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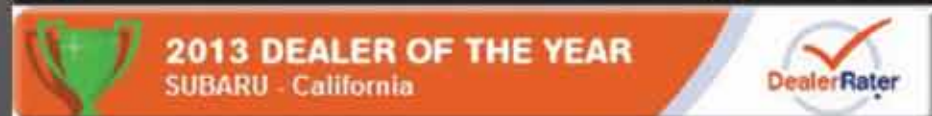
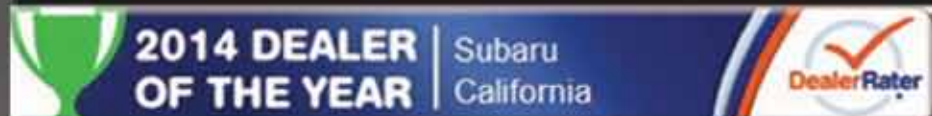


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Author of *This Day in June* at the Lavender Library

Sacramento author and professor of psychology, Dr. Gayle Pitman, will be at the Lavender Library on Saturday, May 30, from 11 a.m. to -1 p.m. to read from and sign her award winning children's book, *This Day in June*.

This Day in June is the winner of the Stonewall Award for Children's Literature, and is a whimsical, exuberant children's story about an LGBT Pride parade, with joyous artwork by Kristyna Litten that celebrates not only LGBT Pride, but also the cultural diversity within the LGBT community.

Pitman is a Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies at Sacramento City College, and is also the author of the award-winning book *Backdrop: The Politics and Personalities behind Sexual Orientation Research*.

The free, family-friendly event will have light refreshments. The Lavender Library is located at 1414 21st St. For more information, visit lavenderlibrary.com or gaylepitman.com.

Entries Sought for Pride Queer Art Festival

In celebration of Pride, Roadkill Art Gallery and Kennedy Gallery are offering gallery space for a special Queer Art Festival, and are encouraging LGBT artists to submit their work by late May for inclusion in the show, which will commence the first week of June.

Herb Gillentine, of Roadkill Gallery has struggled with getting his art seen by the public for years and understands how frustrating it can be to have some wonderful art that no one gets to see it. "I want to give struggling artists a moment of glory," he says of the upcoming Festival.

LGBT musicians and poets are also included in the invitation to participate in this event.

Artists should contact the Kennedy Gallery at 916-716-7050 or Roadkill Gallery at 916-215-1344 for details, or drop by and talk to the staff. The Kennedy Gallery is located on the corner of 20th and L Streets, and online at www.kennedygalleriesac.com.

Harvey Milk Day Community Awards to Benefit LGBT Center

The sixth annual observation of Harvey Milk Day is fast approaching, and cities throughout California, including Sacramento are preparing to mark the occasion.

This year members of Equality Action Now have gotten together to host Harvey Milk Day Celebration, on May 22 from 7 to 9p.m. at Capitol Dime, located at 1801 L St. The Celebration will be a fundraiser for the Sacramento LGBT Center. Appetizers and a No-Host Bar will be served at Capitol Dime and there will be an after-party at Faces.

The event will include a special awards ceremony recognizing LGBTQI leaders in the community.

Main award honorees include California State Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, FACES

owner Terry Sidie, Outword publisher Fred Palmer and LGBT Center co-founder and activist Jerry Sloan.

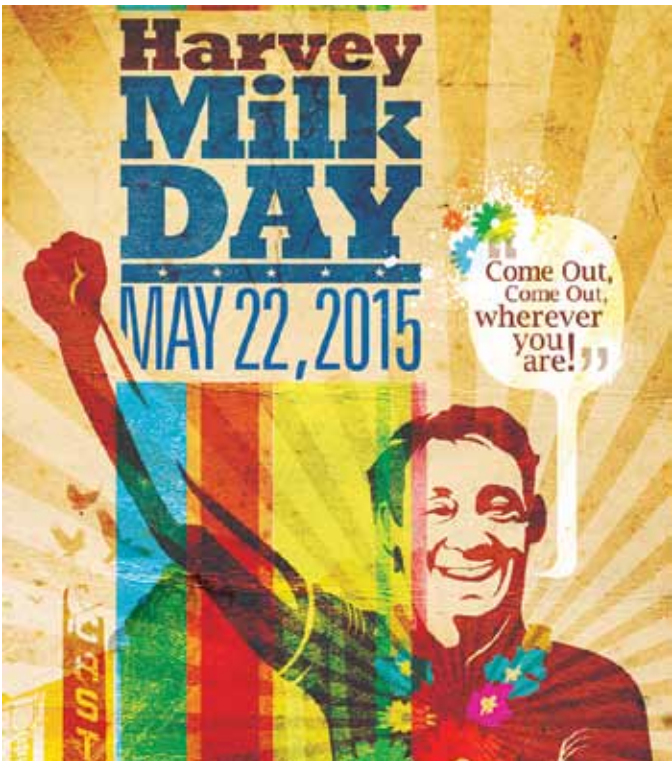
Community awards will go to Rachel Hudson, the operations manager for the Gender Health Center; Youth Activist AJ Lawson; Sierra College Professor Johnny Terry; and LGBTQ Nichole Wofford, the support services psychotherapy and consulting specialist for the Sacramento Unified School District.

Tickets are \$25 for students and \$40 general. Equality Action Now is hoping to raise \$10,000 for the Center.

The state of California held the first Harvey Milk Day on May 22, 2010 to coincide with the birthday of the first out politician elected to public office in the state. In 1977 Milk won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors but was assassinated the following year.

Many public schools and other educational institutions in California and outside the state conduct commemorative projects, events and activities in memory of Harvey Milk Day. Topics such as equal rights are especially promoted on this day.

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New Bill Effects Placing Transgender Foster Youth

Caregivers tasked with placing California foster youth in homes would be required to take a young person's gender identity into consideration when making this critical decision, under new legislation passed by a key Senate committee.

Senate Bill 731, authored by Senator Mark Leno, is designed to ensure that all foster youth, including those who identify as transgender, are placed in appropriate homes where they feel safe and accepted.

The bill passed the Senate Human Services Committee on April 21 with a 3-0 vote.

"Young people have a better opportunity to thrive in situations where they are fully accepted and supported for who they are," said Senator Leno, D-San Francisco.

"Entering the foster care system is challenging for all youth, but it can actually

be damaging for young people whose identities are not affirmed by their caregivers and peers."

When a child enters California's foster care system, welfare workers and caregivers consider a host of factors when choosing an appropriate placement. The Foster Care Bill of Rights gives all foster youth the right to fair and equal access to services and the right to be free from discrimination based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.

State law, however, does not provide specific guidance on placing youth who are

transgender. SB 731 provides that needed direction. The bill is co-sponsored by the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Equality California and Transgender Law Center.

"As a former foster youth who was in the system for 16 years, I am living proof that a supportive environment helps nurture success," said Kevin West, a Sacramento student and nanny who entered the foster care system as a toddler. "My caregivers fully embraced my gender identity as a teenager and helped create a situation where other foster kids also accepted me. Not all transgender foster youth have stories like mine, but with this change in law, I'm hopeful they will."

