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The event is a free and open to anyone interested in taking a stand to end violence, sexism, and inequality against women and other marginalized

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Midtown's Rainbow Crosswalks To Be Unveiled

Councilmember Steve Hansen, the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber and the Midtown Business Association (MBA) are inviting the community to the unveiling of the Rainbow Crosswalks project at 20th & K Streets in the Lavender Heights neighborhood of Midtown Sacramento.



Sacramento's Rainbow Crosswalk will have it's own style, differing from the one pictured here, but will have plenty of Pride.

"We're thrilled that the rainbow crosswalks project is coming to fruition," said Councilmember Hansen. "It represents the openness and diversity of Midtown, and celebrates the history of the LGBT community in the area." The unveiling will be on Saturday morning, October 10, at 9 a.m. during the popular Midtown Farmers Market. Designed to celebrate the region's LGBT community, the creatively designed crosswalk is similar to those installed in other U.S. cities, including Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and West Hollywood, to name a few.

A true community partnership, the Rainbow Crosswalks project was envisioned by Councilmember Steve Hansen, and a coalition of local organizations and individuals, including the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento LGBT Community Center, business owner Terry Sidie, and community Activist Gary Ferderer with construction management by the Midtown Business Association.

The project has been made possible through generous contributions from a long list of individuals and supportive businesses and organizations that include (but are not

limited to): John Finker, the Sacramento Prime Timers, Councilmember Steve Hansen, Ryan Heater, Michael Heller of Heller Pacific, Terry Sidie, Sotiris Kolokotronis, Ken Plumlee of Lumens, the Midtown Business Association, TJ Bruce, the Sacramento LGBT Community Center and the Stonewall Democratic Club.

"We are proud of the leadership the LGBT community has shown in supporting this project," said Rainbow Chamber of Commerce President Paul Weubbe. "We believe it will become an important Sacramento landmark, an attraction for business and tourism, and a legacy of our strong, vibrant Sacramento LGBT community that will enlighten and inform future generations."

The colorful and celebratory Rainbow Crosswalks community project will be maintained and supported by the Midtown Business Association (MBA), which is committed to ensuring Midtown remains a thriving center for culture, creativity and vibrancy. For more information about the Midtown Business Association, please visit www.exploremidtown.org.

Quote Worth Repeating

"I could tell them that your thoughts and prayers are with us. I could tell them we have your deepest sympathies. But I am teaching a class on argument, instructing my students on the importance of facts. So instead I will tell them the truth: They have to be prepared to hide out of the line of fire, and to fight for our survival, because you, our lawmakers, haven't done your jobs. I will tell them that their rights, my rights, the rights of my 5-year-old, to attend school without fear of facing senseless slaughter by machine-gun fire, are not important to you, that we must be prepared to fight tooth and nail, stapler and whiteboard marker, because you refuse to fight the gun lobby in this country."

Melissa Duclos, a teacher from Oregon, response to American lawmakers about school violence

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EQCA Reports Success for Its 2015 Legislative Program

Equality California is reporting that 100 percent of their pro-equality priority bills – eight bills that they sponsored, and two more that they advocated for – passed in the 2015 legislative session and are headed to the Governor’s desk.

“Our success this year means that Equality California has now passed 110 pieces of legislation, and maintains its position as the most effective LGBT advocacy organization in the nation,” said EQCA Executive Director Rick Zbur in a released statement. “We thank the pro-equality legislators who authored these bills and Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins and Senate Pro Tem Kevin de León for their strong support.”

This year, according to the statement, if signed into law these bills will make students safer, give California teachers better

resources to support LGBT students, strengthen the rights of LGBT parents, protect transgender foster youth, and more. In addition, EQCA helped pass a legislative resolution that calls on the federal government to end the discriminatory blood donation policies that prevent all sexually active gay and bisexual men from donating blood. Equality California’s 2015 Sponsored Bills and Resolutions include: AB 959: Reduce Health Disparities for LGBT People Through Data Collection; AB

827: Help Teachers Combat Bullying and Support LGBT Youth; AB 329: California Healthy Youth Act; SB 731: Supporting Transgender Foster Youth; SB 703: Require Companies who Contract with California to Provide Insurance Benefits to Transgender Employees; AB 960: Equal Protection for All Families Act; AB 87: End Discrimination Against Transgender Jurors; and AJR 16: Resolution on Blood Donation Policies. In addition to the sponsored bills, Equality California worked in coalition to strongly support passage of bills sponsored by their coalition partners: SB 4: Expanded Healthcare for Undocumented Immigrants; and AB 15: End of Life. Governor Brown now has until October 11th to take action on these bills. For more information, visit EQCA.org.

