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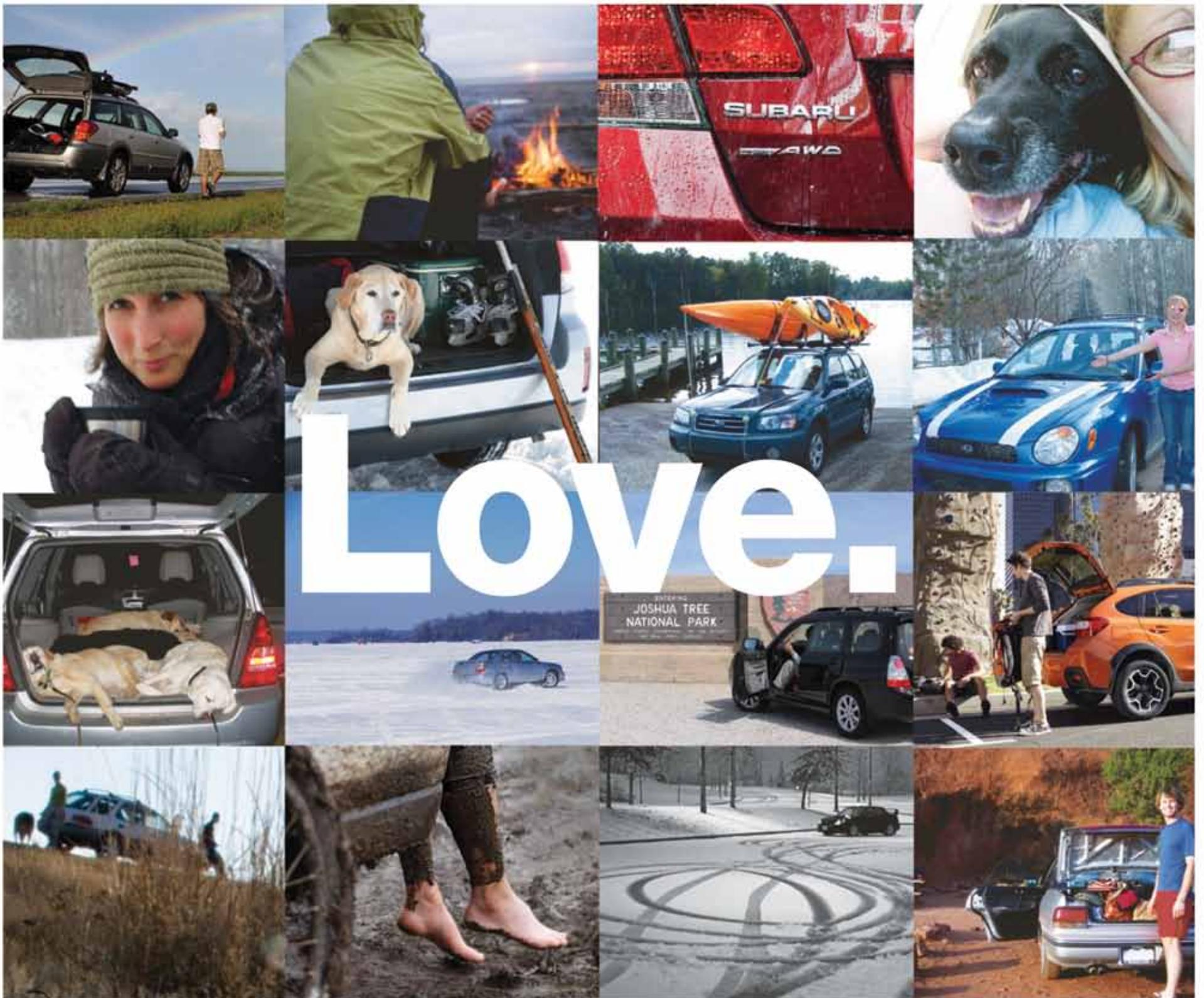
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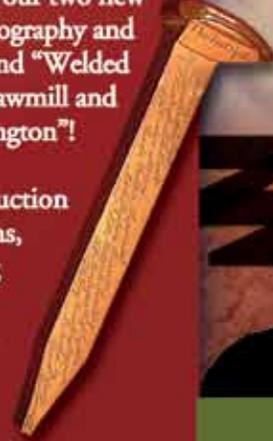


