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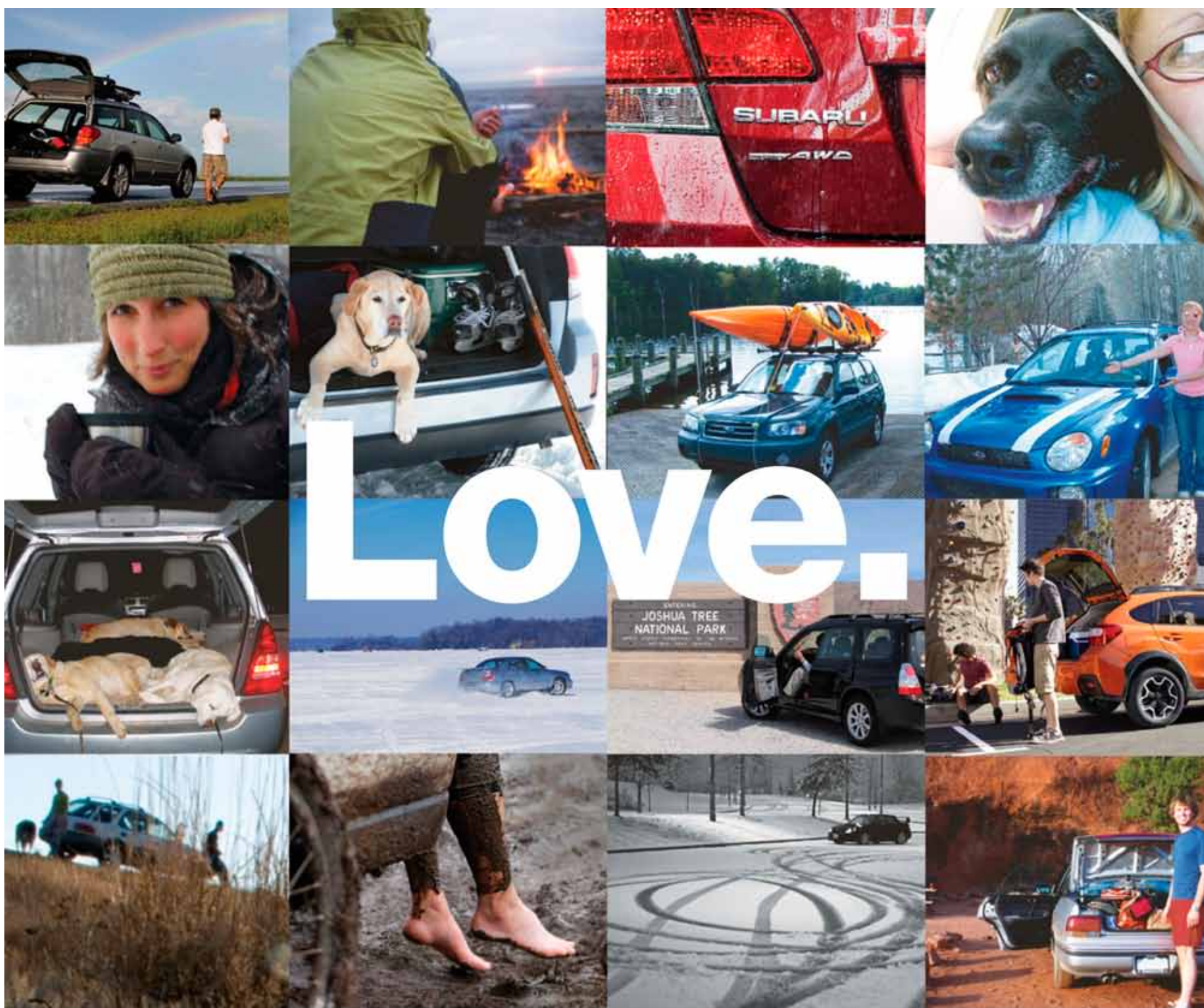
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Opinion

Peer Groups at the G&L Center Serve a Vital Function

Guest Commentary by Arvin Magusara

If I hear one more person denigrate peer support groups, well, I just may ask them to take a long walk off ... Peer groups are key programs at the Sacramento G&L Center and have extremely positive effects.

Initial observations of youth group attendees show young LGBTQ people who are happier, more confident and less likely to engage in risky behavior than their peers who don't have the same social outlet.

Studies by Advocates for Youth and extensive research published in the last two decades, have definitively shown that peer programs can have statistically significant effects on attitudes, norms, knowledge, behaviors and health and achievement outcomes despite the perception of non-effectiveness from funding officers, program planners and some educators.

One study Advocates for Youth examined was highlighted in a report published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* entitled "Cognitive and Behavioral Adaptations to HIV/AIDS among Gay and Bisexual Adolescents." This study examined programs that relied on two equally important components to reduce sexual risk behaviors in the target

population.

The first was individualized HIV risk assessment and risk reduction counseling; the second was peer education in cooperation with social support group meetings. The evaluation of positive results attributed the statistically significant findings, in large part, to the opportunities

... peer programs can have statistically significant effects on attitudes, norms, knowledge, behaviors...

for healthy socialization with peers in safe environments.