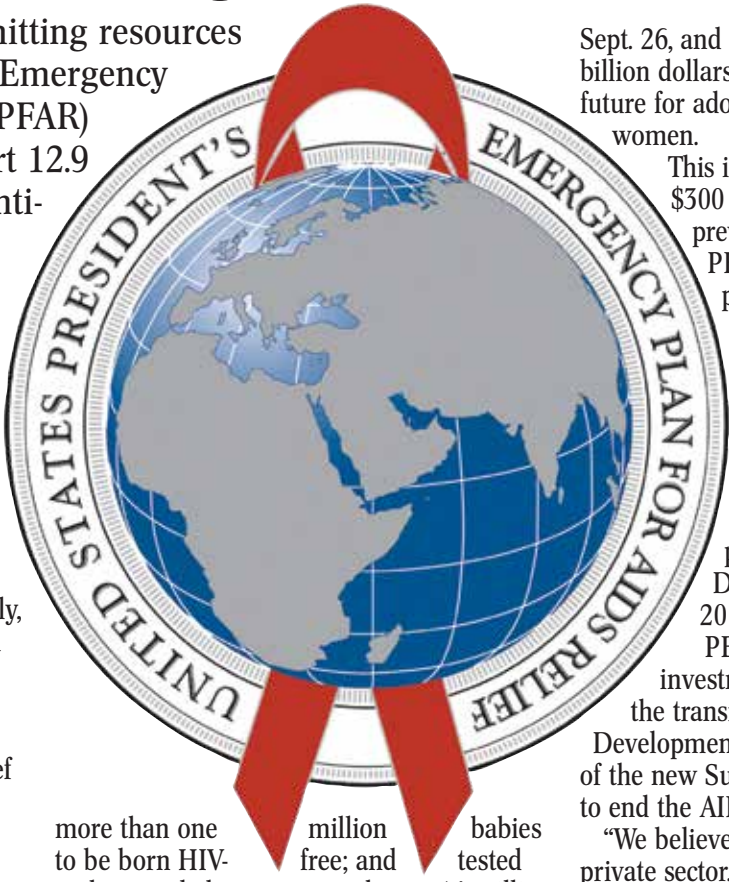
Ambitious PEPFAR Targets Set for 2016 and 2017

The United States is committing resources to ensure the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) will, by the end of 2017 support 12.9 million people on life-saving anti-retroviral treatment.

Resources will also provide for 13 million male circumcisions for HIV prevention, and reduce HIV incidence by 40 percent among adolescent girls and young women within the highest burdened areas of 10 sub-Saharan African countries.

“We are at a pivotal moment in the global fight against HIV/AIDS,” said National Security Advisor Susan E. Rice in a statement announcing the goals. “Globally, both new HIV infections and AIDS related deaths are down by more than 40 percent since their peak. This Administration has invested nearly \$50 billion through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to achieve an AIDS-free generation, building on the initiative and \$15 billion provided by President Bush.

“Working with partner countries around the globe, we are now supporting life-saving antiretroviral treatment for 7.7 million men, women, and children worldwide; enabled



more than one million babies to be born HIV-free; and more than 14 million and counseled pregnant women last year alone.” The PEPFAR prevention and treatment targets for 2016 and 2017 were announced

Sept. 26, and include investing nearly half a billion dollars to support an AIDS-free future for adolescent girls and young women. This includes strategically aligning \$300 million in additional HIV prevention investments with the PEPFAR-led DREAMS partnership, which will ensure that adolescent girls and young women have an opportunity to live Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe lives. This investment builds on \$210 million that PEPFAR and private partners committed to DREAMS on World AIDS Day 2014. PEPFAR’s new targets and investments come at a critical time in the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to meet the challenge of the new Sustainable Development Goals: to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030. “We believe if we all – governments, the private sector, civil society, including faith-based organizations – bring our collective will and energy together we can achieve an AIDS-free generation and bring this epidemic to a halt,” said Rice.

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Briefly Put

Oregon Court Upholds Ruling, Affirming Oregon Equality Act

The Oregon Court of Appeals on Sept. 23 upheld a discrimination ruling against P Club, a North Portland bar that discriminated against transgender customers, when the bar owner allegedly left voice mail messages for transgender customers telling them to stop visiting the business because he didn't want P Club known as a "tranny bar" or "gay bar."

The owners contended that the discriminatory voicemails represented protected speech. "Freedom of speech like freedom of religion are important fundamental rights that we are proud to defend, however, they cannot be used to deny dignity and respect to Oregonians," said Jeana Frazzini, Basic Rights Oregon's Co-Director. "Oregonians decided long ago that discrimination has no place in our state. Denying goods and services to people because of who they are and whom they love is hurtful and wrong,"

LGBTQ Advocates Condemn Pope Francis' Comments on the Issuance of Marriage Licenses to Same-Sex Couples

The National LGBTQ Task Force is condemning Pope Francis' endorsement of the "right" of government officials to ignore laws if they believe they are wrong, such as in the case of the Kentucky clerk who refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The pontiff made his comments in a media interview on his plane journey back to Rome. "As a Catholic, it's very disappointing that Pope Francis doesn't seem to understand that politicians and government officials using religion as an excuse to impose their prejudices on the public is profoundly wrong," said Russell Roybal, Deputy Executive Director, National LGBTQ Task Force. "Our faith should liberate – not discriminate. Religious liberty is a cherished right but government officials should not be allowed to cherry pick the laws they want to follow and the ones they want to ignore."

Solano Pride Center Opens at New Location in Fairfield

The Solano Pride Center, serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and intersex communities in Solano County has relocated to 1234 Empire St. in Fairfield.

The new center was made possible through donations from Solano Pride supporters, and from the Solano County Mental Health Department for the purpose of developing a community-based social support program to increase the well-being of LGBTQI people in Solano County.