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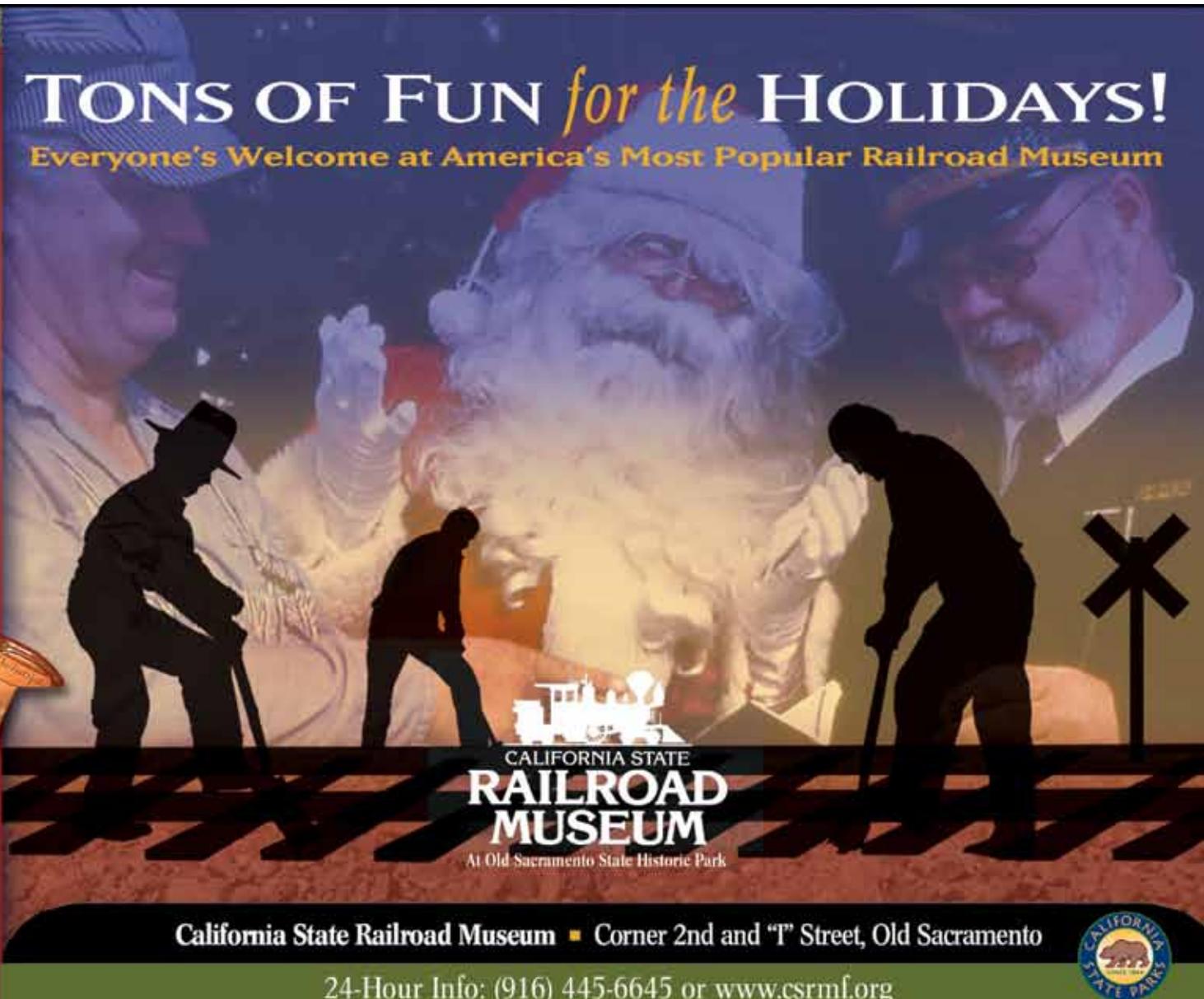
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In light of this knowledge, we at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, in partnership with Strength in Numbers, cordially invite you to our World AIDS Day event.

The first portion of this event will take place at the LGBT Center (1927 L St.) and will include free HIV testing from 2 to 5 p.m., provided by Golden Rule services, as well as a candlelight vigil at 6 p.m. to commemorate all those who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS.

The second portion of the event will be a Reception & Resource Fair held at First United Methodist Church (2100 J St.) from 6:30 to 9 p.m., where there will be information and educational resources.

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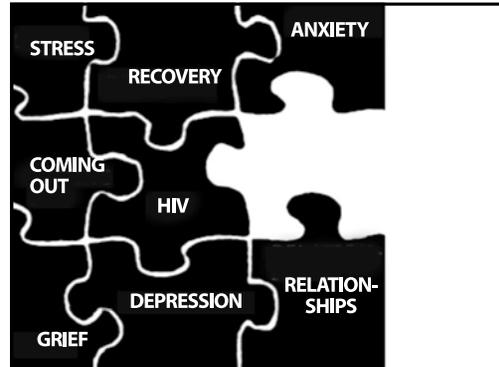
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Lesbian Couple Highlight Religious Freedom Campaign

Out of the Closet, a massive 55-billboard Freedom From Religion Foundation campaign that will be going up across Sacramento in early December and throughout the holidays, includes for the first time ever, a lesbian couple.