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center is part of our community's public health system and needs to be valued as such. The Center improves the health and well-being of the most vulnerable in Sacramento's

LGBT community, as well as serves as a central hub of resources for the entire community.

Other program offerings – such as family building workshops, legal counsel and estate planning workshops – offer resources to LGBTQ families in a centralized location – a "one-stop-shop."

These programs and advocacy efforts on issues like marriage equality also have health benefits that have been recognized by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). GLMA released a study in 2008 (and it's quite appropriate to bring up considering the recent U.S. Supreme Court hearings) that demonstrates that the denial of marriage rights to gay men and lesbians can negatively impact their physical and psychological health and well-being and that of their children.

The return on investment (ROI) of the Sacramento LGBT Community Center is immense, and as a former youth group member and now board member, I ought to know.

Arvin Magusara is the Project Coordinator, California Department of Public Health, and a Board Member of the Sacramento LGBT Community Center.

Final Design for New York City AIDS Memorial Unveiled

The New York City AIDS Memorial's Board of Directors revealed its new renderings of the final design for the memorial that will feature an 18-foot steel canopy, a central granite fountain, granite benches and a granite paving surface carved with educational and commemorative text at the intersection of West 12th Street and Greenwich Avenue in the West Village neighborhood. A capital campaign has been launched to raise the \$4 million to build the memorial at nycaidsmemorial.org, where you can also see additional design elements there.



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Medicare's Transgender Patients' Policy Challenged

The NCLR, ACLU and G&L Advocates & Defenders have filed an administrative challenge to Medicare's ban on medically necessary healthcare on behalf of Denee Mallon, a transgender woman whose doctors have recommended surgery to alleviate her severe gender dysphoria.

"Medicare's categorical exclusion of this care lacks any scientific basis," said Shannon Minter, legal director at NCLR. "Study after study has shown that these surgeries are the only effective treatment for many patients suffering from severe gender dysphoria."

"What matters to us is that there will be a fair and scientifically based review of the ban," said Jennifer Levi, transgender rights project director for G&L Advocates & Defenders. "We don't think the medical data supports it and are hopeful that CMS will agree."

EQCA Receives Grant to Enroll LGBTs in Affordable Care Act

The California Endowment has made a \$250,000 grant to Equality California to educate and enroll at-risk and marginalized LGBT Californians in Affordable Care Act approved health care plans, under a campaign named "Health Happens With Equality."

EQCA will place primary emphasis on reaching LGBT people of color, and people who are transgender outside of major cities, as these populations are the most underserved by traditional health care outreach. For more information, visit www.eqca.org.

GOP Senator Becomes 50th to Support Marriage Equality

Illinois Republican Mark Kirk became the 50th U.S. Senator to support marriage for same-sex couples, and the second sitting Republican Senator to support the freedom to marry, following Ohio Republican Rob Portman's announcement last month.

"With Senator Kirk's support, the U.S. Senate is now ready to move to the right side of history in support of same-sex couples' freedom to marry," said Evan Wolfson, founder and president of Freedom to Marry.

Sen. Kirk made the announcement on his personal blog following a major stroke, saying: "When I climbed the Capitol steps in January, I promised myself that I would return to the Senate with an open mind and greater respect for others. Same-sex couples should have the right to civil marriage. Our time on this earth is limited, I know that better than most. Life comes down to who you love and who loves you back--government has no place in the middle."

Free Microchips for City of Sacramento Kitties

In 2012, 3,955 cats ended up at the Front Street Shelter, with only 92 being reunited with their owner. This is because the vast majority of rescued cats rarely have any form of identification. They arrive without a collar and very few are ever microchipped.

In the hope of changing those numbers, during the month of April, the City of Sacramento-Front Street shelter will be offering a "complimentary" microchip to any owned cat living within the city limits. City residents may bring their cat to the shelter Wednesday through Sunday from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a free microchip. A suggested donation of \$5 would be greatly appreciated and proof of City residency is required.

The City of Sacramento Front Street Animal Shelter is located at 2127 Front St.

EQCA Announces 2013 Legislative Goals

Equality California has announced its sponsorship of five bills in the 2013-14 legislative session focused on reducing discrimination and improving the health and equality of LGBT Californians.

The bills include: The Youth Equality Act (SB 323); The Health Insurance Tax Parity Act (AB 362); The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Collection Act (SB 280); The LGBT Cultural Competency for Health Care Providers Act (AB 496); and The Gender Identity: Name Changes and Birth/Death Certificates Act (AB 1121).

Links to the bills and fact sheets are available at eqca.org/legislation.

Texas School to Allow Student to Wear a Dress to Prom

In a letter to the ACLU reversing its previous position, Spring Independent School District stated that Tony Zamazal, a transgender student at Spring HS, may wear a dress, pump-style shoes, makeup and a wig to the school prom on May 11.

A school administrator previously told Zamazal that wearing a dress would be "unacceptable" because boys have to wear tuxedos and girls must wear dresses.