Hours for the new center haven't been set yet, but will be posted at www.solanopride.org

Federation of Gay Games Receives \$23K Donation

The Federation of Gay Games (FGG) board of directors have announced a \$23,000 bequest from Michael Clarke via the Michael Ancil Clarke Living Trust. Clarke passed away in 2010 and his legacy of support of the LGBT community continues to this day.

Along with being one of the founding members and Honorary Life Members of the FGG, Clarke has an esteemed history with many other LGBT organizations including the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco, Gay Men's Chorus Los Angeles and the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

"On behalf of the Federation of Gay Games, member organizations, volunteers and Honorary Life Members, we are honored by this bequest and will continue honoring Michael's legacy through promoting equality in sport and culture to foster and augment the self-respect of the LGBT community," said Joanie Evans, FGG Co-President.

Clinton Campaign Appoints LGBT Liaison

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has appointed Dominic Lowell as director of LGBT outreach. Lowell joins the campaign after serving as director of strategic partnerships for Rock the Vote where he coordinated progressive movement outreach.

Lowell, who is gay, is one of several members of the Clinton campaign who identify as LGBT. Others are Campaign Manager Robby Mook, Deputy Political Director Brynne Craig and National Finance Director Dennis Cheng.

HRC To Launch Global Corporate Coalition To Advance LGBT Equality in Workplaces Worldwide

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has announce the creation of a global coalition committed to advancing LGBT workplace equality around the world.

The inaugural members of HRC's global corporate coalition collectively employ nearly 1.4 million people across more than 190 countries and have a combined annual revenue of nearly \$550 billion. Together, they have committed to safeguarding workplace fairness and equality for LGBT employees across their global operations.

For more information, visit clintonglobalinitiative.org

IGLHRC Adopts New Name

At its annual gala in New York City, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, marking its 25th anniversary on Monday, Sept. 28, announced a new name: OutRight Action International.

“We chose a new name that speaks to the heart of our mission. We have been ‘out’ for rights for 25 years, and at a time when civil society and LGBTI rights are under attack in many parts of the world, we believe our new name speaks to our commitment to LGBTIQ activism and resilience internationally,” said Jessica Stern, the executive director.

Moisés Kaufman, the playwright and founder of Tectonic Theater Project best known for *The Laramie Project*, hosted the event during which OutRight honored Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe, also celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Instead of adopting an acronym, the organization said it prefers the simpler “OutRight” as shorthand.

Along with a new tagline – Human Rights for LGBTIQ People Everywhere – OutRight reflects the organization’s commitment to inclusiveness for everyone in the LGBTIQ global community.

“For 25 years, we’ve worked hand-in-hand with activists around the world to challenge discriminatory laws and abusive practices. Now we are taking a step to explicitly devote ourselves to dignity and acceptance for all in the LGBTIQ community: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer,” Stern said.



Human Rights for LGBTIQ People Everywhere.

With the new name the organization unveiled a new logo and website at www.OutRightInternational.org.

The new name drew enthusiasm from supporters and LGBTIQ activists in countries around the world who were consulted by a core team of staff and board members. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the name.

“Our board is excited about our new name,” said Tim Lane, co-chair of the OutRight Board of Directors. “OutRight is a bold statement of our commitment to bring about a more just world where every LGBTIQ person can live in freedom and safety, and where human rights are protected for everyone, everywhere.”

Drive Begins to Collect Socks for the Homeless

Local branding and marketing firm Uptown Studios is kicking off its 4th annual Sock Drop drive to collect socks for Sacramento homeless. The goal this year is to collect 25,000 pairs of socks to be donated to Sacramento’s Loaves & Fishes and other local nonprofits.



“Sacramento is such an amazing community, and everyone here has always been ready to step up,” said Tina Reynolds, President of Uptown Studios. “We are excited to see even more energy from our friends and neighbors this year as we all work together to help those in need this winter!”

Uptown Studios will be partnering with local and national businesses to help reach this goal and support communities in need this winter. Local businesses are welcome to join as a partner for this drive and will have their business promoted in the event’s media campaign. A link to their business will be included on the event website.

Sock collection will end on December 11. All donations will be distributed on December 18.

Learn more about the sock drop and how to become a partner by visiting Uptown Studios’ website at uptownstudios.net/sock-drop.



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Community Profile

Dante Club Answers the Need for Entertainment Venues

by Bonnie Osborn

It seems Dante Club General Manager Joy Reinhardt was destined for a career feeding and entertaining guests. Her father served as personal chef for a Saudi prince in Riyadh for 20 years; her mother was a waitress, and her stepfather owned a beer and wine bar. The Dante Club just seemed like a natural fit.

Founded in 1926 as a traditional Italian social club, Dante Club served for years as a venue for fundraisers, festivals, and the weddings, anniversary celebrations and family reunions of some of Sacramento's most prominent citizens.

"My first vision for Dante Club was to add some sparkle here and there – to give it a woman's touch but not overly feminine," Reinhardt says of joining the facility. Among recent upgrades to the club's interior, she oversaw the improvement of an outside venue for weddings or summer parties, complete with a photogenic modern gazebo.