SB 731 will be heard next in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Cares Community Health Designated as FQHC

Cares Community Health, a private, nonprofit community health center, has been designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a Federally Qualified Health Center or "FQHC."

In receiving this designation, Cares Community Health will receive annual federal funds of approximately \$704,000, which will greatly expand its capacity to provide high quality primary care for those who need it in the Sacramento region.

News of this designation arrived shortly after U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced \$101 million in Affordable Care Act funding to 164 new health center sites, Cares Community Health among them, in 33 states for the delivery of comprehensive primary health care services in communities that need them most.

These new health centers are projected to increase access to health care for nearly 650,000 patients nationwide, adding to the more than 550 new health center sites that have opened since enactment of the Affordable Care Act.

"Cares Community Health has provided critical community health services in the Sacramento area for many years," said Congresswoman Doris Matsui. "I am so

pleased that they have expanded their services and earned status as a fully-fledged Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The Affordable Care Act (ACA) established \$11 billion in additional funding to increase and expand operation and construction of health centers throughout the nation. Cares becoming an FQHC is an example of the Sacramento health system's leadership in implementing the ACA and making it work for our communities."



"The safety net for Greater Sacramento's most vulnerable families has just gained tremendous reinforcement with Cares becoming an FQHC," said Bob Kamrath, Chief Executive Officer of Cares Community Health. "This designation will have profound implications for our ability to enhance the public health and wellbeing of our community. We've been making continual strides toward this moment and this only reaffirms our commitment to our patients and their families."

For more information on Cares Community Health, visit CaresCommunityHealth.org

Quote Worth Repeating

"It's easy to deny science – at least for now. While the human race might one day not be able to inhabit this planet, there will come a day where climate change is undeniable even to those who vehemently deny its existence. As the saying goes, the great thing about reality is that it's real whether or not you want to believe in it. Simply denying the existence of something that's 100 percent real doesn't negate the fact that it is, in fact, real."

From: "Bigotry Is Pretty Much All That Republicans Have Left"
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Marriage Equality Is Good for Business

Commentary by Paul Weubbe

Equality is good for business. Individuals and families who are secure in the knowledge they have equal rights under the law are empowered to buy homes, start businesses and plan for the future.

The mish-mash of state laws currently in effect governing marriage keep LGBT people in a state of uncertainty. If they travel to another state for business or pleasure, will their marriage be recognized there? Will they be recognized as legal parents of their children? If they are injured while traveling, will their spouse be allowed to make medical decisions for them? If they change jobs, will their spouse lose health benefits?

For all these reasons, it is important that same-sex marriage be legally recognized throughout the United States, and that is the

outcome we are hoping for in June.

If civil rights were left to the voters of each state, many minority communities would not have the rights they enjoy today as U.S. citizens. The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce urges the U.S. Supreme Court to rule in favor of legalizing same-sex marriage in all 50 states.

Paul Weubbe is the President of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached at www.rainbowchamber.com.

Closet Door Theatre Company Supports LGBT Center



Sacramento's LGBT theater Closet Door Theatre Company continued its tradition of giving back to the community by presenting a check for \$150 to the Sacramento LGBT Community Center on Saturday April 26 at the Center. To learn more about CDTC and their upcoming season, visit www.ClosetDoorTheatre.com. Pictured are Center Board president David Heistuman and CDTC board members Rich Jones (President) and Erik Mann, (Treasurer); and Jackie Pfister, the Operations Manager of Alpha K9, another CDTC beneficiary; and Andie Slay, CDTC Member-At-Large/2014 Board Member of the Year.

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Four Freedoms President's Award Recognizes Mangers' Continuing Service

by Bonnie Osborn

Former state assemblymember and cable industry executive Dennis Mangers left his most recent "8-to-5" position, as senior advisor to then-Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, in 2009, but he didn't retire. In fact, he's busier than ever before.

In recognition of Mangers' continuing contribution as advocate, statesman, and public servant, on May 20 Sacramento Stonewall Democratic Club President Mario Guerrero will present Mangers with the 2015 President's Award as part of the organization's annual Four Freedoms Awards event.

"Dennis is one of those rare individuals who truly exemplifies selflessness, who has dedicated himself to making our state and community better," says Stonewall PAC Chair Timothy Kamermayer.

Mangers currently serves on the California State Bar Board of Trustees and is the first Public Member to chair its Regulation and Discipline Committee. He recently became chair of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, producer of Sacramento's wildly successful Big Day Of Giving campaign, and was just named to the Board of Governors of his alma mater, California State University Long Beach.

Mangers is perhaps best known professionally as the former president of the California Cable & Telecommunications Association, where he served in various capacities from 1981 to 2008. Before that, he represented Orange County as its 73rd District Assemblymember from 1976 to 1980. It was while serving in the California legislature that he came to terms with his sexual orientation and came out as a gay man.

Mangers was born, raised and educated in Southern California. An accomplished singer, in 1966 he was one of 18 young performers selected in a nationwide talent search by the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera Company for a full scholarship to the USC School of Performing Arts, going on to play featured roles in *My Fair Lady* and *The Sound of Music*. Mangers began his working life as an elementary school teacher in the Long Beach Unified School District and in 1968 became one of California's youngest school principals.

In innumerable prior volunteer positions, including presidency or chairmanship of the boards of CARES, California Confederation of the Arts, Sacramento Ballet, California State University Advisory Committee on Human Relations, California Musical Theatre and American Leadership Foundation Mountain Valley Chapter, Mangers has worked to build bridges between the LGBT community and the larger society. "I never wanted gay and lesbian people to be separate from the life of our community," he says. "I've always worked to ensure that there was LGBT representation in all of our community institutions."



Dennis Mangers

Ted Ross met Mangers some 30 years ago, when both were working to pass AB 1, a bill to eliminate employment discrimination against gay and lesbian people in California. "I was kind of wet behind the ears and newly out," Ross recalls. "Dennis was already a seasoned political leader, but he also was newly out at the time. I remember the first time I heard him speak, I was in awe, and I continue to be in awe."

"He inspires with his words and his own personal actions. We all just line up behind him when he raises the flag. When he gets up here and starts talking, he's part preacher, but as much as anything else he's a teacher, teaching us how we should act in the community and how we should get things done."

"He's not afraid to get in the trenches, roll up his sleeves and get the work done. It's what makes the rest of us follow him. We are going to be there for him because we all know it's the right thing to do."

Mangers will be honored at the Stonewall Democratic Club's annual Four Freedoms Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m., at the Red Lion Woodlake Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, along with Assemblymember Susan Eggman, Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Senate pro Tem Emeritus Darrell Steinberg and Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. "No single honor is enough to recognize Dennis for a lifetime of exemplary service," says Mangers' colleague, former boss and fellow honoree Steinberg. "His wisdom, intellect, and humanity are unsurpassed. He is one of a kind."

For more information about the Four Freedoms Awards Dinner or to purchase tickets, visit www.sacstonewall.org.

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Take a Ride on the *Rainbow Train* with Chana Rothman



Philadelphia-based singer/songwriter Chana Rothman was unsure what to do when her son, a toddler, asked to wear a dress to school. She searched for children's music rooted in messages of gender freedom to engage in positive parenting but came up short, so she wrote her own, the "Rainbow Train." Learn more at www.chanarothman.com.