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The *Out of the Closet* campaign is designed to show that atheists are nice, friendly and good, moral people who live right in your neighborhood, and in fact the lesbian couple that are depicted are our neighbors, Judy Saint and her wife Kathy Johnson who live in Roseville.

"The tentative location for this particular billboard is at Broadway and 27th – the closest billboard I could get to Lavender Heights," Saint told *Outword*. "The campaign is called *Out of the Closet* to give the same visibility that worked for the LGBT community, but this time for people wanting to be free from religion; atheists/agnostics/humanists/etc."

Each of the billboards will feature a different person, couple, or family, but the one depicting the lesbian couple is especially meaningful to Saint, who is the president of the Greater Sacramento Chapter of Freedom From Religion Foundation and is coordinating the campaign.

"Freedom From Religion Foundation works constantly to keep religious influence out of

government," said Saint. "When you mix church and state, things never end well for anyone. I'm glad the Foundation and the billboards are helping non-believers be more visible, to get rid of all the fears and myths about living without belief in the supernatural."

To kick off the campaign, there will be a Meet and Greet with the billboard participants on Dec. 21 at Arcade Library, located at 2443 Marconi Ave. from 10:30 until noon, with small versions of the billboards on the walls around the room and literature for the curious to take home free.

"Many of the actual billboard participants will be at this Meet and Greet to introduce themselves and talk about life without religion," said Saint. "They will be available afterward to chat or answer questions. I hope many curious folks come out for this friendly event. We'll also have lots of healthy snacks, so bring friends for a totally healthy morning of fresh air, fresh ideas and friendly faces!"

Gay Skate Night Raises \$1,600 for Local Nonprofits

This year's Drag Queens on Ice, hosted by *Outword Magazine*, was a blast, with perfect weather and a great bunch of skaters! Thanks to Felicity and Domemoore for being our Drag Queen hosts, and to Empress Misha Rockefeller, Taryn Thru-u, Chantal and Katrina Orleans for coming down and making it even more fun. The evening was a fundraiser, and raised \$1,643 collectively, each raising: Golden Rule Services, \$440; NCAC, \$619; LGBT Center, \$330; and Breaking Barriers, \$254.



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Billy's Farm Celebrates Ten Years of Holiday Memories

After 350 years, the majestic valley oak near the town of Wilton (northeast of Sacramento) still provides a landmark for travelers on the country roads and shade from Sacramento's hot summers. For the Weubbe family, it is the centerpiece of the land they have farmed on for some 45 years.

In the farm's newest incarnation, the family is celebrating its tenth year in business as Billy's Farm Choose-N-Cut Christmas Tree Farm. It is there that three generations of Weubbes, with matriarch Starlita at the helm, gather each weekend through the holiday season to offer the opportunity for holiday memories to families from all over the region.

William "Billy" and Star Weubbe bought the 40-acre property in eastern Sacramento County 45 years ago. The family raised sheep and cattle until the early 1990s, in part "to keep us kids out of trouble," says Star's son, Paul Weubbe, who serves as managing partner for the tree farm.

The rolling 17-acre field where some 18,000 Christmas trees grow today was originally a hay field, devoid of trees save the massive old oak that marks the entrance to Billy's Farm.

The name is a tribute to his dad, Paul Weubbe says. The seven Weubbe siblings all grew up and began careers away from the farm, but they frequently returned home for family gatherings, bringing their own children along.

Upon the death of William "Bill" Weubbe in 1999, the family began looking for a way to both keep the farm much as it has always been, but also to put it to productive use. They hit on the idea of creating a tree farm that would offer

featuring face painting, ornament-making and cookie-decorating.

The farm also offers non-profit organizations the opportunity to fundraise at the farm, with a portion of each tree sale donated back to the charity. Billy's Farm has hosted fundraising



Starlita and Paul Weubbe on the farm.

more than just a place to buy a Christmas tree, but an entire holiday experience.

Paul took the lead, attending workshops and researching the tree-farming business before the first seedlings were planted in December 2000. Billy's Farm opened for business with its first choose-and-cut crop in November 2003.

Today, 18,000 trees grow on the land, including varieties of pine, cypress, cedar and redwood, farmed without chemical fertilizers or herbicides and using a drip irrigation system.