She has also tapped into her culinary heritage. "I heard from people who got married here 40 years ago who said the food was fabulous. I wanted to preserve Dante Club's reputation for great family-friendly food but change the cuisine to be more seasonal and fresh. We don't have an olive tree, but pretty much every vegetable you get here is going to be fresh and beautiful."

In keeping with its locavore focus, the Dante

Club bar also sports an impressive variety of local craft beers, such as Hoppy Brewing Company, a major donor supporter of local LGBT events. "People would be surprised to know how many local breweries we have on tap," she says.

In the era when Dante Club was founded, Italian-Americans often faced prejudice and discrimination, Reinhardt notes. "There are some parallels to the LGBT community," she says. Under her management Dante Club has hosted a successful candidate brunch for RainbowPAC, the political action committee of the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Chamber's annual gala last September. In 2015 the club will host a cabaret event for the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus.

Ironically, her success at Dante Club was not her chosen career path. "I swore I would never go into hospitality," Reinhardt recalls. "My parents were both militant about teaching me how to cook, testing me on different flavors. I couldn't help myself: I grew up in the business."

But her early career path took her far afield. Born in San Francisco and raised in Redding, Reinhardt joined the U.S. Army as soon as she was old enough. She initially was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, where she worked as a document specialist handling classified materials. She later transferred to Mons, Belgium, serving 5-1/2 years as a NATO news analyst. Her military service, which took place during the controversial "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" era, made her stronger, self-reliant, and team-oriented, she says today.

After the military, as a result of her high-level security clearance, Reinhardt landed in Washington, DC, and worked her way into the hospitality industry, serving as manager of the local Hard Rock Café for five years. After a year, she persuaded her twin brother to join her, and together the two launched a fine-dining restaurant, in honor of their chef father; a casual-dining "tap and vine" restaurant, in honor of their step-father; and a wine store, where pretentiousness was forbidden. By 2008 she and her brother had grown their enterprise from an initial \$2,000 investment into a multi-million-dollar revenue operation.

"I have a business degree, but the best education is starting a business," Reinhardt says. "You learn what works, what doesn't, what loopholes you have to jump through. I think you are born an entrepreneur or you're



General Manager Joy Reinhardt and Ginger McCauley of the Dante Club events team.

not, and I definitely was." After several years in business, Reinhardt returned to her Northern California roots, moving to Sacramento in 2010. She joined the staff of Dante Club in 2014.

"We operate from the mentality that it doesn't matter size of your pocketbook, your skin color or the language you speak," she says. "And because I'm gay, I'm going to make their event fabulous. I know all the extra touches that I think some people might miss."

The Dante Club is located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Visit www.danteclub.com or call 916-925-8230.

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USA Rugby and IGR Agree to Eliminate Homophobia in Rugby

USA Rugby has signed a memorandum of understanding with International Gay Rugby (IGR), setting forth a partnership that will promote a diverse and inclusive environment in all levels of rugby, working to end homophobia in all areas of the game.



England rugby star James Haskell

In March 2015, IGR recently signed an agreement with World Rugby to collaborate on the promotion of equality and inclusivity in rugby around the world, actively seeking to globally remove homophobia from the game.

The agreement with USA Rugby focuses mainly on the domestic side of the game in the United States to ensure registered members of USA Rugby are provided with the tools and education necessary to combat discrimination, be it based on sexual orientation, perceived sexual orientation, or identification.

England rugby star James Haskell, 30, said he decided to back the statement because he was alarmed by the extent of discrimination discovered in the UK and other countries. "I feel bad for anyone who struggles to be true to who they are and feels the need to live a lie because they are worried about being rejected. I think homophobic language is still too common in sport. Even if the jokes and banter you sometimes hear are not meant to be harmful I think it creates an environment where gay people don't feel very welcome."

USA Rugby recognizes the right of any player, official, coach, and spectator to be involved in rugby without bullying,

discrimination, or exclusion of any kind, and celebrates the differences that make its members unique.

"USA Rugby is thrilled to be joining IGR in the advancement of diversity and inclusion throughout the sport of rugby, as well to eliminate homophobia from the game," said Nigel Melville, CEO of USA Rugby. "Following in World Rugby's footsteps, we are steadfast in ensuring that rugby remains and continues to grow as a sport for individuals from all walks of life."

USA Rugby will work with its own member associations, clubs, and unions to improve acceptance of LGBT members, provide educational tools to support in the elimination of perceived and institutionalized homophobia in the game, and help support IGR events.

The Mark Kendall Bingham Memorial Tournament is the flagship global event for IGR Member Clubs. Named after the gay American rugby player who died a hero on United Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, the Bingham Cup is IGR's World Cup of gay and inclusive rugby and will be hosted by the Nashville Grizzlies RFC in the "Music City" of Nashville May 22 through May 29.