"All I wanted was to get to wear a dress to prom, because I wouldn't have felt comfortable at all showing up in a tux," said Zamazal, a 19-year-old senior. "I'm so grateful that my school has agreed to let me be myself on such an important night."

The letter to the school can be seen at: aclu.org/lgbt-rights/aclu-letter-spring-high-school



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Donate to LGBTQQI Charities Without Spending a Dime

by Susan Kohl

Rachael Hudson is no stranger to watching budgets and finding ways to stretch a dollar, and she has found a new way to help Sacramentans give to the local charities that serve Sacramento's many communities, including the LGBTQQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex) community.)

As the operations manager at Gender Health Center (GHC), a non-profit organization that provides counseling and therapy services, Hudson and GHC recently joined Give Back 2 Sac, a program that connects merchants and service providers to charities to further its fund-raising efforts.

Give Back 2 Sac enables businesses to redirect money (a portion of credit card transaction fees) that would otherwise go to banks. Give Back 2 Sac organizers liken the process to a form of automated profit sharing.

"Our goal is to get as many businesses as we can to sign up for this automated

charity-giving program," said Scott Moore, founder of Give Back 2 Sac. "We ask the LGBT community and its allies to make a special effort to use businesses that support organizations that offer value and/or provide services to them. It doesn't cost anybody a thing."

"We're unique. We use Give Back 2 Sac in two ways," said Hudson. "We process credit card payments for our Gender Health Center clients so we (and they) are automatically donating to a charity. We also designated GHC as our charity! It's a very easy way to fund-raise and keep our services going."

The Rainbow Chamber and Sacramento

Gay & Lesbian Center also receive funds from Give Back 2 Sac.

"I'm really into 'local,'" said Hudson. "We need to ensure that our money goes back into the community and supports local activities, or they won't survive. When you purchase items or pay for services that are a part of your everyday life, you're donating to charity. It's the easiest way to give, and you're not spending a dime. You're just doing what you always do."

"Philanthropic support of the LGBTQQI community doesn't often make the news but it is a critical necessity to the future and well-being of Sacramento area residents," said Moore. "Do your part. Shop locally and support our local charities at the same time."

To learn more about Give Back 2 Sac, visit GiveBack2Sac.org.

Susan Kohl is a twice-published author and freelance writer. She can be reached at skohl@mlode.com.

GHC Wants to Hear How You've Been Treated at Government Offices

Gender Health Center has entered into a contract with the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, who administers welfare benefits to Sacramento County residents, to provide specific and comprehensive training to its employees on sexual orientation and gender identity/ expression.

We want to increase the safety, accessibility

and equability in treatment for all Sacramento County residents. We need to hear from LGBTQ individuals and families about their experiences at the welfare offices to inform the scope, curriculum and implementation of this training.

We want you to come and tell us about your experiences, good, bad or other, when you, as a sexual or gender minority (LGBTQ),

have gone to the welfare office to apply for benefits. We will have pizza and salad, soda, water and snacks to help make it a fun experience. So come tell us your story. Monday, April 8 at the Gender Health Center, 2020 29th St. Info at www.thegenderhealthcenter.org.

Ben Hudson, Executive Director
Gender health Center

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The Godfather of LGBT Marriage Equality

by Mark Segal, Publisher, Philadelphia Gay News

Everyone is predicting how the U.S. Supreme Court will rule on marriage equality. The truth is, no matter which way they rule on the some 200-plus possible rulings, we have already won.

Those two days of hearings on marriage equality had some LGBT activists so enthused with premonitions of victory that they were already handing out credit for victory – should it go to Evan Wolfson, Andrew Sullivan or even actor Rob Reiner?

The answer is, none of the above.

Each of them has added something to the battle, and each is an incredible asset to our community. If I had to vote for one of the three, it would be for Reiner, but none has much of a longtime history in the war to achieve marriage equality.

The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church, does. He has been called, and rightfully so, “the Godfather of gay marriage.” Talking about the battle for, or the history of marriage equality without mentioning Perry is like talking about the history of women’s rights without mentioning Gloria Steinem, Susan B. Anthony or even Emma Goldman.

Perry literally has fought this battle longer and harder than anyone. Starting in 1970, across the country from one city to another, he applied for marriage licenses for the



Since no church in Montreal would marry them, Michel Girouard and Rejean Tremblay traveled to Los Angeles in 1972 to recite their vows with Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the MCC denomination.

members of his church, and even under the threat of arrest, performed commitment ceremonies for same-sex couples.

Most of that time, members of the LGBT community looked the other way, thinking it a fool’s mission. He and his church were ridiculed by members of our own community. Most of the first same-sex marriage applications filed in states and cities around the country came from MCC.

But, Troy didn’t leave it there: He practiced what he preached. After getting legally married in Canada to Phillip Ray De Blicke,

he sued the state of California to recognize his marriage. His co-plaintiffs were fellow longtime LGBT marriage activists Robin Tyler and Diane Olson.