Prism Comics Announces 2015 Queer Press Grant Winner



The recipient of the 2015 Prism Comics Queer Press Grant is Dave Davenport, a talented veteran of queer comics, who was awarded the QPG for his forthcoming graphic novel *Stray Bullet*. "It's a story about HIV and hope for the future — something serious told in a playful way," Davenport says of the novel. Visit PrismComics.org

The Chase is On as the *Hunting Season* Returns



Fans of *Hunting Season* can rejoice in knowing that the second season of this sexy show set in NYC is now airing on Vimeo. Four new episodes are planned, and you can still watch season one online at HuntingSeason.tv



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Where & When to Celebrate Your Pride

Color our World seems to be the theme for many of this year's Pride Festival and Parades, but whatever the theme, there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate your Pride.

Here is a rundown on some of the major Pride events, with an emphasis on California and the West Coast and major cities. Be sure to visit their websites, because many cities have week long events from Film Festivals to amazing parties, and you wouldn't want to miss out on any of them

Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride, May 16 – 17, longbeachpride.com

Boston Pride, June 5 – 14, www.bostonpride.org

LA Pride, June 12 – 14, www.lapride.org

Frameline SF Film Festival, June 18 – 28, www.frameline.org

Pride Portland, June 20, www.prideportland.org

New York City Pride, June 21 – 28, www.nycpride.org

Houston Pride, June 21 – 28, pridehouston.org

San Francisco Pride, June 27 – 28 www.sfpride.org

Seattle Pride, June 28, seattlepride.org

Chicago Pride, June 28, chicagoprideride.com

San Diego Pride, July 17 – 19, sdpride.org

Reno/ Northern Nevada Pride, July 25,

www.northernnevadapride.org

Orange County LGBT Pride, August 1,

www.prideoc.com

Silicon Valley Pride, August 30, www.svpriide.com

Las Vegas Pride, September 18 – 19,

www.lasvegaspride.org

Dallas Pride, September 20, dallaspride.org

San Gabriel Valley Pride, October 17, sgvpriide.org

Oceanside Pride by the Beach, October 10, www.northcountypriide.com

Atlanta Pride, October 10 – 11, atlantapriide.org

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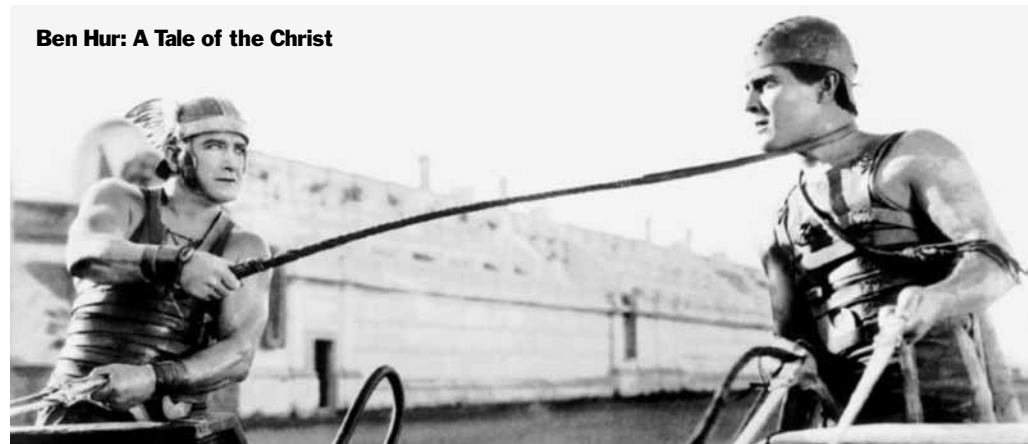


S.F. Silent Film Fest Returns

by Chris Narloch

In addition to our many fine local film festivals, Sacramento movie buffs are fortunate to have perhaps the finest silent film festival in the world in our "backyard."

Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ



The San Francisco Silent Film Festival, which runs May 28 to June 1 at the Castro Theatre, turns 20 this year, and organizers have planned a superb slate of silent cinema to round out the festival's second successful decade.

The Festival kicks off on Thursday, May 28 with director Lewis Milestone's 1930 sync-sound "silent" version of *All Quiet on the Western Front*, complete with title cards, a new score and live sound effects.

On Friday, May 29, a gorgeous copy of 1924's *The Last Laugh* straight from the F.W. Murnau Foundation in Germany will be accompanied by a new score played live by the Berklee Silent Film Orchestra.

Among the offerings on Saturday, May 30 is the 1926 silent classic *Flesh and the Devil* starring the great Greta Garbo and John Gilbert, which will feature live musical accompaniment by the Matti Bye Ensemble.

The Festival wraps up in high style on Monday, June 1 with *Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ*, an epic silent from 1925 that was the most expensive Hollywood production of its time. Ramon Novarro stars as a hunky slave who rises to become a victorious chariot racer.

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Sac Pride Will Feature More and Bigger Live Acts

This year's Sacramento Pride Festival will feature more and bigger name live entertainment than any time in the event's 26-year history, including live performances by Belinda Carlisle, hip-hop artist Cazwell and Sacramento's own singer-songwriter Andrew Castro.



Belinda Carlisle



Andrew Castro

Headlining the Pride Festival stage will be singer Belinda Carlisle, former lead singer for chart-topping all-girl punk band The Go-Go's, who went on to produce numerous top selling albums and hit singles in a successful solo career.

Carlisle, who also has appeared at Pride festivals in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and a number of other cities, recently expressed her excitement at appearing at Sacramento Pride. "My LGBT fans have long been among my favorite audiences, giving, fun and free—they always energize and inspire me," Carlisle said. "As someone with many LGBT individuals in my life, both personally and professionally, performing at Pride events has always been very important to me. I've heard so much about Sacramento's exciting Pride Festival and cannot wait to be there to make my voice heard for LGBT equality and to show my Sacramento fans a great time."

Also performing will be hip-hop artist Cazwell, who became an overnight YouTube sensation with his "Ice Cream Truck" music video. He has since earned hipster credibility with a steady flow of danceable hip hop tracks, including "Rice & Beans" and "I Seen Beyoncé At Burger King"

Most recently his "No Selfie Control" became the fourth single release from his soon-to-be-released "Hard 2 B Fresh" album, following last summer's top 15 Billboard Club/Play hit "Guess What?" in collaboration with British pop star Luciana.

Sacramento's own singer-songwriter Andrew Castro will offer the Pride Festival audience a change of pace with an acoustic upbeat pop sound. Castro, who has played



Cazwell

more than 350 venues since he began touring nationally in 2013, recently released his new EP album "Inside/Out"

The Main Stage line-up also will include two stars from "RuPaul's Drag Race" on June 6: Jujubee from Season 2, and Kennedy Davenport, still in the running in the Season 7 reality show competition, which airs Mondays at 9 p.m. on Logo TV.