Billy's Farm is the only certified organic Christmas tree grower west of the Mississippi, and one of only a half-dozen growers in Northern California that cultivate the hypoallergenic Leland Cypress, a tree developed in Florida that does not drop needles and is dust- and allergen-free.

In addition, several varieties of cut trees, including Fraser Fir, Nobel Fir, Douglas Fir and Nordmann Fir, are trucked in from Oregon just before Thanksgiving each year.

In addition to the experience of finding that one perfect tree among thousands, Billy's Farm also features free hayrides, a farm animal petting zoo, a Climbing Haystack, the Little Buckaroo Horsey Corral, and a free Kids Day

events for the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, CGNIE and NorCal AIDS Cycle among others.

On Dec. 7, the farm will host the annual Santa's Elf Ride, a 25-mile bike ride in conjunction with NorCal AIDS Cycle.

In keeping with tradition, Billy's Farm will open on Nov. 29 and will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Dec. 22. Santa will visit the farm, ready to pose for pictures, on Dec. 7, 8, 14 and 15, and Kids Day will be Sunday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Billy's Farm is and always has been about family and community," Paul Weubbe says. "It's given us as a family a nice opportunity to come back together a couple of times a year. Most of my nieces and nephews have worked on the farm, and a lot of local high school kids have gotten their first work experience here as well. We hope Billy's Farm will be here for them, their children, and the community for many years to come."

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Carrie Underwood to Star in *The Sound Of Music*

by Chris Narloch

Carrie Underwood, the singer who kicked off her successful recording career with the smash single "Jesus, Take The Wheel" will don a nun's habit for her first major television role, as the star of NBC's upcoming, high profile remake of *The Sound of Music*.

If the country queen is nervous about following in the footsteps of Julie Andrews, who immortalized the role of Maria von

von Trapp's seven children. She soon finds herself falling in love with her employer and questioning her religious calling.



Carrie Underwood in a promotional still for NBC's *The Sound of Music*.

Trapp on the big screen, she should be doubly anxious considering the fact that the new version will be broadcast live.

Underwood and the rest of the cast will be performing without a safety net, in a rare, three-hour live production, airing December 5.

The cast also includes Audra McDonald (*Private Practice*), who has won five Tony Awards and two Grammys, as Mother Abbess; Stephen Moyer (*True Blood*), who will play Capt. Georg von Trapp; Tony Award winner Christian Borle (*Smash*), who will portray von Trapp family friend Max Detweiler; and Tony winner Laura Benanti (*Go On*), who will portray Elsa Schrader, the captain's onetime fiancée.

The Sound of Music, set in the 1930s when the Nazis annexed Austria, is based on the romantic true story of Maria von Trapp, an aspiring nun who leaves the abbey to become a governess for the widower Capt.

The Sound of Music premiered on Broadway in 1959 where it broke box-office records and won the Tony Award for Best Musical. The 1965 film adaptation won the Oscar for Best Picture.

If you just can't wait until December 5 to hear Underwood sing "My Favorite Things," you can, of course, buy the music before the new production even airs.

Two days earlier, on December 3, Sony Masterworks will release the show's companion soundtrack, which includes studio recordings for all of the musical numbers, by the cast members of the live production.

The famous Rodgers and Hammerstein score includes the show's title song, as well as "Do-Re-Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain."

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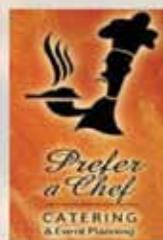
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New CDs From The Queens Of Pop

by Chris Narloch

Although there are definitely men at the top of the pop charts – including the likes of Justin Timberlake, Eminem and Drake – most of the hype these days seems to surround female pop stars such as Miley Cyrus and Rihanna.

Recently, six of the spots in the Top Ten album charts were claimed by solo women, hardly a surprise to the diehard fans of Katy Perry, Lady Gaga and Celine Dion, who have been waiting impatiently for new product from their favorite female singers.

Each of these women has sold millions of records, but is their artistic vision as impressive as their commercial instincts? Read on to find out whose new CD sinks and whose swims.

Katy Perry – *Prism*

I mostly enjoy finer dining, but every now and then, I have to pull into In-N-Out Burger and let my hair down (if I had any left, that is). It's the same way with music.

Usually, I listen to CDs by artists who don't get played very much, if at all, on the radio. Every now and then, however, I need to blast a local station and listen to some good pop junk.

Nobody has a handle on mindless bubblegum pop music quite like Katy Perry and her super-producers Max Martin and Dr. Luke, and they have been responsible for some of the most addictive radio singles of recent years.

Songs like "Hot n Cold," "California Gurls" and her latest smash "Roar" are guilty pop pleasures of the highest order. Perry seems to have discovered the formula for pop music success, and she's wisely not rocking the boat on her new release, *Prism*.

