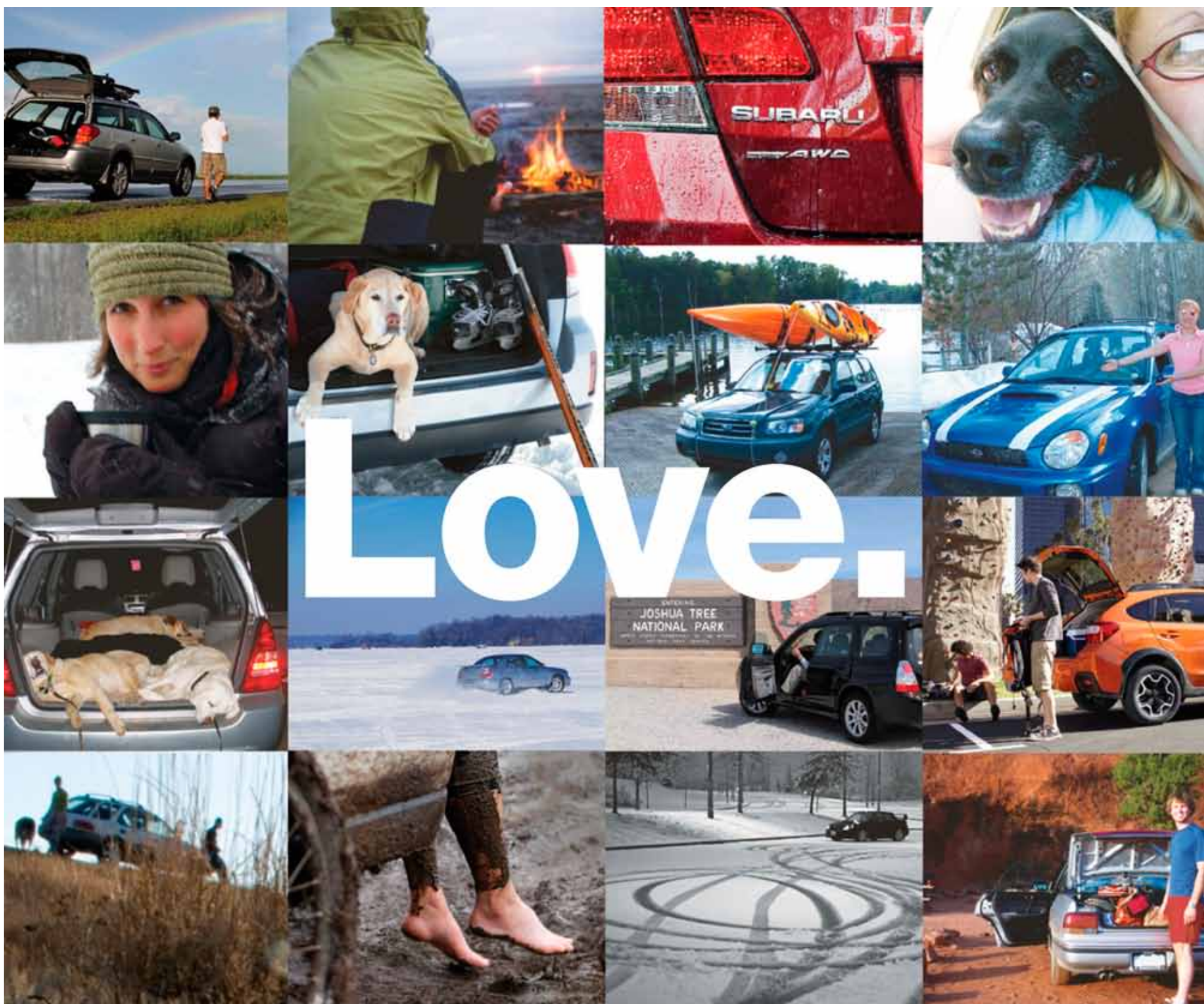


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Letters

Center Seeks Family Art for Second Saturday Showing

Dear Outword Readers,

The focus of the 2nd Saturday Art Opening, "THEshow" in September at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center is Queer Families.

We are seeking artwork fully created by youth/toddlers/babies and then framed in a professional manner (I can assist with this) to hang on the gallery walls for sale.

In addition to the art on the walls I envision a Second Saturday event that will incorporate a fun buffet of veggie dogs and burgers along with sliced veggies and dip for snacking. Looking for potluck style if anyone is interested in bringing a kid friendly dish to share.