Stroke Comes Out from Under the Mattress



Stroke - from Under the Mattress to Out in the Open is a historic retrospective of the erotic illustrations published in U.S. magazines from the 1950s to 1990s. Although they were freely available, their often closeted readers put them under their mattresses. Rediscover these treasures with this video www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFNWatSElmo. Available from www.brunogmuender.com/products/list/?search=stroke



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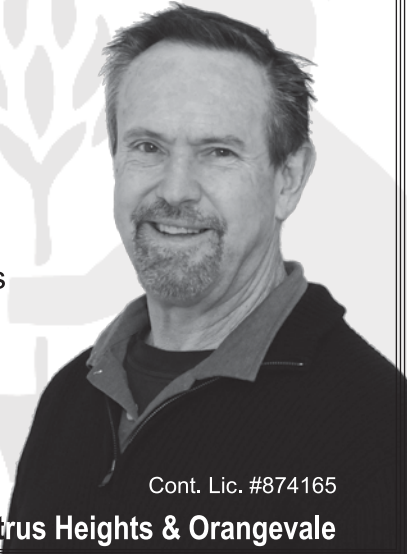
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Red Dress Required – Attitude Optional

With a touch of glamour and a lot of flash, it's time to sissy-that-walk and put on your red dress for the fourth annual Sacramento Red Dress Party.

A benefit for the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, this year's Red Dress Party will be held Saturday, October 17 at Badlands Nightclub in Sacramento and will transport you to a world away, complete with fantastic drag and vocal performances, and of course, dance beats that will make the sea of red dresses sway.

The wearing of red dresses by all guests at the Sacramento Red Dress Party expresses

Why a red dress you might ask? The color red is found on the ribbon worn by people around the world as the commonly accepted symbol of HIV/AIDS awareness. For suggestions on what to wear and where to shop visit SacramentoRedDressParty.org.

"This really is a chance for everyone in the region to forget the challenges of their everyday lives, put on a red dress, and enjoy a unique experience as a community regardless



Red Dressers enjoying themselves at the 2014 Red Dress Party

solidarity with people living with HIV/AIDS, raises awareness for HIV prevention, and more broadly draws attention to the health disparities experienced by LGBT people.

"Young gay and bisexual men account for 72 percent of new HIV infections. Every month, 1,000 youth ages 13 to 24 are infected and 60 percent of them do not know they have acquired the virus," said David Heitstuman, event organizer and LGBT Center Board President. "A hugely disproportionate number of those new infections are among homeless and marginalized LGBT youth who feel forced into situations where they are putting themselves at grave risk just to get by on the streets."

Forty percent of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ while 20 percent of older LGBT adults report they have no one to call for support, a rate 10 times higher than their heterosexual peers. Additionally, transgender people are much more likely to be bullied, attempt suicide, experience sexual violence, and face employment, housing, and healthcare discrimination than the LGB parts of the population or their non-LGBT peers.

"These are just some of the health disparities experienced by the LGBT population that the Sacramento LGBT community Center seeks to address," said Heitstuman.

The Sacramento Red Dress Party brings a large group of diverse community members together for a night of pure fun in support of a good cause. Wearing a red dress is required, but this isn't a drag party per se: you don't have to wear a wig, makeup, heels, or nails, but you can't wear street clothes, T-shirts, pants (or anything with legs), just underwear or non-dress outfits.

of gender, age, or sexual orientation. We just want people to have fun and raise a little money at the same time," said Heitstuman.

The entertainment lineup includes a VIP pre-party at 8:00 p.m. and open for everyone at 9:30 p.m. Ru Paul's Drag Race stars Manila Luzon and Ongina as well as San Francisco based hostess of Beaux's "Big Top" show Au Jus will wow the crowd with vocal and drag performances. DJ Russ Rich and red-hot go-go dancers will keep the party energized. "Every guest will be delighted by food, drink, and an explosive experience unlike any other in the region," said Heitstuman.

Since its inception in 2012, the Red Dress Party has raised over \$60,000 locally to help build a healthier LGBT community. Funds from this year's event help the Sacramento LGBT Community Center prevent new infections through sexual health education, free and confidential HIV testing, connections to health care and health insurance, distribution of over 50,000 safe sex kits annually, PrEP education, and the Strength in Numbers HIV/AIDS peer support network.

Additionally, 250 homeless and at-risk LGBTQ youth are supported through the Q-Spot drop-in center with showers, food, laundry, mentorship, peer support, educational programs and annual events.

Advance purchase tickets are \$40 for general admission or \$75 for VIP, which includes early entry for the pre-party, two complimentary beverages, a VIP gift bag, and premium hors d'oeuvres. Prices will go up before the event and VIP often sells out.

For more information about the Sacramento Red Dress Party and to purchase tickets, please visit www.sacramentoreddressparty.org.

Torch Song Trilogy by Harvey Fierstein

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Resurrection Theatre to Stage *Torch Song Trilogy*

There is a popular saying that starts “Family isn’t always about blood ...” a quote that is at the heart of Harvey Fierstein’s seminal work *Torch Song Trilogy*, about a man trying to find his family, that is being staged by Resurrection Theatre.

Torch Song Trilogy is constructed of three moving plays told over three acts: “International Stud,” “Fugue in a Nursery” and “Widows and Children First!”

The life of Arnold Beckoff, a torch song-singing Jewish drag queen living in New York City is dramatized over the span of the late 1970s and 80s, back dropped by Stonewall, the AIDS crises and other ground-breaking LGBT milestones, all underscored by moving vocals and music.