More than 15,000 visitors from Sacramento and Northern California are expected to attend the Sacramento Pride Festival, which will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sacramento's Capitol Mall on Saturday, June 6th. Tickets are \$10, children 5 and under are free; tickets may be purchased online or at the gates.

The day-long celebration of LGBT pride also will include the Sacramento Pride Parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. at 3rd and N streets and end at 10th and N streets. The parade, which is free to spectators, will feature floats, cheerleaders, bands and performers, as well as contingents from churches, veterans and law enforcement groups and non-profit organizations.

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SF Pride 2015 Grand Marshals and Honorees Announced

The 45th Annual San Francisco LGBT Pride Celebration and Parade, with more than 7,000 votes cast, has selected its Community Grand Marshal, Judy Dlugacz, Olivia Co-founder.

The Transgender Law Center was chosen as the Organizational Grand Marshal and Screaming Queen, pioneer, legend, icon and diva Felicia Elizondo, was chosen as the Lifetime Achievement Grand Marshal.

The infamous Pink Brick honor was given to the American Family Association, the U.S. nonprofit organization championing Christian anti-gay activism.

Additional Community Grand Marshals, and more information about them, as well as quotes from the grand marshals and awardees can be found at sfpride.org/parade/grand-marshals.html.

Oregon Senate Votes To Ban Youth Conversion Therapy

The Oregon Senate voted 21 to 8 on May 7 to pass HB 2307, the Youth Mental Health Protection Act, which would ban conversion therapy for youth under the age of 18 by licensed mental health providers in Oregon.

The Oregon House previously passed the bill and it now moves to Governor Kate Brown for consideration.

If signed, Oregon would be the third state to ban conversion therapy for youth, following California and New Jersey. Washington D.C. also has a ban. President Obama called for states to ban this practice on youth after the tragic suicide of transgender teen Leelah Alcorn after she endured conversion therapy. Earlier this week, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of New Jersey's conversion therapy ban for licensed therapists.

Study Shows Gay Youth Bullied More Than Straight Youth

A new study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and led by Mark Schuster, MD, PhD, chief of General Pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital, shows that sexual minority youth (youth who identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual) are more likely to be bullied and victimized than their peers.

"What really stands out is that we found that kids who are classified as sexual minorities in tenth grade are bullied and victimized more than their peers not only in tenth grade but also in fifth and seventh grades. The differences are persistent and striking. We would think that in fifth grade, most kids don't recognize themselves or peers as sexual minorities, yet those who will later identify as sexual minorities are already being bullied more than other kids," said Schuster, Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.

\$1 Million Gift Will Support Journalism Education on LGBT Issues at Missouri School of Journalism

The University of Missouri has received a \$1 million estate gift to support journalism education and research into the connection between American journalism and the advancement of human rights for LGBT people.

Timothy Blair, an alumnus of the MU School of Journalism and current resident of Bel-Air, California, says he is giving the gift to MU to advance the education of students of the world's first school of journalism on the role media have played in reinforcing stereotypes and shaping new understandings of LGBT people in American culture.

"Examining journalism as a force of social change in our democracy is an essential academic pursuit," Blair said. "I'm proud to say I'm making this gift as the first gift of its kind among American universities."



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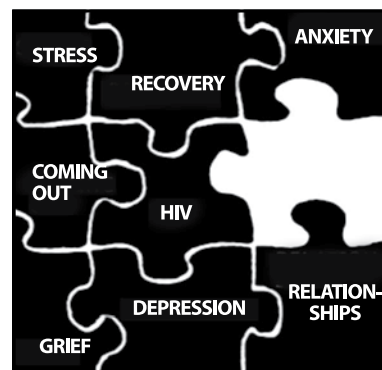
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Barry Manilow Remembers Sacramento HIV/AIDS Roots

by Joyce Mitchell

Supporting his brand new wedding ring, Barry Manilow returned to the stage in Sacramento for his *One Last Time Tour*. It was a long wait for his fans, following his initial Sacramento performance 23 years ago, in which he headlined a benefit performance for Sacramento AIDS services and non-profits.

The wait was well worth it though, as fans went wild on Friday night, April 17th at Sleep Train Arena and got some insight into the entertainer as he described the tone behind some of his songs, including "I Made It Through The Rain" and "Looks Like We Made It," making numerous references to the challenges he's faced throughout his highly successful career.

That new wedding ring celebrates his recent wedding to his partner and longtime manager Garry Kief at a small ceremony in Palm Springs. As he held the microphone, the wedding ring

"I've stayed in contact with Garry over the years and every so often we email or call one another," Ross said. When the 2015 Manilow farewell tour was scheduled for Sacramento, Kief reached out to Ross. "He invited me to the concert, said it was a pretty special final tour and suggested we provide tickets to our volunteers and clients," Ross said.

Ross was given 40 tickets, all great seats. CCAF reached out to Facebook followers, raising much-needed HIV/AIDS awareness while giving away free tickets. Ross, who runs a full-service



Barry Manilow and Ted Ross

sparkled, another hurdle cleared for this great entertainer.

Manilow's heart and soul has history and roots in Sacramento.

"Twenty-three years ago, five friends and I went to a Manilow concert in Lake Tahoe," said Sacramentan Ted Ross. "I wrote Barry a letter and said we were in his audience that night and we were fans, but also that I was an organizer on behalf of AIDS causes in Sacramento."

The letter went on to invite Manilow to consider playing Sacramento to raise money for AIDS. "We stopped and picked up some flowers and delivered them to the front desk of the hotel with my letter."

Ross remains involved with raising money and awareness for HIV/AIDS and is co-founder of Sacramento-based Capital City AIDS Fund (CCAF). Looking back, Ross had no idea what was to follow after dropping off those flowers and that letter. "These are the things that you think are a shot in the dark," Ross said. "But if you don't ask, nothing's ever going to happen."

Then, several weeks after that Lake Tahoe concert, Ross got a call from Garry Kief, Manilow's manager. Manilow said "YES!" Ted Ross had a Sacramento Barry Manilow AIDS concert to promote, and he pretty much did it all.

"In order to keep all of the money here, I was the promoter and it took me about three months - full time - to coordinate the concert," Ross said. He organized a team of activists and they put on the single largest fundraising concert Sacramento had ever seen, raising more than \$160,000 for AIDS.

Everyone, including Manilow and Ross donated their time, and all proceeds benefitted AIDS non-profits in Sacramento. Ross was on stage at the concert with then Mayor Joe Serna to receive Manilow's generous gift to the community.

marketing firm, had another brainstorm.

"When you are providing tickets to volunteers, you don't want to feel they have to spend a bunch of money for parking," Ross said. "That's why it all made sense to provide a pre-concert gathering and bus transportation to the concert. It meant a great deal to our volunteers who would otherwise have spent a lot of money out of pocket."

Start the party! The Barry or Bust Bus rolled into Midtown Sacramento on concert night, picked up the 40 volunteers and then some. Food and beverages were provided. "It was the best time I've had in 25-years," said Scott Cruchley, a CCAF volunteer.

New to CCAF, 26-year-old Dusty Arnold was given tickets via Facebook. Diagnosed with HIV in 2010, Arnold said that he had been depressed, but that he's now in treatment, getting counseling and doing well. "Going to an event like this and having that experience, I had the best time," Arnold said. "It was a real good night for me to get a break from life and do something fun. And CCAF has done that for me."