There is some filler on the new disc, to be sure, but most of the album's 13 tracks go down smooth, and songs such as "Unconditionally" and "Double Rainbow"



Celine Dion

should continue Perry's hit-making ways.

The singer even has the confidence to close out her third studio effort with an inspirational nod to her Christian music past, the lovely ballad "By The Grace Of God."

Celine Dion – *Loved Me Back To Life*

This is the French Canadian songbird's first English-language album in seven years, an eternity in pop music, where fans are fickle and artists are quickly forgotten.

Dion is also 45 now, which makes her ancient in pop music years, especially compared to snot-nosed pop princesses like Lorde, who is all of 16 and already topping the charts.

And, yet, there was Dion with her latest CD in the Top Ten its first week on the charts, a testament to her longevity in the business and to her amazing pipes, which are often more impressive than the music she chooses to record.

I don't dislike Dion, but she's not a favorite of mine either. I would love to report that *Loved Me Back To Life* is a resounding success that will yield hit after hit -- which used to be the case with her discs -- but I don't think that is going to happen.

The strongest cuts on this CD are older hits for other artists which leads me to think that Dion ought to record an entire album of covers next time, since she fares better when she has an established blueprint to follow.

The singer does a nice job on a remake of Janis Ian's classic "At Seventeen," and she duets effectively with Stevie Wonder on a cover of one of his finest ballads, "Overjoyed."

Newer songs like "Incredible" and "Somebody Loves Somebody" are much less memorable, however, although I did appreciate Dion's heartfelt vocals on "Thank You" and "Breakaway."

Lady Gaga – *Artpop*

Her "little monsters" may be dismayed by this disc – I know I was -- but Lady Gaga's detractors will have a field day theorizing about what went wrong between her last CD, *Born This Way*, which was an artistic breakthrough for the dance diva, and this one, which is a decided step back.

Gaga's last album had a fiery rock and roll heart, but *Artpop* harkens back to her debut disc *The Fame*, which was comprised almost entirely of rote dance tracks, many of which sounded overly similar to each other.

One could blame her producers, but Lady Gaga seems to be mostly in control of her career at this point. So, it may be that she is simply spread too thin by the conglomerate that her career has become and has lost sight of the music.

"Applause," the first single from *Artpop*, is a big hit, but it doesn't break any new ground for the singer. In fact, there isn't one lyric on this CD that is as memorable as "Marry the Night," "You and I" or "The Edge of Glory."

The dreary, shallow lyrics on new tracks like "Donatella" and "Fashion!" are depressing, and if Lady Gaga thinks that "I need you more than dope" is a profound confession then she's been smoking too much weed.

With *Born This Way*, there was hope that the pop phenom was moving beyond the club scene to something more substantial, but it looks like I might have been wrong, if the mind-numbing beats and bass lines of *Artpop* are any indication.

Hopefully, this is only a temporary setback for Gaga, but *Artpop* is neither art nor pop. It's a mess.

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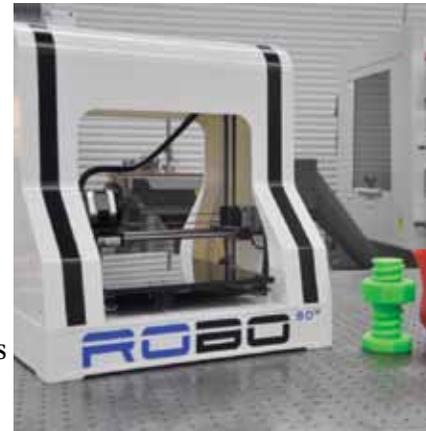
The Ultimate Guide to Gay Gift Giving - Part One

by Mikey Rox

What do you get a gay who has everything? Take your pick from these ideas, perfect for LGBT homebodies, adventurers, activists and more.

RoBo 3D Printer

Now that 3-D printers are commercially available at a relatively affordable price, this Christmas is the perfect time to snatch one up for the hot nerd in your life. One of the sleekest models on the market, the RoBo Personal 3D Printer allows users to transfer their digital imagination from the computer and bring it to life in a tangible and touchable real-world context. With this incredible technological innovation, users can create professional-quality prototypes, models, objects and more with features that include quality additive manufacturing at 100 micron-layer resolution, a build volume of 720 cubic inches, and the ability to print with multiple materials. Who knows - hot nerd might just invent the next big thing; next to this, of course. (\$599-\$699; RoBo3DPrinter.com)