Told with a human voice, Arnold struggles through love, loss and acceptance after an extravagant series of events both pleasant and heartbreaking. The story teaches us about how to be human to each other amidst our differences, and that all of us one way or another stumble into your family.

In the tradition of *The Normal Heart*, and one of the pre-cursors for *Angels in America*, this award-winning and popular work broke new ground on stage in 1982 and still echoes the lives of Americans today, and goes from over the top funny



Shawn B O'Neal as Arnold in an iconic moment from Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy*.

and outrageous to touching and personal with twists and turns to guide it on its way.

The directing team of Sabrina Fiora and Michael RJ Campbell will bring the story to life with creative staging that mirrors the beauty of the story and its connection to LGBT history.

Starring Resurrection Producer Shawn B O'Neal as Arnold (*Five Women*

Wearing the Same Dress, God's Ear) and Jon Jackson (who was last seen at Resurrection in *Next Fall*) as Ed, as well as some amazing Resurrection newcomers, *Torch Song Trilogy* is a love story and an evening of theater not soon forgotten with a little something human to teach us all.

October 30th is a special benefit for the Sacramento LGBT Center, and Resurrection is excited to be partnering with their staff and volunteers and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Center, there will also be a special a wine and cheese reception that will be held with the cast after the show.

Resurrection will also hold a special invite only matinee performance for the Sacramento LGBT Center's youth groups.

“Resurrection believes that theatre is for everyone and this show encompasses that belief by bringing together unlikely pairings to tell one story,” said O'Neal. “We are excited to have you become a part of our family.”

Torch Song Trilogy will be performed October 30 through November 21, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. at California Stage, located at 25th and R Streets in Sacramento. Tickets are \$15 - \$30 and are available online at www.resurrectiontheatre.com or 916-223-9568.

Exhibit Captures Transgender Identity & Feelings of Rebirth



Sacramento area trans artist Chelsea Thompto is having a gallery showing of her work that deals largely with themes of the transgender identity and feelings of rebirth and transformation and how, like anyone else's body, a trans body should be respected and revered, not denigrated. Through Oct. 16 at the Robert Else Gallery at CSUS. Visit www.facebook.com/events/1633428650279920/1636690753287043/

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Los Angeles LGBT Center To Honor Jane Fonda

The Los Angeles LGBT Center is has announced that two-time Academy Award winner Jane Fonda and Academy Award nominated screenwriter Ron Nyswaner will be honored at the Center's 46th Anniversary Gala Vanguard Awards on November 7.

Fonda will receive the award from Lily Tomlin, her co-star in the hit show *Grace and Frankie*. Nyswaner's award will be presented by Frances McDormand.

"This honor means a lot to me. The work that the Center does for the LGBT community, its children, and extended families is profound and essential," said Fonda, who will soon appear in director Paolo Sorrentino's *Youth*.

Fonda became a friend and ally to the LGBT community at a time when celebrities advocating for LGBT rights was almost unthinkable. She campaigned with Harvey Milk against California's anti-LGBT Briggs Initiative, fought Anita Bryant - the notorious activist who demonized LGBT with a campaign to repeal an anti-discrimination ordinance in Florida - and has been a lifelong supporter of the LGBT community and champion for human rights.

"Since long before I worked with Jane, I was in awe of her energy, activism, and generosity," said Tomlin. "Three decades later, I am still in awe of her and feel truly privileged to bestow this well-deserved honor. She has earned this over and over and over in her

lifetime."

Nyswaner is an openly gay writer, producer, documentary filmmaker, activist and pioneer in LGBT-related films. He's the Academy Award-nominated screenwriter of *Philadelphia*, the first major studio film to address

- starring Julianne Moore and Ellen Page - the groundbreaking story of a woman's struggle to win her lesbian partner's pension benefits after she's diagnosed with terminal cancer. He is also the co-creator of the Nyswaner/Salzman Film Archive, the fourth



Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin in a promo shot for *Grace and Frankie*.

homophobia and AIDS, and is the winner of a Peabody Award for his film *Soldier's Girl*, which tells the true-life story of transgender heroine Calpernia Addams.

More recently he wrote *Freeheld*

largest LGBT film archive in the United States.

Please visit www.lgbtvanguardawards.org for additional information including details on how to purchase tickets.

Ellen Page and Julianne Moore find love in *Freeheld*

by Chris Narloch

There are so many terrific movies coming out already this fall, that I hope the fact-based lesbian love story *Freeheld* doesn't get overlooked just because other equally compelling films such as *Sicario*, *The Martian*, and *The Walk* have larger advertising budgets.

Diagnosed with terminal cancer, decorated New Jersey detective Laurel Hester (Julianne Moore) wishes to leave her pension benefits to domestic partner Stacie Andree (Ellen Page).

Denied by local county officials, Laurel receives help from hard-nosed colleague Dane Wells (Michael Shannon) and activist Steven Goldstein (Steve Carell), who unite to rally fellow police officers and ordinary citizens to support the couple's fight for equality.

Since *Freeheld* doesn't actually open in Sacramento until after this issue of *Outword* comes out, I am forbidden from reviewing the movie at length here. But I will say that Julianne Moore and Ellen Page

are wonderful together, and the story is very moving.