Jenny Woods, a CCAF activist, worked long and hard to make the party bus experience a success, from renting parking lots to finding meeting places to handing out tickets. "I love what I do," Woods said. "I've been with CCAF about a year now and the mission is right up my alley. Saving lives, raising awareness about HIV/AIDS and enjoying life while doing so."

All on the party bus had a raucous good time, and it was a ride to remember with the concert the ultimate grand finale.

"Even though I'm a little bit younger, I still remember all his music well," Woods said. "And from the concert, I walked away with a treasured moment when Manilow said that his favorite four letter word was HOPE."

NCAC Cyclists Ready to Take on 330 Mile Challenge

Cyclists have been training long and hard for the start of the NorCal AIDS Cycle, a four-day ride that will take them from their starting point in Folsom on Thursday, May 14, winding their way through the northern Sacramento Valley, to a triumphant return to the Capitol on Sunday, May 17.

The first two days of the ride are the most challenging, both covering over 100 miles each day, and will take they cyclists through the heart of the Northern Valley to Oroville and the foot of Table Mountain, before reversing course and cruising downhill along the Sacramento River with a pie stop at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge and a camp-over in Williams.

On Days 3 and 4, the cyclists will be joined by the Weekend Warriors, cyclists who couldn't take the full four days off, but still wanted to participate and raise funds. Together they will cover 130 miles before cycling back into Sacramento for the closing ceremonies at the West Steps of the State Capitolat noon.

In addition to making the ride, each of the cyclists has committed to raising at least \$2,000 to support the mission of the NCAC.

As cyclists make their way through the north valley, they will be supported by a dedicated Crew Team. that supports the riders during the day via Support and Gear (SAG) vehicles, staffing dedicated rest stopsproviding first aid assistance, and transporting the cyclists & crewss gear from

campsite to campsite. Also, motorcycle crew are out ensuring safe crossing at busy intesections. Each Crew Team member also supports the NCAC by committing to raise at least \$500. In addition to Crew, there are volunteers who provide bike repair service and massage and chiropractic services.

Beneficiaries for the 2015 NorCal AIDS Cycle, all located within Sacramento, the foothills and Northern California, include: Cares Community Health; Caring Choices; Gender Health Center; Golden Rule Services; Harm Reduction Services; Nevada County Public Health Department HIV/HCV Rapid Testing Program; River City Food Bank; Sacramento LGBT Community Center; SANE (Safer Alternatives thru Networking & Education); Shasta Trinity Tehama Food Bank; Sierra Foothill AIDS Foundation; Sierra HOPE; Strategies For Change; Sunburst Projects; Volunteers of America; and Women's Health Specialists.

The money raised by the cyclists will be augmented by contributions from corporations, businesses and individual sponsors. Major sponsors for this year's ride include: Mikes Bikes; The California



Cyclists on a previous year NorCalAIDS Cycle

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In 2014 NCAC distributed \$222,100 to its beneficiaries and gave an additional \$9,000 in winter grants. This amounts to 72 percent of the funds raised by participants and makes NCAC the largest HIV/AIDS fundraiser in the Sacramento and Northern

California area. To date, NCAC has raised over \$1.75 million.

The community is invited to welcome the cyclists and crew back to Sacramento at a closing ceremony that will be held at the State Capitol on Sunday, May 17. Exhibitors and Benefiting Organizations booths will be available starting at 11am and the cyclists will arrive at Noon. It's not too late to donate to the NCAC, or to donate to a riders fundraising challenge. Visit NorCalAIDSCycle.org to make a donation.

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Finding Yourself at the Mendocino Film Festival

A search for identity unites the many varied selections of the Tenth Anniversary Mendocino Film Festival, which will run from May 22 - 31. "As unique as every one of our 67 films is, these fascinating connections emerge," says Executive Director Michael Fox, "This year's selections have a depth to them that really resonates – everyone wants to find a place where they belong."

Take, for example, *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*. In this "Iranian feminist vampire western," a young woman vampire takes revenge on those who abuse the downtrodden inhabitants of "Bad City." She struggles with her identity in a city that has no room for someone like her: a woman with innate power in a society of the powerless.

In the end, you have to "follow your own weird," as James Broughton used to say.

Congressman Barney Frank, the subject of *Compared to What?*, is familiar with the dilemma of whether to come out. As a teen, he decided he never would, fearing there was no place for a "queer" in public service. In a sense, he was right – at the time.

"Today, we [have] a gay senator and seven gay members of Congress, but in the 80s and early 90s, it was very hard," says Steve Elmendorf. Working on gay rights bills in 1972, Frank was terrified that someone would discover his sexuality and his career would be over. Eventually, he came out publicly, which helped change the climate in Congress and enabled other closeted representatives to follow suit.

James "The Amazing" Randi, the subject of *An Honest Liar*, hid his sexuality from the world at large until age 81. A master skeptic who revealed Uri Gellar as a fraud, Randi made enemies, and his sexual orientation was used in attempts to discredit him.

"If he had come out, his work would have been pushed aside," explains director Tyler Measom. So Randi opted for "deception in order to reveal a greater truth."

"Your sexuality is in many ways at the core of who you are. I can't imagine hiding that," continues Measom. "I just want people to be who they are. The world is beautiful" when you can express your identity.

Mendocino has always welcomed people from all backgrounds. Nowhere is the impact of that more clear than in *With Love*, screening as part of Reel Mendo, a collection of short films from local filmmakers.

Carmen Goodyear came to Mendocino in 1969. She and partner Laurie York joined forces with other lesbian farmers to help lead the organic food movement.

Every moment of *With Love* radiates beauty and joy. This peaceful journey through spring at Turtle Time Farm shows the filmmakers in many roles: farmer, partner, filmmaker ... Carmen Goodyear and Laurie York have embraced every aspect of



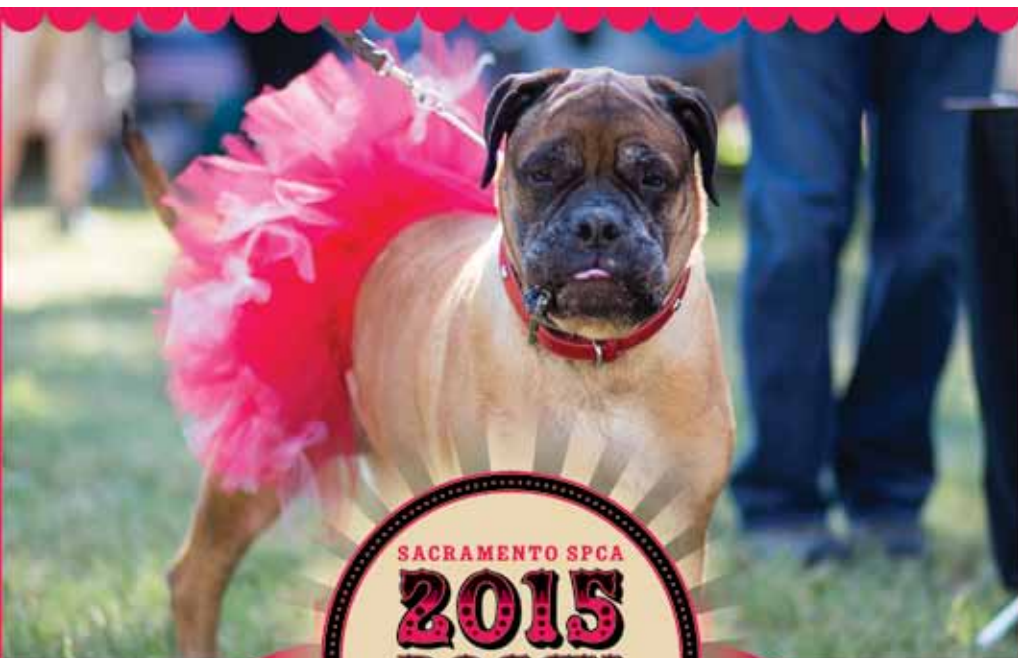
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For tickets and more information about the Tenth Anniversary Mendocino Film Festival, visit www.MendocinoFilmFestival.org