Please let me know if you plan to participate in submitting artwork by sending an email to me at ms_vihil@yahoo.com or call/text me with any questions to 916-207-8042.

All artwork must be received by Saturday September 7. The event opening is on Saturday September 14, from 4-9 p.m.

Much Love,

Ms. "Vihil" Heather Vigil, MBA

Robb Layne Joins Sac LGBT Center's Board of Directors

Robb Layne has become the newest member of the Sacramento LGBT Center's Board of Directors. With a history of helping the disenfranchised find a voice through his



Robb Layne

work with state government, his policy expertise includes human services issues, disabilities and underrepresented populations.

Layne is currently the Legislative Director to Assemblymember Cristina Garcia in the California State Capitol.

During his six year tenure in the Capitol, he has worked for four members of the State Assembly and was a Principal Consultant for the Assembly Select Committee on Disabilities.

Additionally, he has sat on other boards and commissions including the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Sacramento Lawyers for the Arts, and is the current co-chair of Congregation B'nai Israel's annual Wine and Food Festival.

For more information on the Center, located at 1927 L St. in Midtown, visit SacCenter.org.

Sacramento Stonewall Democrats Swear in New Board



The Sacramento Stonewall Democrats swore in their new Board of Directors on Monday, July 8, with Senator Cathleen Galgiani (D-Stockton), Calif. Natural Resources Agency Secretary John Laird and West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon doing the honors. Pictured are from L to R Mario Guerrero (President), Zoila Couture (Fundraising Chair), Laird, Jann Dorothy (Vice President), Tim Kamermeyer (Political Action Committee Chair), Eireann Flannery (Treasurer), Lanz Nalagan (Communications Chair), Galgiani and Patrick Manh Lee (Secretary).

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UC Davis Named a "Leader In LGBT Healthcare Equality"

For a third consecutive year, UC Davis Medical Center has been recognized as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" in the Healthcare Equality Index, an annual survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest LGBT organization.

The medical center earned top marks for its commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families, who can face significant challenges in securing adequate healthcare, as well as equal-employment opportunities that do not discriminate against anyone because of sexual orientation or gender identity.

"Establishing and maintaining a welcoming and inclusive environment for our patients, their families and our employees has always been a top priority for us," said Ann Madden Rice, chief executive officer for the medical center. "It is an honor to be recognized again for our commitment to healthcare equality. It's an indication of how determined we are as an organization to truly reflect the communities we serve."

Facilities and institutions awarded the title must meet key criteria for patient-centered care, including non-discrimination policies for LGBT patients and employees, a guarantee of equal visitation for same-sex partners and parents, and training for staff in LGBT patient-centered care. UC Davis was one of 464 healthcare facilities nationwide to be recognized this year as "Leaders in LGBT Healthcare Equality."

"LGBT patients deeply appreciate the welcoming environment provided by a 'Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality,'" said HRC Health and Aging Director Shane Snowdon. "It makes a big difference to know that your local health-care facility is fully committed to giving you the same care it gives your neighbors and co-workers."

Last month, UC Davis Health System became the first academic health system in the country to begin incorporating sexual orientation and gender identity as standard demographic elements within its electronic health records. UC Davis patients are now invited to voluntarily share sexual orientation and gender identity information.



Physicians and patient advocates said the new measure is an important step toward improving healthcare for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals who often avoid medical clinics out of fear of being humiliated or rejected.

In addition to its new electronic health record information categories for LGBT patients, UC Davis is developing a physicians' list of health providers who self identify, based on experience or comfort level, as "LGBT welcoming." The new database will be available on the UC Davis Health System website later this summer.

For more information about the Healthcare Equality Index 2013 or to download a free copy of the report, visit www.hrc.org/hei.

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Briefly Put

England and Wales OK Same-sex Marriage

Britain's House of Lords has approved freedom to marry legislation, paving the way for same-sex couples to marry as early as next summer in England and Wales. The House of Commons approved the bill on July 16 and Queen Elizabeth II has given her assent.

Freedom to Marry partnered with Freedom to Marry UK on the legislative efforts in Britain, with a focus on making the case to conservative members of the parliament and the public. This victory makes 18 countries on five continents in which gay people can now share in the freedom to marry, with England and Wales joining Uruguay, New Zealand, France and Brazil in ending marriage discrimination this year alone.