That case literally set up the marriage-equality issue in California and made other activists realize this issue was real. When the U.S. Supreme Court rules, it will be due to the diligence of the Rev. Troy Perry, who has fought the court as well as his own community on this issue for more than 40 years.

In 1969, Perry held a meeting to organize his church in New York. That meeting was picketed by members of Gay Liberation Front and Gay Youth since, in the spirit of the day, it was felt that we didn’t need a gay religion, since religion was responsible for most of the problems LGBT people faced.

Troy came out and spoke with several of the picketers and explained that there were many people out there who were believers in God, and while you might not win them to your cause, he could help them and bring them forward.

I was one of those picketers, and Troy and I have been friends since.

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Tips for Leaving a Smaller, Greener Footprint

words and photo by Ron Tackitt

I don't always consider myself a very "green" person, but I, more often than not, will think about the ramifications of what I do, what I consume and how much trash I create. Here are a few things I do on a day-to-day basis that help reduce the stress to this already stressed out planet.

- Use a Brita water filter for drinking water. Yes, there are still plastic filters to buy, but I don't change them out nearly as often as Brita says I should, and the water still tastes better than straight tap water.

- Use small grocery bags for garbage bags. I bought a small pail and line it with these bags, and while it does not eliminate plastic bag usage, at least I'm not spending

money on regular bags. I use square paper grocery bags for my recycling so I can just throw the whole lot in the recycle bin.

- Use washable dishes and silverware. Very few things seem more

wasteful to me than throwing away a bunch of paper and plastic eating devices.

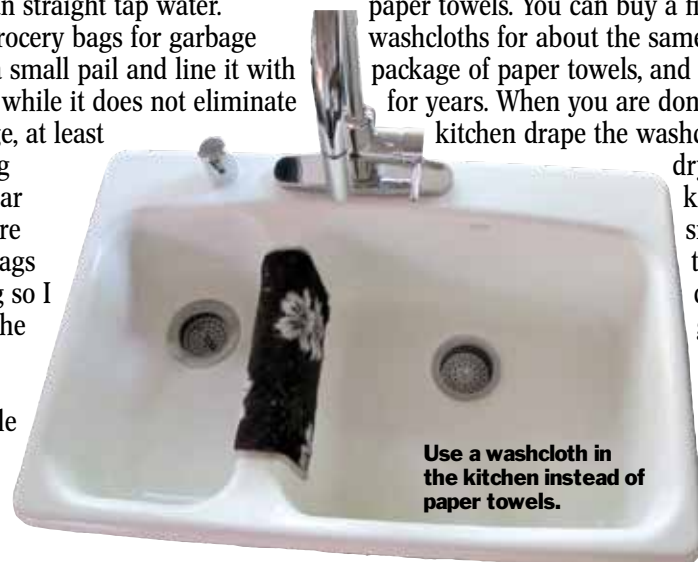
- Keep, and use, the extra napkins you get from fast food restaurants. If you ever go through a drive through you know how

many extra napkins they stuff in your bag. I keep a stack in my car and use them for facial tissue as well as napkins.

- Use a washcloth in the kitchen instead of paper towels. You can buy a five pack of washcloths for about the same price as a package of paper towels, and they will last for years. When you are done in the

kitchen drape the washcloth so it can dry, this will keep it from smelling. If the washcloth does start to get a little funky, throw it in the wash, maybe with some bleach. Also, if you are using a washcloth,