Big Feet PJs

Cuddle-time gets all the more cuddlier in Big Feet PJs, nostalgic flannel, fleece, and jersey-knit footed pajamas for adults. Slip into these full-body jammies (hooded versions are available), press play on your favorite holiday flick, and bask in the closeness that winter weather provides. When the movie is over and you're feelin' good and frisky, the thoughtful drop seat in the back helps get the bedroom party started. (\$39.99-\$49.99; BigFeetPJs.com)

BACtrack Mobile Breathalyzer

With all the free-flowing booze that accompanies the holiday season, it's better to be safe than sorry - and the BACtrack Mobile Breathalyzer lets you know when you've had one too many. This police-grade breathalyzer syncs to an accompanying app on your smartphone via Bluetooth capability letting you know when you're good to go or when you should just say no. Smart users will sober up before hitting the road, of course, but not before sharing the results of their festive binging habits with the device's social-media compatibility - which is infinitely much more fun than drunk dialing your ex. (\$149.99; BACtrack.com)



Kirkland's Garden Tool Tote Set

Trade in those sugarpiums for visions of blooming buds with Kirkland's Garden Tool Tote Set. Ideal for beginning gardeners, this four-piece set includes a digging trowel, planting trowel, and cultivator packed neatly in a navy blue tote perfect for gifting and storing. Each tool features handsome wooden handles, and the tote includes sturdy handles for portability. Pair this with a few packets of the recipient's favorite vegetable and flower seeds for complete gift ripe with thoughtfulness. (\$24.99; Kirklands.com)

Burnt Impressions Jesus Toaster

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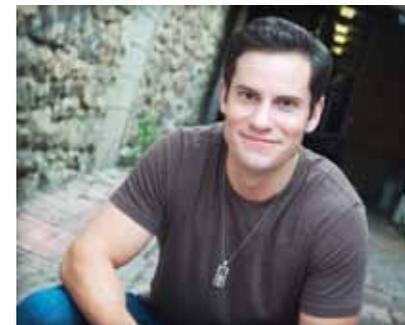


Grandma's Chicken Soup

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Zymbol Pendant

It can be hard to find meaning in a piece of jewelry outside of the price tag, but not with Zymbol. Available in sterling silver or pewter, Zymbol is a creative design that contains every letter of the alphabet and every number hidden within it. While that doesn't mean much on its own, when accompanied with the attached gift card that allows you to trace out a personal message - a name, special date, or phrase - using the design, Zymbol becomes a sentimental necklace that'll be cherished forever. (\$28-\$56; Zymbol.com)



Three to See at Mondavi Celebrate Xmas In Davis

by Chris Narloch

Consider having dinner in Davis this holiday season, in one of those yummy restaurants in the totally cute part of downtown between the Varsity Theatre and the Amtrak station. (I highly recommend the pizza by the slice at Village Bakery, for instance.)

After you indulge downtown, it's just a short drive to the Mondavi Center, where the holidays will be ushered in with at least three exciting seasonal shows during the first half of December. Read on for more details.

Pink Martini

Hipster music doesn't get much hipper (and, yet, surprisingly unpretentious and

performance doesn't get more stirring and uplifting than a concert by Blind Boys of Alabama.

This five-time Grammy Award winning gospel group from Alabama first sang together in 1944, and their musical legacy has spanned seven decades of tours and appearances.

The core of the group consists of seven



Pink Martini

fun) than that of Pink Martini, the Portland-based band formed in 1994 by pianist Thomas Lauderdale.

Describing itself as a "little orchestra," the group's music is a deliciously eclectic mix of classical, Latin, jazz, lounge and pop. Their lead vocalist and principal songwriter is the intriguingly named China Forbes.

Pink Martini brings their delightful holiday show, which features songs from around the globe, to the Mondavi Center on Monday, December 2, for one show only.

Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show

If listening to spirituals sung by a group that includes blind men sounds depressing or boring, think again, friends. Musical

musicians, including three blind singers who have been a source of inspiration for those with disabilities.

Don't miss *Go Tell It On The Mountain*, the Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show, which stops in at the Mondavi Center on Friday evening, December 13.

American Bach Soloists: Messiah

If a classical Christmas is more your cup of tea, check out this holiday concert, a collaboration between the American Bach Choir and the American Bach Soloists, under the direction of UC Davis Choral Director Jeffrey Thomas.