Stonewall Democrats Endorse LGBT Veterans Rights Bill

Sacramento's LGBT Stonewall Democratic Club has endorsed Assemblymember Dr. Richard Pan's (D-9th District) bill that would urge Congress and the President to reinstate benefits to those veterans discriminated against solely on the basis of their sexual orientation, and to grant appropriate benefits to the same-sex spouses of LGBT veterans.

Assembly Joint Resolution 19 has also been endorsed by the Sacramento Valley Veterans and is supported by EQCA, and the American Military Partner Association. For more information, visit EQCA.org.

LCR Endorses Openly Gay Candidate for Congress

The LGBT Log Cabin Republicans has endorsed Carl DeMaio for the 52nd Congressional District (San Diego). DeMaio is a gay Republican and former San Diego City Councilman, and in its endorsement LCR called him "... a successful businessman, a proven leader and a fine example of a strong gay conservative."

DeMaio gained national attention for his role in San Diego's successful Comprehensive Pension Reform initiative in June of 2012. Read more about his candidacy at www.CarlDeMaio.com.

Pa. AG Won't Defend State's Same-Sex Marriage Ban

Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane has announced that she will not defend Gov. Corbett and the Secretary of Health in the recent lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state's ban on marriages of same-sex couples.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit on July 9 on behalf of ten couples, the teenaged daughters of one couple, and one widow. The case is *Whitewood v. Corbett*, challenging the ban.

More information on this case can be found at aclu.org/lgbt-rights/whitewood-v-corbett

Porterville Calif. Rescinds LGBT Pride Proclamation

In her blog O-blog-dee-o-blog-da, Melanie Nathan reports that chaos broke out as a coalition of LGBT groups peacefully protested the city council's decision to rescind a historic proclamation declaring June LGBT Month in the Central California city.

Mayor Virginai Grolla had previously issued the proclamation over the city council's objections. Three people were arrested, and all have since been released pending charges of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

Cameroonian LGBT and AIDS Activist Murdered

Eric Ohena Lembembe, the Executive Director of the Cameroonian Foundation for AIDS, was brutally murdered and tortured to death in his home in Yaoundé on July 15. Just two weeks ago, Lembembe spoke out against the recent break-ins at the offices of groups advocating for gay rights. The local office of one organization, Alternatives-Cameroun, was set on fire on June 26.

"We condemn this terrible act in the strongest terms and urge the Cameroonian authorities to thoroughly and promptly investigate and prosecute those responsible for his death," said U.S. Dept. of State Deputy Spokesperson Marie Harf in a released statement.

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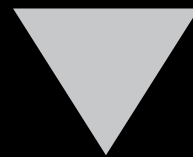
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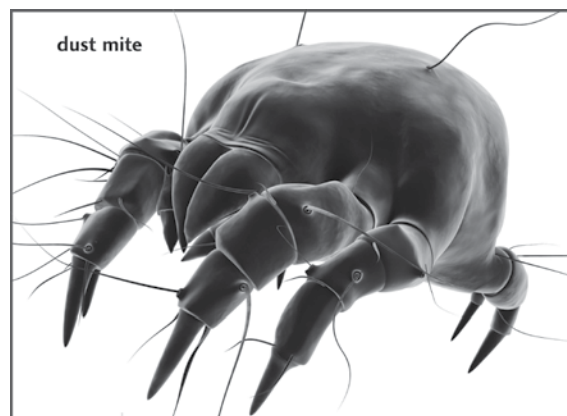


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Israelis Take to the Streets to Celebrate LGBT Pride



Israelis got a chance to show their pride on June 7 in Tel Aviv. Although a recent Pew Research Center poll showed that only 40 percent of Israelis support LGBT rights, with 40 percent opposing them, that is a marked difference from many other Mideast countries where 95 percent in the same poll showed they did not support LGBT rights.

Step Aside Ms. Thing, It's Time for the SF Drag King Contest



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Comic Scott Nevins to Headline a *DIVINE* Weekend

Sacramento's hottest summer weekend promises to be a three day bash for the ages, featuring award-winning TV personality and comedian Scott Nevins in his new comedy show *One Night Stand*, a celebrity bachelor auction, drag performances by some of Sacramento's best and a Mimosa brunch.



Scott Nevins in a photo by Mark Bradley Miller.

Entitled *DIVINE! A Fierce Three Day Bash of the Ages*, the weekend events are being hosted by Breaking Barriers Community Services Center and the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. (CGNIE), and is a benefit for Breaking Barriers.