Support LGBT movies on the big

screen and pay to see *Freeheld* in a theater. The film opens in Sacramento on October 16.



Julianne Moore and Ellen Page star in *Freeheld*

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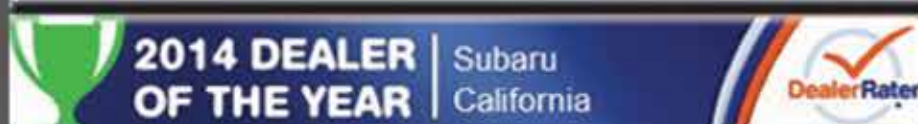


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Now in its 24th year, the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Oct. 8-10 at Sacramento's historic Crest Theatre, has announced the launch of a new program to provide grants to support local students and artists in fulfilling their dreams.

As Festival President Michael Dennis says, "Who knows, at next year's festival the Audience Favorite Film could be from a local recipient of a SIGLFF grant."

To help SIGLFF kick off its new fund, Brand G (www.brandgvacations.com), which specializes in exotic vacation cruises targeted

up to the vacation of a lifetime. (For a sneak peek at cruise highlights, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y0ouqXFMrs.)

SIGLFF 2015 will include a variety of feature length films and shorts that highlight the cultural and gender diversity of the LGBT community. Several writers,

The \$55 VIP pass includes all three days of the festival, early seating, and complimentary pre-show hors d'oeuvres and beverages, provided by food and beverage sponsors House Bar and Grill on Thursday; Hot Italian on Friday; the hot new downtown eatery Empress Tavern on



Brand G (www.brandgvacations.com) has donated a 10-day Costa Rica, Cartagena & Panama Canal Cruise for two that will be at the center of a silent auction at this year's SIGLFF.

to the growing LGBT travel market, has donated a 10-day Costa Rica, Cartagena & Panama Canal Cruise for two, scheduled for December 2-11, 2015.

The cruise will be auctioned off, along with local art from Kennedy Gallery Art Center, at SIGLFF's silent auction, beginning Thursday night, Oct. 8, with the final bids taken at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10.

The lucky winner and companion will begin their adventure in the charming, old world city of Cartagena, Colombia, take in tropical South American jungles, and continue with a daytime passage through the Panama Canal and visits to several lushly beautiful Costa Rican destinations.

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directors and actors from featured films will be in attendance throughout the weekend, including "Beautiful Something" director Joe Graham (Thursday); "Seed Money" director Mike Stabile (Friday Late Night at 10:30 p.m.); "S&M Sally" director, writer and actor Michelle Ehlen (Friday); "Nancy From East Side Clover" director Gregorio Davila (Friday); and "The Same Difference" director Nneka Onuorah (Saturday transFUSION at 2:30 p.m.).

Director Jason Looney and actors Justin Martindale, Jeremy Kinser and Drew Droege of *Not Looking* (www.funnyordie.com/notlooking?cc=_d_&ccid=b5u68t.nvjssx), the season opener of the web-based gay comedy series of the same name will be in attendance at the Saturday Night Shorts program.

Saturday; and Hoppy Brewing Company and Barefoot Wine & Bubbly all days. Tickets are available for individual screenings, \$10 to \$15 per program, and can be purchased at Crest Theatre box office, ticketfly.com, siglff.org and ticketleap.com.

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SIGLFF's festival partner is Mendocino Film Festival, and SIGLFF is funded in part by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission with support from the City and County of Sacramento.

For more information about SIGLFF 2015, visit SIGLFF.org.

Lucca Restaurant Presents “Food 101”

School is back in session and Lucca Restaurant is hosting a multi-date event entitled “Food 101.” The event is a five-class course featuring five different speakers, each with a distinct realm of expertise in the culinary world who will share their knowledge during a casual lunch at Lucca.

Classes are taught every other week and a broad spectrum of topics will be covered, such as: Burgers, Food Photography, Food Industry Trends, Wine and Innovative Culinary Techniques.

Each speaker will work in collaboration with Chef Ian MacBride to create dishes for the lunch that accompany the discussion and enhance the learning experience.

Scheduled speakers include: Debbie Cunningham – a contributing photographer for *Sacramento Magazine* who specializes in food and restaurant photography who will speak on how to take the best food pictures, composition lighting and editing – all ranging from using a professional camera to a mobile phone on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.:

Catherine ‘Ms. Munchie’ Enfield, the creator of the Sacramento Food Film Festival; Have an Offal Day speak about upcoming trends and predictions of the culinary industry and food trucks, tips for amateur food bloggers and community involvement of local food bloggers on Saturday, Oct 10 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.;

Mike Dunne, the writer of a weekly wine column for The Sacramento Bee who will



talk about tasting, pairing and writing about wine; as well as touching on observations and predictions of the California wine scene on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 3 to 5 p.m.; and

Hank Shaw, the creator of the blog, Hunter Angler Gardener Cook, who will talk about innovative and unique methods of preparing seafood, wild game and sausage on Saturday Nov. 21 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

All classes will take place in a casual setting at Lucca Restaurant, 1615 J St. Tickets are \$30 for each class and include cuisine that enriches the educational experience. Classes are limited to 50 seats and tickets are available for purchase online only. To buy tickets and for more information, visit www.food101.brownpapertickets.com.