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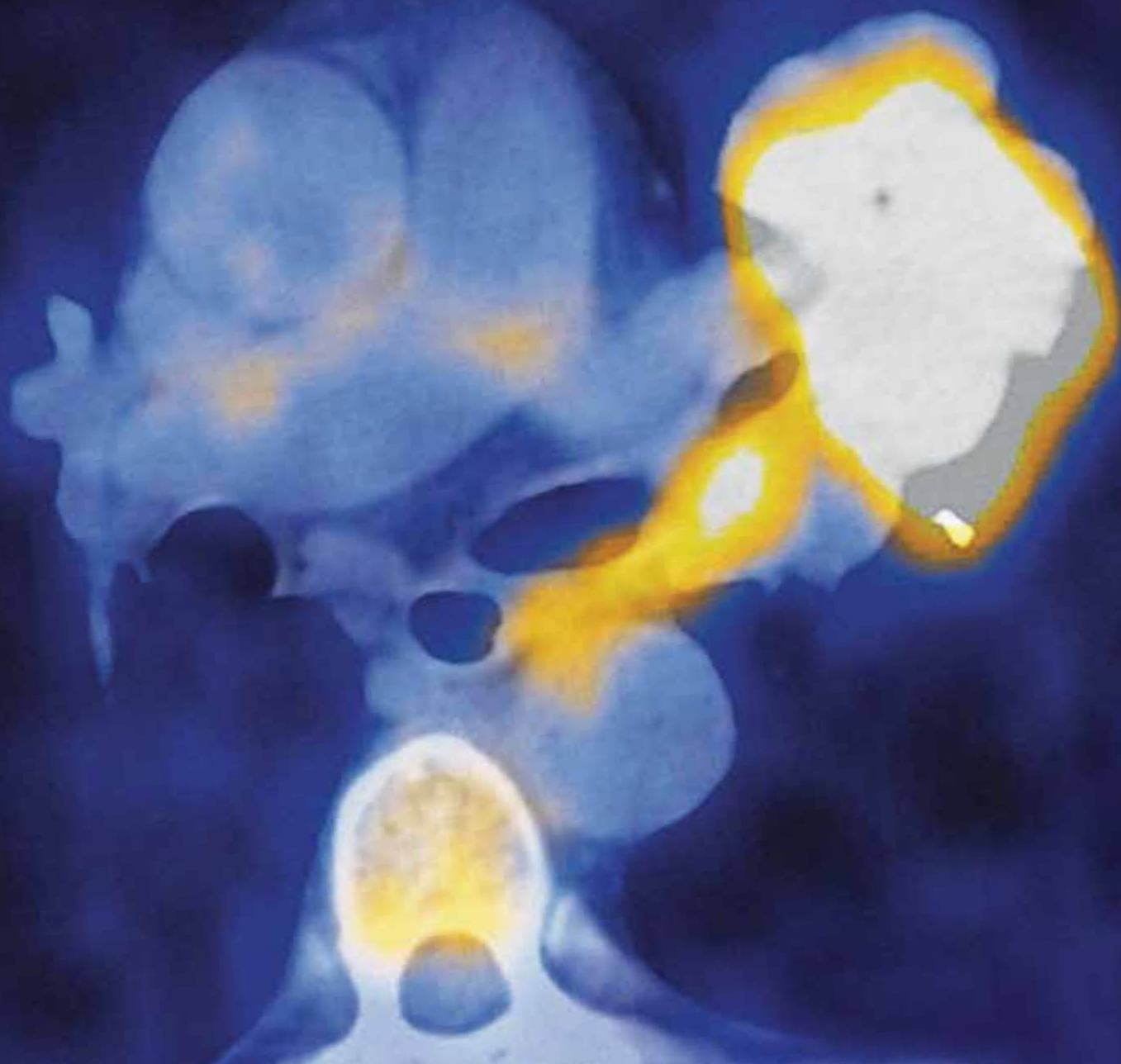
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Enjoy Sacramento's Trees, Take a Spring Tree Tour

One of the best parts about living in Sacramento is our canopy of trees. Not only are they beautiful, but, well they're green, providing cooling shade to help conserve energy and providing wildlife habitation in our urban forest.



The Sacramento Tree Foundation will begin their 2013 tree tours at Capitol Park on Sunday, April 14. Photo by ZwahlenImages.com.

Most of us are probably not that familiar with the types of trees that make up that forest though, so to help celebrate spring and learn more about the wide variety of trees in Sacramento and a little about how to care for them, the Sacramento Tree Foundation is hosting guided tree tours at several parks and neighborhoods throughout the city.

The tours will begin with a visit to Capitol Park, 10th & L Street, on Sunday, April 14. Meet at the north steps of the Capitol on L Street.

Then on Saturday, April 27 you can explore the Arden Park Community, 1000 La

Sierra Dr. from, with a meet-up at La Sierra Shopping Center on La Sierra Drive.

On Sunday, May 5, the tour will explore the CSUS Arboretum, 6000 J St., with a meet-up at Arboretum, State University Drive across from parking lot #1.

The final spring tour will be on Sunday, May 11, in the River Park Community, meet-up at the Shopping Center on Carlson near Lovella.

All tours are from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and are free, but space is limited so RSVP to www.sactree.com/events to register.

Get the Butts Out of Midtown

by Christine Flowers

Worldwide there are over 5.6 trillion butts in the environment and counting, and that's not harmless trash. Cigarette butts in particular pose a serious environmental hazard as they are comprised of cellulose acetate fibers (plastic) and contain all the carcinogenic chemicals, pesticides and nicotine that make tobacco use the leading cause of preventable death worldwide.

Keep California Beautiful (KCB), a statewide environmental non-profit, recently provided the MidTown Business Association with several permanent ash receptacles and 800 pocket ashtrays for a project to encourage environmentally responsible smoking.

You can make a difference by participating in the 7th Annual Statewide Litter Collection, Enforcement and Beautification Day on Thursday, April 25, 2013. A Butt Hunt in the Midtown area will collect littered cigarette butts to take to the Capitol. You can help get the butts out of Midtown by volunteering at info@keepcabeautiful.org.

Christine Flowers is the executive director of Keep California Beautiful, www.KeepCaBeautiful.org.



This is a solution Juneau, Alaska has adopted for the problem of cigarette butt trash.

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Attracting Backyard Pollinators

by Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss, EarthTalk

Attracting bees and butterflies to a garden is a noble pursuit indeed, given that we all depend on these species and others (beetles, wasps, flies, hummingbirds, etc.) to pollinate the plants that provide us with so much of our food, shelter and other necessities of life.