Nevins will be the celebrity guest for the weekend. A native New Yorker, Nevins was born and raised in Flushing, Queens, and likes to say that he is “the OTHER flashy girl from Flushing!” He is perhaps best known for his appearances on truTV’s hit show *The World’s Dumbest* and you may also have seen him on the cover of *Instinct*. *One Night Stand* is his one-man comedy show and is a collection of funny stories about his family, dating life and working in Hollywood with crazy celebrities – all mixed in with vocal impressions of over 15 stars.

“I am really excited because I’ve never been to Sacramento,” says Nevins. “I’ve always heard about how fun the community is there and when the opportunity came up for me to do this show as a benefit for Breaking Barriers I jumped at the chance! The work they do is so incredibly important and I wanted to help them do that, in my own small way!”

Nevins’ *One Night Stand* will be presented on July 26 starting at 8 p.m. at the Blacktop Comedy Theatre, located at 7311 Galilee Rd. in Roseville.

But wait, there’s more! International recording artist, Xavier Toscono, will join the celebration at Sidetrax on Saturday, July 27 for day two of *DIVINE!* Xavier’s music can best be described as enthusiastic, energetic, dance-urban pop, with a blend of disco, rap, rock, reggae, and R&B. He is very excited to lend his vocal talents to this event and help support the hard work of Breaking Barriers Community Services Center.

Along with the special performance by Toscano and four of the community’s drag queens, CGNIE will auction off ten of Sacramento’s hottest LGBT bachelors from all areas of the community, along with five leaders in the community. Enrique Manjarrez, the face of Breaking Barriers’ HIV testing programs and candidate for Grand Duke 34 of Sacramento, will also be on hand.

To close out the weekend, on Sunday, July 28, a Mimosa brunch will be held at The Coffee Garden, located at 2904 Franklin Blvd. Owner Michael Madsen and the staff of The Coffee Garden are hosting the brunch.

For more information, visit DivineSac.com or BreakingBarriers.org.

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Sara, Alison & India.Arie Reviewed

by Chris Narloch

Three talented singer-songwriters have new CDs out, and not one of the bunch has used backup dancers, sexy videos or trashy outfits to succeed. (Take that, Rihanna.)

These three women have made it in the music business the old-fashioned way, with hard work, class and plenty of skill.



Sara Bareilles

Sara Bareilles – *The Blessed Unrest*

This slender brunette has a surprisingly big voice, which has found a home on adult contemporary and pop radio, where her previous singles, “Love Song” and “King of Anything,” were huge hits.

Unfortunately, her new CD, the artist’s third studio effort, isn’t as memorable as her last two, and the first single pales next to her prior hits.

Still, Bareilles is a master at writing catchy hooks, and the disc’s production, courtesy of the artist along with John O’Mahony and Mark Endert, is as pristine as ever.

Bareilles’ songwriting is often clever, but on this CD some of the lyrics are overly precious (“Eden”) or simplistic (“Brave”).

When she gets it right, however, the singer shines, as on the passionate yearning of “Satellite Call” and the sweet but not saccharine “I Choose You,” which Bareilles has dedicated to her gay fans and to those fighting for marriage equality.



India.Arie

India.Arie – *SongVersation*

This soulful siren has a lovely voice and an amazingly positive approach to songwriting. India.Arie doesn’t have a snarky bone in her body, and she obviously believes that music can change lives and the world.

That kind of faith in the power of music can be thrilling, but on *SongVersation* the artist too often relies on lyrics that are borderline cloying (“Cocoa Butter”) or blandly repetitive (“I Am Light”).

In an age where so much of popular music is crass commercial crap, I hate to criticize an artist for being too sincere, but next time out, I hope India.Arie brings a bit more tension to the table and adds some darkness to her light.



Alison Moyet

Alison Moyet – *The Minutes*

A soulful precursor to Adele, Alison Moyet found success as part of Yaz and then on her own in a career that has spanned decades.

Moyet returns to her electronic roots with this new CD, which was produced by Guy Sigsworth, who also shares writing credit with the artist on several of the disc’s best songs.

The pair may have tried a bit too hard to update Moyet’s sound – *The Minutes* is not a warm-sounding record – but there is no denying the singer’s way with a lyric on tasty tracks such as “Filigree,” “Changeling” and “When I Was Your Girl.”