An Honest Liar screens on Saturday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m.; *Compared to What? The Improbable Journey of Barney Frank* screens on Saturday, May 30, at 3:00 p.m.; *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night* screens on Saturday, May 30, at 8:00 p.m.; and *With Love* screens as part of Reel Mendo on Sunday, May 31, at 5:30 p.m.



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Born in 1945, Ligare creates perfectly ordered still life, landscape, architectural, and figurative paintings that occupy their own poetic world. Although often grouped with California's

same time, his paintings are firmly based in the specifics of California – and the Monterey region in particular –allowing Ligare to create art that is richly layered, broadly universal, and yet

he moved north, living for a time in Big Sur and Santa Barbara. He then settled permanently in Monterey County, where he began to fully embrace Classicism.

Since the late 1970s, Ligare has used his considerable technical skills and historical knowledge to create what he calls, “the literate picture.” Defying contemporary conventions, he seeks out ancient ideas that inform our modern world and shared humanity.

In so doing, concepts are as important to the artist as paint. “Making paintings is a passion for me,” he explains, “but it is a passion of ideas rather than just pigment. I believe deeply that art can make a difference in the way we view the world, and in the way we act in it.”

On Saturday, July 18, the Crocker Art Museum will host a symposium featuring speakers David Ligare and Scott A. Shields, Ph.D., the Museum's Associate Director and Chief Curator and lead author of *David Ligare: California Classicist*.

The Crocker Art Museum is located at 216 O St. For more information, visit crockerartmuseum.org.



Achilles and the Body of Petroclus by David Ligare (cropped portion)

Photorealists, the very unreality of Ligare's paintings and his underlying interest in antiquity belie such a label, and the perfection of his subjects seems more unearthly than real.

In achieving these qualities, Ligare looks to the ancients for guidance and references the relationships found in Classical sculpture and architecture. At the

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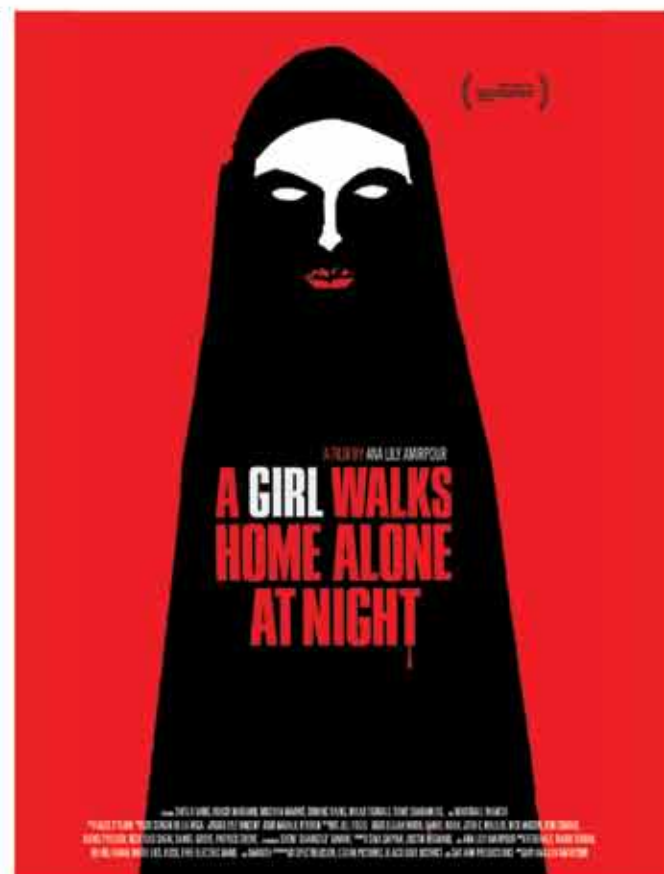
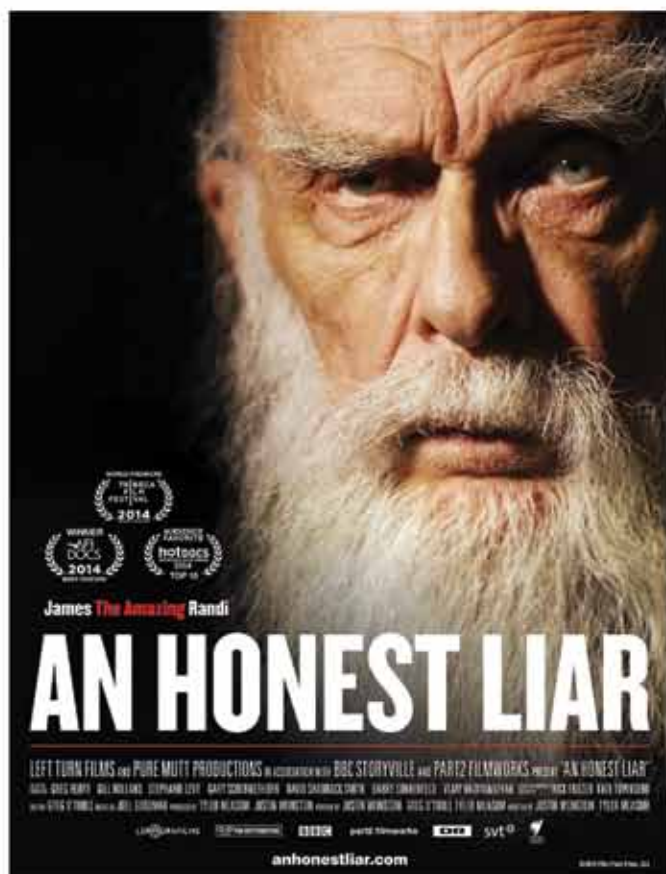
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Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, a Tony Award-winning musical from the creators of *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music*, is not to be missed.
This spiffy incarnation of *Cinderella* has a very funny new book by Douglas Carter Beane (*Xanadu*, *The Little Dog Laughed*) that is based partly on Hammerstein's 1957 book for the famous television version that starred Julie Andrews.
The new book by Beane introduces several original characters and a sympathetic stepsister, and the score features several Rodgers and Hammerstein songs that were not in the original production.
The new *Cinderella* was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including the one it deservedly won, for Best Costume Design. (The costume quick change whereby Cinderella's "rags" become a beautiful ball gown is worth the price of a ticket.)
Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella plays May 12-17 at Sacramento's Community