In fact, increased awareness of the essential role pollinators play in ecosystem maintenance – along with news about rapid declines in bee populations – have led to a proliferation of backyard

that protects wildlife through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitat. “Native plants are undoubtedly the best source of food for pollinators, because plants and their pollinators have

nesting for bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Xerces also says that clustering flowering plants together in patches is preferable to spacing individual plants apart. “Creating foraging habitat not only helps the bees, butterflies and flies that pollinate these plants, but also results in beautiful, appealing landscapes.”

Along these lines, gardeners should plant a variety of colors in a pollinator garden, as color is one of the plant kingdom’s chief clues that pollen or nectar is available. Master gardener Marie Iannotti, an About.com gardening guide, reports that blue, purple, violet, white and yellow flowers are particularly attractive to bees. She adds that different shapes also attract different types of pollinators, and that getting as much floral diversity of any kind going is a sure way to maximize pollination.

Another way to attract pollinators is to provide nest sites for bees – see how on the xerces.org website. The group also suggests cutting out pesticides, as these harsh chemicals reduce the available nectar and pollen sources in gardens while poisoning the very insects that make growing plants possible.

Those looking to go whole hog into pollinator gardening might consider investing \$30 in Xerces Society’s recently published book, *Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America’s Bees and Butterflies*, which provides a good deal of detailed information about pollinators and the plants they love.

Gardeners who have already encouraged pollinators can join upwards of 1,000 others who have signed onto Xerces’ Pollinator Protection Pledge. An added bonus is a “Pollinator Habitat” sign from Xerces stuck firmly in the ground between two flowering native plants so passersby can learn about the importance of pollinators and making them feel welcome.

In Sacramento, you can also find information on backyard pollinators at Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies, 2110 X St, 916-415-2337, www.sacramentobeekeeping.com.



photo by Ron Tackitt

“pollinator gardens” across the U.S. and beyond.

“Pollinators require two essential components in their habitat: somewhere to nest and flowers from which to gather nectar and pollen,” reports the Xerces Society, a Massachusetts-based non-profit

coevolved.” Any garden, whether a window box on a balcony or a multi-acre backyard, can be made friendlier to pollinators. Xerces recommends providing a range of native flowering plants that bloom throughout the growing season to provide food and

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Carpaccio - It's What's for Lunch

by JB Stevens

I saw that *Outword* has asked for readers to send in a write-up on restaurants. I have never been a critic, but I love food, and recently I wanted to do a fun lunch with a couple good friends and was thinking why not go to one of my favorite places for dinner for lunch, and share my thoughts with the *Outword's* readers.

Il Fornaio was our meeting place, and as usual, I forgot my glasses so reading the menu was difficult. However, one of my fave things about them is that the bar has loaner reader glasses, so you can see. True, they are probably from the lost and found, and look horrible, but for three minutes, they do the job.

My lunch was a cup of clam chowder, YUM, and some

wonderful warm bread dipped in olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Carpaccio was the next course for the three of us, and if you're not a fan of this classic Italian dish, you need to try it here.

Seriously, fresh shaved rare beef, shaved Parmesan cheese, drizzles of olive oil, some greens and capers, and again, YUM. Basically,

at this point I

am

already full, but I have the fish special coming, also.

I am going to leave this little write-up at just the Carpaccio, It's what's for lunch, as it is, and should have been. Then I could have had a nice little Italian dessert from the dessert cart.

Il Fornaio in Sacramento is located at 400 Capitol Mall in the Wells Fargo building. Parking is free with validation. Find other locations online at www.ilfornaio.com.




Welcome to our new restaurant review column. Each issue, we are asking you, our readers, to share with us your favorite restaurants, what you like most about them and why you recommend them to your friends and families. Do you want to write a review? Keep it to 400 words, or less, and email it to editor@outwordmagazine.com with your name, contact information and a photograph of the restaurant or your dish. Who knows? You could soon be published!



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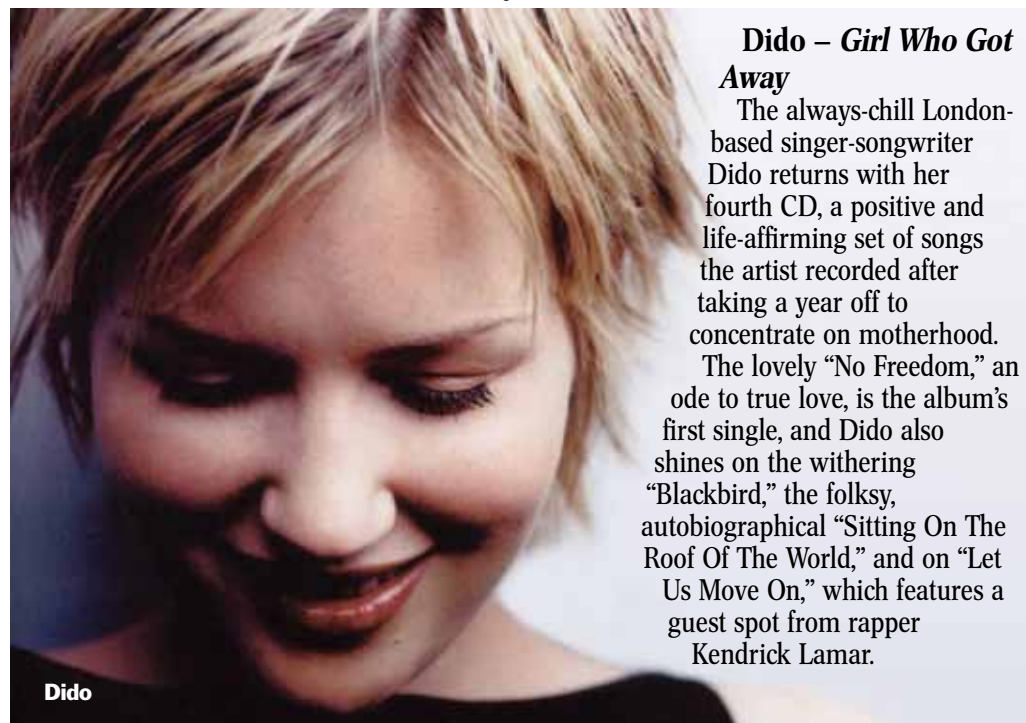
by Chris Narloch