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Steve Grand Helps Country Come Out

Singer Goes Viral With His First Video

by Chris Narloch

Former model and aspiring country singer Steve Grand has a hit, at least on YouTube, where his first music video for the song “All-American Boy” recently went viral, with more than 1.5 million views so far.

Originally from Lemont, Illinois, Grand is an all-American boy himself, and he is also gay. A musician and singer-songwriter, the performer has been dubbed the first openly gay male country singer.

Grand has written music from the time he was 11 years old. By age 13, he realized he was

gay and struggled to reconcile his sexuality with his Catholic faith.

He came out to his friends while in the eighth grade and was subsequently enrolled in conversion therapy, after his parents learned of his true sexuality.

Grand spent five years in therapy, eventually deciding that it was ineffective. Prior to launching his musical career, the handsome performer modeled under the pseudonym Steve Chatham.

Produced for just \$7,000, the video for “All-American Boy” was posted on YouTube on July 2, and immediately went viral. Just eight days later, the video had more than 1,000,000 views.

Check out Steve Grand’s video for “All-American Boy” at www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjiyJYCwNyY.



Before he went country, Steve Grand modeled under the name Steve Chatham.

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Destiny's Child and other Delicious DVD's

by Chris Narloch

Outword scours the globe to find you offbeat new DVDs to check out. The three hot picks below include two intriguing foreign films plus a video anthology from Beyonce's former super group.

Paradise Love

Sex tourism gets the spotlight in this fascinating drama about a 50-year-old woman who travels to the beaches of Kenya as a "sugar mama" or sex tourist, moving from one beach boy to the next. Love is strictly a business in the world of the film, which deals with the market value of sexuality, the power of skin color and the exploitation of the poor who have no choice but to exploit others.

Paradise Love also deals with the tensions between Europe and Africa, and between older women and younger men. In English, German and Swahili with English subtitles, the film was an official selection in the main competition of the prestigious Cannes Film Festival.

The Bronte Sisters

This rediscovered classic, originally released in 1979, comes to DVD and Blu-ray for the first time in a definitive HD edition.

From master director Andre Techine (*Wild Reeds*), *The Bronte Sisters* stars three of France's greatest actresses: Isabelle Huppert, Isabelle Adjani and Marie-France Pisier.

This amazing trio portray the famed literary giants of 19th century England: Emily (*Wuthering Heights*), Charlotte (*Jane Eyre*) and Anne Bronte (*Agnes Grey*), who live in a Yorkshire village under the stern eye of their minister father and a rigid aunt, during the period depicted in the film.

The sisters also have to deal with their troubled, opium-addicted brother and with romantic disappointments and tragic illness. Only rarely seen since its initial release, *The Bronte Sisters* is a must for fans of French cinema.

Destiny's Child Video Anthology

Who can forget classic jams such as "Say My Name," "Survivor" and "Bootylicious"? This sexy set of iconic music videos by her former R & B super group lends credence to the claim (by some fans) that Beyonce never should have left Destiny's Child.

The first-ever Destiny's Child video anthology features a career-spanning collection of 16 short films that defined an era in music video, from a chart-topping female vocal group that sold over 60 million records.

To read Chris Narloch's reviews of movies currently in theaters, please go to www.outwordmagazine.com

Tom Goss Dances with the Bears



Openly gay recording artist Tom Goss is out with a new CD, and homage to all things Bear. Take a listen and see the video for what Goss calls "... the most fun, sexiest, most beautiful and most ambitious project I've ever taken on!" Watch it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqlFOh1qMol.

New App Lets You Get Versatile



If you are tired of only being able to access your social networking sites on portable devices, **Squirt.org** has a new app, part of its Versatile Campaign, that lets you decide how you want to find Mr. Right Now — from your laptop, tablet or phone. You can see these sexy hunks in a behind the scenes video at vimeo.com/xtraonline/review/69894356/038d6ca97d.

Drag Queen Bingo Tops \$75,000



The Drag Queen Bingo held July 11 raised \$1,525 for the Scleroderma Foundation, bringing the total raised for local charities and nonprofits to \$75,109. Thanks to DoMeMoore for making it a great night, David and Richard, Hamburger Patties' great waiters and bartenders, and especially to all you bingo players - your generosity is amazing. Join us for the next Drag Queen Bingo on August 1 to benefit the Sacramento LGBT Center as we march on to raising \$100,000!

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