Center Theater, courtesy of Broadway Sacramento. For information, please visit www.californiamusicaltheatre.com.
The Pirates of Penzance
The Pirates of Penzance, one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular works, makes its debut on the Main Stage as part of Sacramento Theater Company's Season of Legends, Epics, and Icons.
The comic operetta concerns Frederic, who, having completed his 21st year, is released from his apprenticeship to a band of tenderhearted pirates. He meets Mabel, the daughter of Major-General Stanley, and the two young people fall instantly in love.
Frederic finds out, however, that he was born on the 29th of February, and so, technically, he only has a birthday each leap year. His apprenticeship indentures state that he remains apprenticed to the pirates until his 21st birthday, and so he must serve for another 63 years.
Bound by his own sense of duty, Frederic's only solace is that Mabel agrees to wait for him faithfully. This sets the stage for the fun and mishaps that follow.
The Pirates of Penzance plays through May 17 at STC. Visit www.sactheatre.org.



Michael RJ Campbell as The Pirate King, Zak Edwards as Frederic, & Martha Omiyo Kight as Ruth in STC's *The Pirates of Penzance*.

There Is A Happiness That Morning Is
If musicals aren't your bag, check out the latest adventurous play from the fine folks at KOLT Run Creations.
When college lecturers Bernard and Ellen engage in a highly controversial display of "public affection" on the lawn of their college campus, it ignites a firestorm that threatens

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Now, in class and in verse, the pair must apologize for their behavior if they want to keep their jobs.
There is a Happiness That Morning Is plays through May 31 at Sacramento's Wilkerson Theater. Visit www.koltruncrations.com.

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SIGLFF Selects Michael Dennis as New Board President

The Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival has regretfully announced the resignation of President Tyler Edwards-Lohse. Tyler was president for over a year and has been involved with the festival or on the board since 2010.

In making the announcement the Board said that they appreciated his dedication and willingness to continue the legacy of his husband Todd Lohse-Edwards, who was president of the board for three years from 2010-2014, until his passing in April 2014.

Tyler will still be involved and will help out SIGLFF where he can. "It was a rough year for all of us, but as a team, we made it through and put on a fun, successful festival. We look forward to continuing and expanding the work of Todd and Tyler," the board said in a released statement.

At SIGLFF's last meeting in April, the board voted Michael Dennis as President, Scott Brozek and Gerald Filice as Co-Vice Presidents, Jennifer Hatton as interim Secretary and Programming Chair, and Peter Voet and Adele Sakler as Board Members.

Dennis has been with the festival since 2003 and was Programming Chair for five years.

The Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, now in its 24th year always brings films to Sacramento that reflects the LGBT community's diversity, as well as widens its perspective on the world. The festival is run by an all-volunteer board of dedicated members who not only choose the films, but do fundraising, promotion and everything else it takes to run a film festival.

"We need board members!" Dennis told *Outword*. "We are looking for dedicated, motivated persons who want to give back to their community. We need board members and volunteers with writing, website and fundraising skills. If you love LGBT films why not think about joining our board and making a difference."

Contact michael@siglff.org to volunteer.

SIGLFF 2015 will be at the Crest Theatre October 8th through the 10th. Go to SIGLFF.org and you can also follow SIGLFF on Facebook and Twitter.

Real Talk: Know Your Worth

by Lisa Thew

This month I'd like to talk about one of the most important aspects of self-defense and also one of the most challenging. When I began teaching, I thought that the most difficult thing to teach my students would be how to execute an effective double knee-strike or to get them to open up about their safety issues and have an honest conversation.

What I have found though is that women, by the time they get to the point of learning the double knee-strike, have become so empowered and ready to learn that they often master this technique fairly quickly, and that one of the easiest conversations on earth takes place when you get a group of women together in a room and allow them to feel comfortable talking about their own safety issues.

Surprise! And a pleasant one at that! However, what I have found to be the most difficult thing to teach has struck me as the most disturbing, and has come as a complete surprise as well.

A large part of self-defense, and something we talked about last month, is confidence. Now, I'm not talking about feeling like you're the cock-of-the-walk, so-to-speak, and acting like it. I'm talking about feeling the right to own one's own being.

That means your voice, your body, your personal space, etc. I believe that we are all beautiful beings, capable of great things, but when we allow others to own parts of our being: our self-worth, our body image, our sense of what is right and wrong, we lose the ability to own those things for ourselves.

We do things like allow others to make us feel bad or guilty or shameful about simply

being who we are, in any way, shape or form. We don't feel capable of or comfortable with yelling loudly in our defense because others have owned our voice or made us feel shameful about using ours.

We allow others into our personal space, because we haven't been empowered to set firm boundaries. We suffer abuse because somehow we haven't come to understand how much more we are worth, and the fact that the abuse is a cycle that we have fallen victim to.

As a teacher, I consistently see strong, brilliant and beautiful women devaluing themselves for every reason under the sun. I wish they could see what I see when I look at them: someone who has yet to come into their own skin. But when they do, watch out world!

So, this month's lesson is simply this: Know Your Worth, and never settle for anyone who doesn't. We fight for what we value in life – value yourself and you will fight for your life.

Real Talk is a monthly column dedicated to issues of safety and self-defense. Lisa Thew teaches group and private women's self-defense courses throughout the northern California area through her company *Diamond Defense (A Girl's Best Friend)*–Self-Defense Training & Tools for Women & Girls. www.DiamondDefense.com

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Mad Max: Fury Road Coming Soon

by Chris Narloch

I don't look forward to a lot at the movies during the summer months, as recent years have seen cinemas overrun with superheroes, sequels and stupidity, but I am very excited to see the fourth film in the road warrior franchise, which opens wide on May 15.



Mad Max:
Fury Road

The newest film is again directed by action movie master George Miller, who helped propel a little-known actor named Mel Gibson to stardom in the original *Mad Max* trilogy.

Rather than handing over the reboot to a Hollywood hack, the veteran Aussie director helmed the new movie himself, in addition to producing and co-writing, and Gibson (thankfully) had nothing to do with it.

Instead, *Mad Max: Fury Road* stars uber-sexy British actor Tom Hardy and the equally stunning Charlize Theron, both of whom look smoking hot in the trailer for the film, despite being covered in dirt and having most of their hair cut off.

Hardy, a brooding but sensitive hunk who reminds me of a young Marlon Brando, has been poised for major movie stardom for years, and *Fury Road* may be just the ticket to take him to the next level.

I was unable to preview the film before our deadline, but I am hopeful that action movie junkies can expect a serious fix with this one, based on advance buzz.

Miller has reportedly claimed that 90 percent of the new film's action is "practical," meaning that the special effects are produced physically rather than through modern means such as green screen and CGI. (Translation: the movie will look realistic and not super-cheesy like *Avengers: Age of Ultron*.)

