled for 2013's Sacramento Jewish Film Festival.

First up is *Deaf Jam*, on March 7, the story of a deaf Israeli teen and a hearing Palestinian poet who collaborate on a new form of slam poetry.

March 9 brings *The Matchmaker* to the Crest, for a tale of a mysterious Holocaust survivor who makes his living as a matchmaker.

Portrait of Wally, on March 10, is the riveting telling of the 13-year war over an Egon Schiele painting, found in the walls of the Museum of Modern Art in 1997.

Finally, also on March 10, *Hava Nagila* wraps up the Festival with a tale of Jewish kitsch, bad Bar Mitzvah fashions and so much more.

Film fans can pay for each screening

individually, or purchase a day pass, or an all festival pass. Tickets for the Festival are on sale now at www.tickets.com.

Side Effects

Reportedly, this may be Steven Soderbergh's last big screen film – he wants to paint and pursue other artistic endeavors.

Funny, but I think he already paints with a movie camera. Soderbergh is one of his generation's finest filmmakers, having helmed *Traffic*, *Erin Brockovich* and *Magic Mike*.

His latest film, *Side Effects*, has been dumped in theaters without the publicity it deserves. Go see this twisty mystery about a young woman (Rooney Mara) who blames a new anti-depressant for causing her to kill her husband (Channing Tatum).

Side Effects also stars Jude Law and Catherine Zeta-Jones, and it has a whopper of a surprise in the third act.

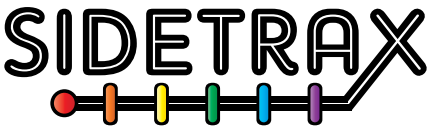


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