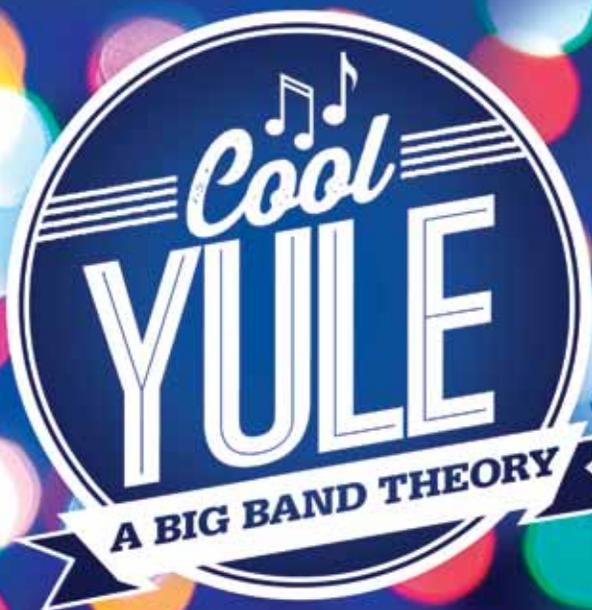
Handel's masterwork, *Messiah*, returns to the Mondavi on Sunday, December 15. To that, I say "Hallelujah!"

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SUE WIEGER

Making Golf "Magic" Happen

by Connie Wardman



Sue Wieger, owner of the Sue Wieger Golf Academy, teaches golfers how to make "magic" on the golf course. With a master's degree in education, she's a Class "A" member of the LPGA and also has credentials in PSYCH K, Life Coaching, Yoga for Golfers, and Titleist Performance Institute Golf & Fitness Certifications.

As a fan of Tony Robbins and Dr. Bruce Lipton, Wieger takes clients out of their comfort zone into unfamiliar territory "where the magic happens" - her approach to learning/improving your golf game is experiential. While helping students improve through various traditional physical and mental strategies, she also teaches them how to take their game to the next level by understanding who they are at the deepest level, guiding them to change their mind in order to change their game.

Like many athletic kids, Wieger was a multi-sport athlete through high school, playing volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis and track. But she never played golf. Always wanting to teach, she taught high school physical education with an eye to become a collegiate athletic director.

She was injured playing softball, however. Over the summer a friend who worked for the local golf course offered her a chance to stay busy by working as a beer cart lady. The summer job gave Wieger time to watch the game being played and she started developing her golf swing using used golf clubs stored at the cart barn.

Deciding to turn professional in 1991, Wieger moved from Nebraska to Charlotte, North Carolina to work for a private golf club. Now in her thirties, she worked her way to a Class "A" membership in the PGA, touring for about a year and a half. But she didn't enjoy it - what she loved was teaching. It was a member of the golf club who suggested that she connect with the LPGA.

She also didn't like the racial discrimination still alive and well in Charlotte at the time. And as a closeted lesbian, Wieger had a partner but didn't feel safe coming out. She was ready for a change.

Wieger joined the John Jacobs' Golf Schools and Academies, traveling the country for three years. But when told the company couldn't promote female instructors because their male clientele wouldn't

like taking instruction from a woman, she knew it was time to leave.

Eventually winding up in the Phoenix area, she worked as the pro at several Arizona golf courses, served as athletic director for the Maricopa County Community College system, taught psychology at Central Arizona College and started her own business teaching golf.

The move ended her closeted 15-year relationship, prompting her to come out to her family. Coming from a warm, loving family, she told them how frightened she had been to tell them she was a lesbian, and that her parents' marriage modeled what she wanted for her life.

Then in 1999-2000, Wieger turned 40 and was diagnosed with breast cancer, a second life-defining moment. Facing her own mortality provided a new outlook on what was truly important in life. Once a competitive achiever who had demanded perfection from her students as well as herself, she now turned inward and became more accepting of herself and her students.

After searching for a loving partner and not finding one, she spent New Year's Eve three years ago alone atop a Phoenix mountain. At midnight, with John Lennon's song, "Imagine" playing in the background, she decided to quit her search for love and let it find her, instead.

On January second, just as she was deleting her online dating profile and considering a move to Florida, someone "winked" at her. It was Sheila, someone whose profile had earlier intrigued Wieger but she hadn't reached out to her. This past May she and Sheila were married with their family members and friends there to celebrate and rejoice with them.

Her business teaching golfers to reach peak performance through golf bio mechanics, club fitting 101, physical and mental golf fitness strategies has been predominantly female. But thanks to older men over 45 who no longer need to prove anything to anyone, it's becoming more balanced. To create some magic in your golf game, contact her at swieger@suewiegergolf.com.



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The auction and sale is being coordinated by David Sobon Auctions, in collaboration with the iconic vintage furniture, art and clothing company FRINGE.

A preview party event on Friday, December 6, will help raise funds for arts nonprofits, with the Arts and Business Council of Sacramento (ABC) as the main beneficiary. ABC will receive the proceeds from ten specially selected pieces from the collection, curated by contemporary artist Raphael Delgado, who has hand-picked local area artists and designers to re-imagine the works exclusively for the benefit portion of this event.