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**First Branded Fragrance from Openly
Gay Athlete Launched**

Dalton Maldonado will be the face of the first signature fragrance from an openly gay athlete, with a portion of the revenue from the sale of the fragrance, Formula 3, to go to benefit You Can Play, the organization for LGBT athletes.

The subject of harassment Maldonado, now 19, was arguably the most well known player on his basketball team last year in the state of Kentucky. As described by *OutSports*, the young starting point guard was subjected to harassment by members of an opposing team while playing in a rural area.

“At certain moments in our lives, we are compelled to be messengers of change,” said Maldonado. “I’m grateful to be able to work on this fragrance opportunity with Xyrena because of its potential to support and inspire fellow athletes in the LGBT community.”

Xyrena will donate 15 percent of gross receipts from the sale of Formula 3 to You Can Play, an organization that works to guarantee that athletes are given a fair opportunity to compete, judged by other athletes and fans alike, only by what they contribute to the sport or their team’s success.

Visit Xyrena.com/Formula3 or youcanplayproject.org.

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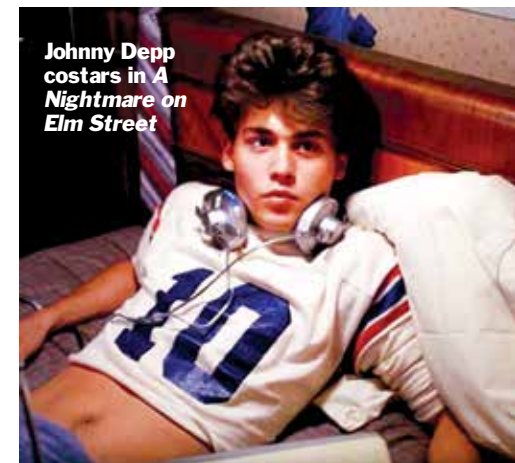
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Halloween Horror at the Crest Theatre +

by Chris Narloch

You could stay home and pass out candy to the kids in the neighborhood again this year, but do you really want to contribute to tooth decay and make another dentist rich?



Johnny Depp
costars in *A Nightmare on Elm Street*

original *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* paired with the late Wes Craven's original *A Nightmare on Elm Street*.

That is a lot of great horror movie for your money, and the rare chance to see both movies back on the big screen is enough to get me to the Crest on Halloween night.

But wait, there's more. The Crest will host a Halloween party in the lobby before the first feature, and there will be a costume contest on stage between the movies.

For more information, visit www.crestsacramento.com.

The Rocky Horror Show

If you were lucky enough to catch their excellent production of *Shockheaded Peter* recently then you know that Green Valley Theatre Company can do horror.

So I can't wait to see what GVTC does with the ultimate campy horror musical, Richard O'Brien's *The Rocky Horror Show*, which is playing at the Grange Performing Arts Center beginning October 16 and ending on Halloween night.

Get out your corset and heels and come be a part of this Sacramento Halloween tradition. Visit www.greenvalleytheatre.com.

There are always Halloween parties and haunted houses galore around town, but if that all sounds yawn-inducing then consider the theatrical thrills and chills at Green Valley Theatre Company or the cinematic scream-fest scheduled for the Crest this October 31st.

Halloween Horror at the Crest

The Crest Theatre is showing horror movies throughout the month of October, culminating in a killer double feature on Halloween night featuring Tobe Hooper's

Eat a Quiche With 5 Lesbians at B Street

Next up on the Mainstage at B Street Theatre, "5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche" stars five of our favorite B Street ladies: Elisabeth Nunziato, Stephanie Altholz, Amy Resnick, Tara Sissom, and Amy Kelly.

It's 1956 and the Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein is having its annual quiche breakfast. Will the ladies be able to keep their cool when Communists threaten their idyllic town?

Written by Evan Linder and Andrew Hobgood, this sassy soufflé was described by Time Out New York as "a cult hit...gleaming with comic polish."

5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche plays through November 15 at Sacramento's B Street Theatre.

Visit www.bstreettheatre.org.



5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche

Sharon Jones Brings the Dap-Kings to Mondavi

Sharon Jones is the definition of a soul survivor: she chased her artistic muse through years of odd jobs, including a gig as a prison guard at the infamous Rikers Island.

That was until her debut album, "Dap Dippin' with Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings," single handedly launched soul music's revival. Jones and company continue to set the standard, with explosive live performances and album after album of prime cuts, including the recent release "Give the People What They Want."

Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings perform one show only, on Friday, Oct. 30, at the Mondavi Center in Davis. Visit www.mondaviarts.org.

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(Pre Exposure Prophylaxis)

Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, is a prevention option for people who are at high risk of getting HIV.

It's meant to be used consistently, as a pill taken every day, and to be used with other prevention options such as condoms.

You can contact Cares to find out if PrEP is right for you.

PEP

(Post Exposure Prophylaxis)

PEP is the use of antiretroviral drugs after a single high-risk event to stop HIV from making copies of itself and spreading through your body.

PEP must be started as soon as possible to be effective—and always within 3 days of a possible exposure.

If you think you may have been exposed to HIV very recently, see a doctor as soon as possible to find out if PEP is right for you.

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