Veteran cinematographer John Seale (*The English Patient*) came out of retirement to shoot *Mad Max: Fury Road*, and the post-apocalyptic thriller used over 150 stunt men and women, which included Cirque du Soleil performers and Olympic athletes.

Most of the film was shot in the parched desert of Namibia and in Western Sydney at a reported cost of over \$100 million.

I'ma Go to the Gym and Watch My Bootie Grow



Chart topping power trio MRE, Lisa Bello & Justin Waithe have just released "Go to the Gym," a fun uptempo cut that takes you from being a misfit in the yoga class, to gym stereotypes, to a step team and even a "Newsie" influenced barbell routine, with a hard-hitting, high energy fun side. Watch the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFrZlgVrxGE

Drag Queen Bingo Tops \$100,000 Raised for Charity

It was an amazing night for Outword's Drag Queen Bingo on Thursday May 7, when we topped the \$100,000 dollar mark for money raised to support local charities and non-profits!

The May 7 game was to support Sacramento Pride and together we raised \$1,348.

Through the years, the generosity of all the wonderful Bingo Players is what made it all possible and we at *Outword* cannot even begin to thank you enough.

Special thanks also to Rusty, Felicity and Do Me, who have made it the funnest Thursday night in Sacramento, along with the help of Taryn Thru-U, Precious Cargo and the other girls and volunteers that have helped us along the way.

You can see more photos, and download them for free at outwordoutabout.shutterfly.com.

Out & About



Music Old and New on DVD

by Chris Narloch

I am (and have always been) a big music fan who will watch almost any show or movie that is musical in nature – everything from *Glee* to *Pink Floyd - The Wall*.

The latest DVDs to catch my eye – and my ears – are a new movie version of the off-Broadway musical *The Last Five Years*, starring Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan, and a multi-disc collector’s edition of the landmark music show *The Midnight Special*.

The Last Five Years

If you saw the recent all-star movie version of *Into The Woods*, you know that Anna Kendrick can sing. (She was nominated for a Tony for her first Broadway musical at the age of 12.)

Jeremy Jordan also has musical theater cred, having starred in the original stage versions of both *Newsies* and *Finding Neverland*.

One would think that if you put these two Broadway powerhouses together in a film, success would result, but *The Last Five Years* is more of a gimmick and a curiosity than a full-fledged movie musical.

Although opened out from the stage version – this is not filmed theater – the movie version of *The Last Five Years*, which was directed by the talented screenwriter Richard LaGravenese (Behind the Candelabra), is not as cinematic as it might have been.

The musical probably played better on stage, but on film it feels almost like a series of music videos stitched together.

LaGravenese does get good work out of his talented cast, however, and both Kendrick and Jordan are in fine voice.

So I would still recommend this flawed film, for the talent on display, and for the unusual structure of the story, which charts the course of a relationship from happiness to heartbreak and back again simultaneously, using alternating his and her songs.

The Midnight Special Collector’s Edition

When I was just a kid growing up in the ‘70s, my parents never knew that I would sneak out of bed and get up to watch *The Midnight Special*, which aired every Friday night (technically early Saturday morning) after *The Tonight Show*.

This legendary television show was essentially a weekly, all-star rock concert featuring the most famous music acts and comedians of the era packed into 90 amazing minutes.

The Midnight Special was a groundbreaking show that featured an eclectic array of musicians from every genre of popular music, from jazz (George Benson) and disco (Donna Summer) to soul (Etta James), pop (Barry Manilow), country (Glen Campbell) and, of course, rock (Heart).

All of those acts and more are represented on this essential sampler of the show’s historic performances.

Featuring three discs and more than four hours of great music and comedy, this collector’s edition includes appearances by Joan Rivers, George Carlin, Richard Pryor, Steve Martin and Billy Crystal.

The 8 Most Stunning Gay Beaches in the World!

A Gay beach is always a ‘hot spot’ for most guys on holidays. Destsetters, who specialize in LGBT Travel, know how tricky it can get to find a nice gay beach to spend your days under the sun and meet and flirt with fascinating people from all over the world.

For that reason, they have undertaken arduous research to find that perfect beach for you. Here is their picks for the top eight gay beaches around the world, that will make your holidays even more fun and relaxing:

1. Hilton beach in Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv is considered the gay capital of Israel by many people. Named after the hotel it resides in front of it, Hilton beach is one of the most famous gay meeting points in Tel Aviv. Be ready to meet many Israeli guys, but just for your knowledge they are pretty straight-forward...

2. Es Cavallet beach in Ibiza

Ibiza is considered as one of the most suitable destinations for sunbathing and partying for a long time. This is why it attracts thousands of gay travelers from around the world every year. There are several gay beaches dispersed around the island but Es Cavallet is surely the most famous one. Visiting it, guarantees your meeting with many new interesting people!

3. Elia Beach in Mykonos

Mykonos is the most popular gay island in Greece, so it’s only natural that it hosts one of the most known gay beaches in the world.



Pines Beach in Fire Island

Elia beach is only 8km away from Chora and it is characterized by its exotic beauty. You will find the majority of gay people in the far right side of the beach because the left side has recently become more popular to the straight people. That beach is the meeting point for many gay travelers and locals, that’s why flirting is something really common.

4. Bondi Beach (North Side) in Sydney

Sydney stands as a gay destination on its own, featuring many excellent and beautiful gay beaches. The one which attracts the majority of LGBT tourism is the north side of Bondi beach. The further north you go, the more gay people you will meet. It’s more peaceful than the south side of the beach and alcohol is prohibited in both sides. Nevertheless, you can enjoy a tasty “virgin”

enjoy plenty hours of fun!

6. Playa Los Muertos in Puerto Vallarta

Mexico is currently one of the most gay friendly countries in the world. It has an excellent organised gay life and many gay people choose to spend their holidays in it.



Es Cavallet Beach in Ibiza

cocktail while enjoying the amazing views to the... sea!

5. Pines Beach in Fire Island

As one of the most renowned gay island destinations in the world, Fire island features a very organized gay life, but nothing compares to its superb gay beaches. Pines beach is the most famous among them and a gay meeting point for several years. Pack your sun-bathing lotion and get ready to

There are several gay beaches among the country but the most famous is Playa Los Muertos. It is located on the South side of Puerto Vallarta and attracts large amounts of gay people from around the world annually.

7. South Beach in Miami

Miami is globally known for its amazing Paradise-like beaches as well as the amazing parties it hosts. It is also much loved by the LGBT audience due to its gay friendly profile and the awesome gay events that take place in it annually. South beach is the most renowned gay meeting point of the area, and the majority of the gay events take place there. Be prepared to spend your beach vacations as if you were in a exotic island while provided with the amenities of a big city!

8. Will Rogers Beach in Santa Monica

Will Rogers Beach is a very beautiful beach, located at the Pacific coast of Southern California, with excellent crystal clear waters and golden sand. Ginger Rogers Beach, a small section of it, is visited mainly by gay and lesbian people so we could say that it’s “unofficially” gay.

To learn more about these destinations, and other cruisy fun places to vacation, visit www.DestSetters.com.



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