The classy British artist Dido has just released a new recording, which reminded me that I was overdue to review the similarly independent-minded singer-songwriter Tori Amos' recent CD, from late last year.

Dido – *Girl Who Got Away*

The always-chill London-based singer-songwriter Dido returns with her fourth CD, a positive and life-affirming set of songs the artist recorded after taking a year off to concentrate on motherhood.

The lovely "No Freedom," an ode to true love, is the album's first single, and Dido also shines on the withering "Blackbird," the folksy, autobiographical "Sitting On The Roof Of The World," and on "Let Us Move On," which features a guest spot from rapper Kendrick Lamar.



Tori Amos – *Gold Dust*

I have been in thrall to the talent of this flame-haired singer-songwriter ever since she burst on to the music scene more than 20 years ago with *Little Earthquakes*, her first solo album.

Gold Dust is Amos' thirteenth studio recording, and its fourteen tracks are a personally handpicked collection of songs spanning the artist's entire catalogue, that have been reworked and recorded with the

renowned Metropole Orchestra.

Conducted by Jules Buckley, these orchestral settings give new life and new meaning to such Amos classics as "Silent All These Years," "Winter," "Flying Dutchman" and "Precious Things."

I especially like "Jackie's Strength" and "Star of Wonder," but every cut pops thanks to the CD's sterling production and the pristine pressing by Deutsche Grammophon.

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Get *Felt* Up This Spring

This spring, Logo, the entertainment network for gays, lesbians and their families and friends, takes viewers behind closed doors of real-life therapy sessions where all is revealed – except the identities of the participants and their therapists – in the over-the-top new puppet series *Felt*.

Produced from real recorded sex therapy and couples therapy sessions with their consent, *Felt* takes actual clients' voices and puts them into the

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Star Trek At The Cinema Borgs On The Big Screen

by Chris Narloch, Arts & Entertainment Editor

While we wait for the next big-screen *Star Trek* movie (*Into Darkness*) to debut in theaters on May 17, Trekkies can get primed with a special, one-night only nationwide theatrical screening of two episodes from *The Next Generation*, the longest running series of Gene Roddenberry's *Star Trek* franchise.



Scheduled to be shown in participating theaters on April 25 at 7 p.m., *Star Trek: The Next Generation – The Best of Both Worlds* is the first opportunity to see the third season finale and the fourth season premiere as a remastered, full-length, big screen feature.

Star Trek fans will also be treated to

special clips from *Regeneration: Engaging the Borg*, a behind-the-scenes look at the making of *The Best of Both Worlds*.

For more information about this and other big screen events, visit www.FathomEvents.com.

To read Chris Narloch's movie reviews, please go to www.OutwordMagazine.com.

Drama For Days with Poe, Sartre and Athol Fugard

by Chris Narloch

The kind of meaty dramas that stick to your ribs, and a play for adults that utilizes puppets, are among the intriguing offerings currently being presented on Sacramento stages.

Master Harold...and the boys

This powerful work by the brilliant South African playwright Athol Fugard is now playing at Sacramento Theatre Company. The play takes place in South Africa during apartheid, and it depicts how easily institutionalized racism, bigotry and hatred can become absorbed by those who live under it.

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play in

1982, *Master Harold...and the boys* takes place one rainy afternoon in the 1950s, as young, white Harold anticipates the return of his alcoholic, racist father.

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Youth Groups (13-17 years of age and 18-20 years of age)
20 Somethings Group (20-29 years of age)
Women's Group
Men's Discussion Group
SOFFA-T Support Group (Significant Others, Families, Friends and Allies of Trans)
Strength In Numbers for Men Living with HIV/AIDS
Transgender Support Group

Service Offerings

Legal referrals and assistance
Homeless Youth Initiative
HIV testing with the assistance of CARES
Lavender Angels Street Safety Guides
Estate planning consultation sessions

Annual Events

Take Pride in Your Health Fair
Pride Festival and Parade
Lambda Awards
Queer Prom

Cultural Offerings

Second Saturday Art Show
LGBT Reading Selections in partnership with
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Sometimes you can get rebates from your power company to help offset the purchase price.