"While I can never completely recreate the magic and allure that JC (John Conaty) brought to X-21, through both his discriminating eye and remarkable talent for capturing the jewel buried in the rubble, this event allows us to share JC with those who may have not experienced his vision, as well as share never-before seen, rare items with his longtime, die-hard followers," said

Audrey Wells, owner of Sacramento's FRINGE, who hand-selected and curated the items from her own collection and that of Conaty, who passed away in 2009.

Tickets are on sale now for the Preview Party, which will be from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for VIPs, and from 7 to 10 p.m. for general



admission, and will be held at the The Merchant, located at 1425 C St. at www.firstdibsauctions.com.

The free Full-Day Live Auction will be on Saturday, December 7, with a 7 a.m. preview and bidding will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., also at The Merchant Doors. For more information visit www.facebook.com/events/1407646516134623/ and www.firstdibsauctions.com.



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LGBT veterans, active duty servicemembers and allies got a chance to celebrate the end of DADT at Sacramento's first Military Ball, hosted by CGNIE and organized by CGNIE Emperor 29, and retired Army Staff Sergeant, Billy Ray Parish. The event featured servicemembers speaking about their experiences and live entertainment. A fundraiser for the LGBT Sacramento Valley Veterans, \$1,200 was raised to support their work and outreach to fellow veterans and active duty servicemembers. Visit CGNIE.org and SacValleyVets.com

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There is a new player in the new-guard gear market: wüfGear. The San Francisco-based brand is the brainchild of Sacramento native Patrick Dean Holstine, a resident of the capital city for 35 years who moved to the city by the bay in July 2012, but is returning to Sacramento to premiere the line at a special event at the Bolt Bar.



Photo by Adrian Ordenana. www.ordenanaphoto.com

Holstine is very pleased to see how quickly the new brand is gaining an enthusiastic following.

"I'm blown away by the reactions I get when I wear a WÜF shirt or a WÜF necklace," said Holstine, who founded wüfGear, Inc. this summer.

"I love Sacramento and spent 35 great years here," Holstine told *Outword*. "I led groups such as Pacific McGeorge Lambda Law Students and SacLEGAL, and served on the board of Sacramento Stonewall. There was hardly a place I could go where I didn't feel like Norm from *Cheers* walking in and having everybody know my name."

Now, he's ready to take wüfGear across the bridge to Sacramento, and on Friday November 29 he is hosting the Official Sacramento Launch Party for wüfGear at the Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St., from 9 p.m. until close, coordinating the evening with a Meet and Greet for the new Mr. Bolt Leather 2014, Vincent Deleon.

"Come meet and get to know Vincent, and check out all the new-guard gear from wüfGear and our line of T-shirts, hats, beanies and accessories," Holstine said, pointing out that the items are all available now at wufgear.com just in time for holiday shopping.

"I'm so proud to take this brand to Sacramento," said Holstine. "I looked at pictures today from one of the events we sponsored and what struck me is the diversity of the people not just wearing, but embracing the brand."

"The beauty of it all is that the diversity is not contrived for a photo shoot," Holstine said. "It's simply a reflection of the community, a community that we want to give back to and help where needed most. It's a community that appears to be enthusiastically embracing the brand and the concept – a community that will now extend to Sacramento, where wüfGear has in a way come home."

A Glass of Wine and Raph Solo



Glass of Wine, Raph Solo's first record from his soon-to-be-released full-length album, is his personal story of making peace with God, falling in love, and celebrating the man he is today. Its soaring melody and massively funky, celebratory beat are sure to get fans moving in clubs this winter, but if you can't wait, *Glass of Wine* is available now on iTunes and major online retailers. You can watch the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpzzG00N9v9A.

Some Old Dogs Learn Some New Tricks



If you missed the popular web series when it originally aired, you can now catch up with the boys of *Old Dogs & New Tricks*, and follow the friendship and tribulations of the four diverse and otherwise successful West Hollywood men – each one located squarely within middle age – on DVD, set to be released by Wolfe Video on November 26, where you can also stream it from WolfeOnDemand.com.

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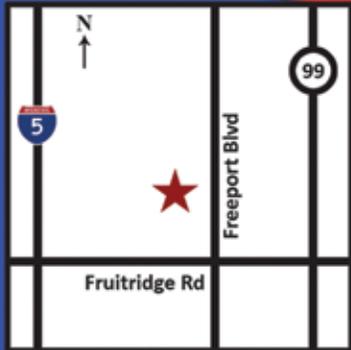
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