So, these are just a few easy ideas I thought I would share. With a minimal amount of effort, we can all do things to help keep this planet healthier, and keep more money in your own pocket.

Drama

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lesson about the nature of love and hate. Plays through May 5 at STC's Pollock Stage. Visit www.sactheatre.org.

Dark Meets Light

Written and directed by Penny Kline, *Dark Meets Light* is based on the concept of the play *No Exit* by Jean-Paul Sartre.

Kline's play finds two women and two men locked up together for eternity in one bleak room in hell. There are no windows, no mirrors, the lights can never be turned off, and there is no exit.

The irony of the hell depicted in *Dark Meets Light* is that its torture is not of the rack or fire, but of the burning humiliation of each soul as it is stripped of its pretenses by the cruel curiosity of the other damned characters.

Recommended for mature audiences, *Dark Meets Light* plays through April 28 at Sacramento's R25 Arts Complex. Go to www.ovationstage.com.

The Raven and Other Images of Edgar Allan Poe

A unique new theatre experience combining live actors and puppetry produced in association with master puppeteer Richard Bay, this play features the macabre stories and poetry of the original master of suspense and horror, Edgar Allan Poe.

The Raven and Other Images of Edgar Allan Poe plays through April 21 at the Chautauqua Playhouse in Carmichael. Visit www.cplayhouse.org.

Dynamic Divas Help PS White Party Set Records



Jeffrey Sanker's White Party Palm Springs 2013, the largest gay dance music festival in the world, had record-shattering attendance thanks in part to the non-stop entertainment line up that included Carmen Electra and Madame. You can see more pictures of all the fun parties and hot men at www.jeffreysanker.com.

HEADLINE ENTERTAINMENT

HISTORIC GRASS VALLEY

Friday, April 19
An Intimate Evening with
HELEN REDDY
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\$65 non-member



Friday, April 26
**CRYSTAL MONEE HALL
& JOE BAGALE**
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\$18 non-member
DANCE CONCERT



Sunday, April 28
THE DUNWELLS
\$10 student, \$18 members
\$20 non-member



Tuesday, April 30
**CHICK COREA
& THE VIGIL**
\$65 members
\$75 non-member



Friday, May 3
Grand Ol' Opry Inductees
RIDERS IN THE SKY
\$28 members



Wednesday, May 8
**COUNT BASIE
ORCHESTRA**
\$35 members, \$40 non-member
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with champagne and dessert.



Friday, May 10
JUNIOR BROWN
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\$28 non-member



Saturday, May 11
**SARA WATKINS
(OF NICKEL CREEK)**
\$20 members
\$22 non-member



Friday, May 17
**KAUMAKAIWA
KANAKA 'OLE**
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\$22 non-member



Saturday, May 18
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Out & About



Drag Queen Bingo Raises \$2,400 for NorCal AIDS Cycle

What a wild and crazy night of Drag Queen Bingo! Besides all the great fun and laughs, you bingo players helped raise \$2,400 for the NorCal AIDS Cycle (norcalaidscycle.org). Thank you to David & Richard of Hamburger Patties and their wonderful staff for pulling it all off without a hitch. Drag Queen Bingo has now raised \$70,944 for local charities and groups! Join us for the fun at the next DQB on Thursday May, 2 to benefit PFLAG. More DQB pics are online – and can be downloaded for free – at www.OutwordMagazine.com.



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mouths of puppets for an effect that's hilarious, shocking, blush-worthy and sometimes even heart-warming. Each episode will follow the stories of several puppet couples, both gay and straight, as they work through their sex and relationship issues. Comprised of eight, 30-minute episodes, Felt premieres at a special time, Monday, May 6 at 10:30 p.m. before moving to its regular timeslot on Mondays at 10 p.m. on Logo TV.

Win a Stay at Pineapple Point Guesthouse in Ft. Lauderdale



No guarantee that these two will be there to greet you, but you get the idea. Concierge Travel is giving away a two-night, three-day stay for one lucky winner and a friend at the most exquisite clothing optional, all gay men's guesthouse and resort in Fort Lauderdale, Pineapple Point. Sweepstakes entries will be accepted through April 30, so get all the details at www.facebook.com/conciergetravel.



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Humor Times Presents The Capitol Steps

The Humor Times is celebrating its 22nd Anniversary Issue by bringing the hilarious and nationally popular Capitol Steps comedy troupe to Sacramento on Sunday, May 5th.



They will be performing on stage in the ballroom at the Clarion Inn on 1401 Arden Way, starting at 6:30PM. Doors open at 6:00PM. The Capitol Steps are renowned for their unique brand of musical political comedy, lampooning all sides in national politics with a non-partisan, equal-opportunity bashing that leaves no political party unscathed. Advance tickets are \$35 general admission, \$40 preferred seating, available at The Beat in Sacramento or at the Humor Times website, <http://www.humortimes.com/17014/humor-times-presents-capitol-steps-may-5th-sacramento/>

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