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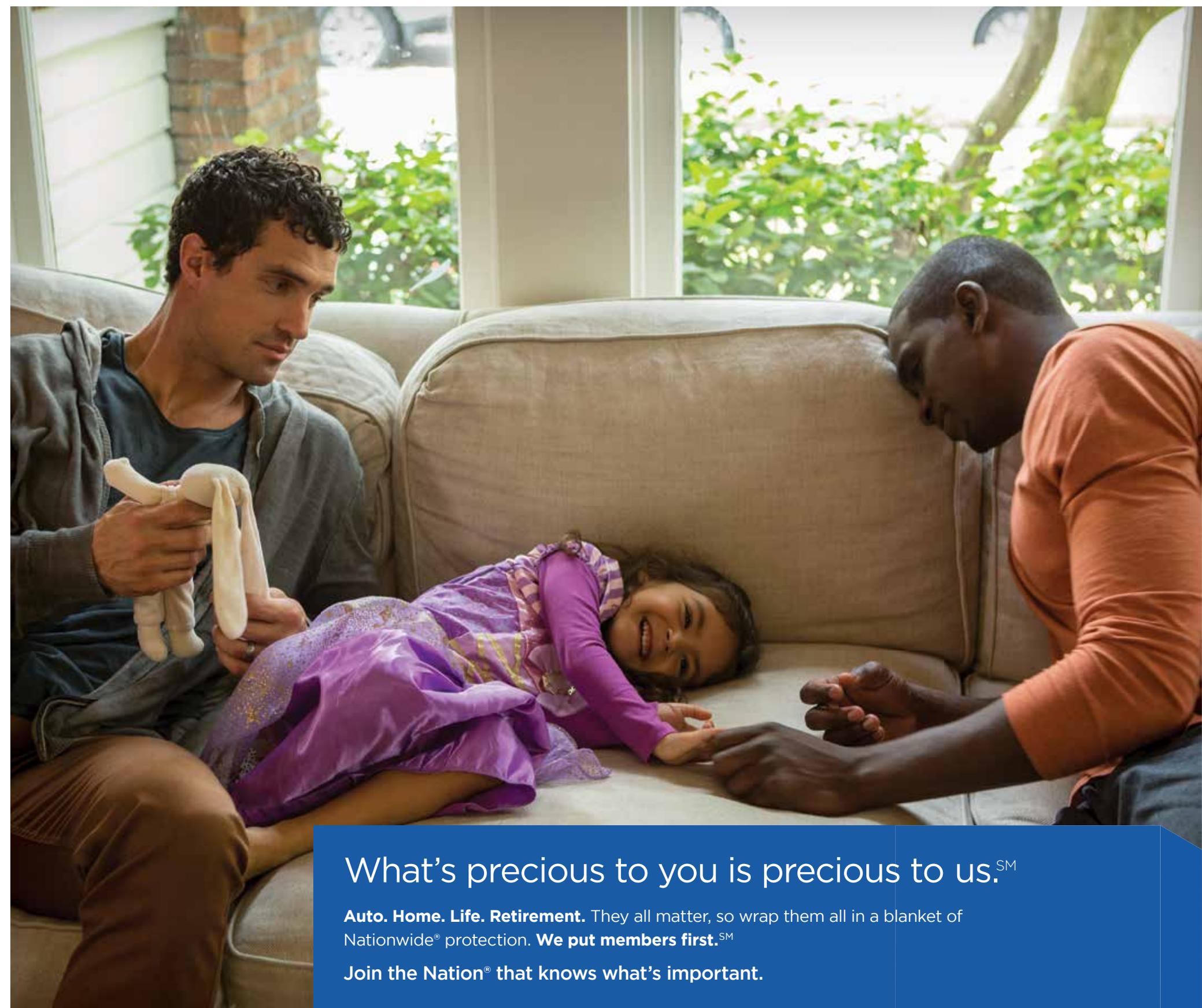
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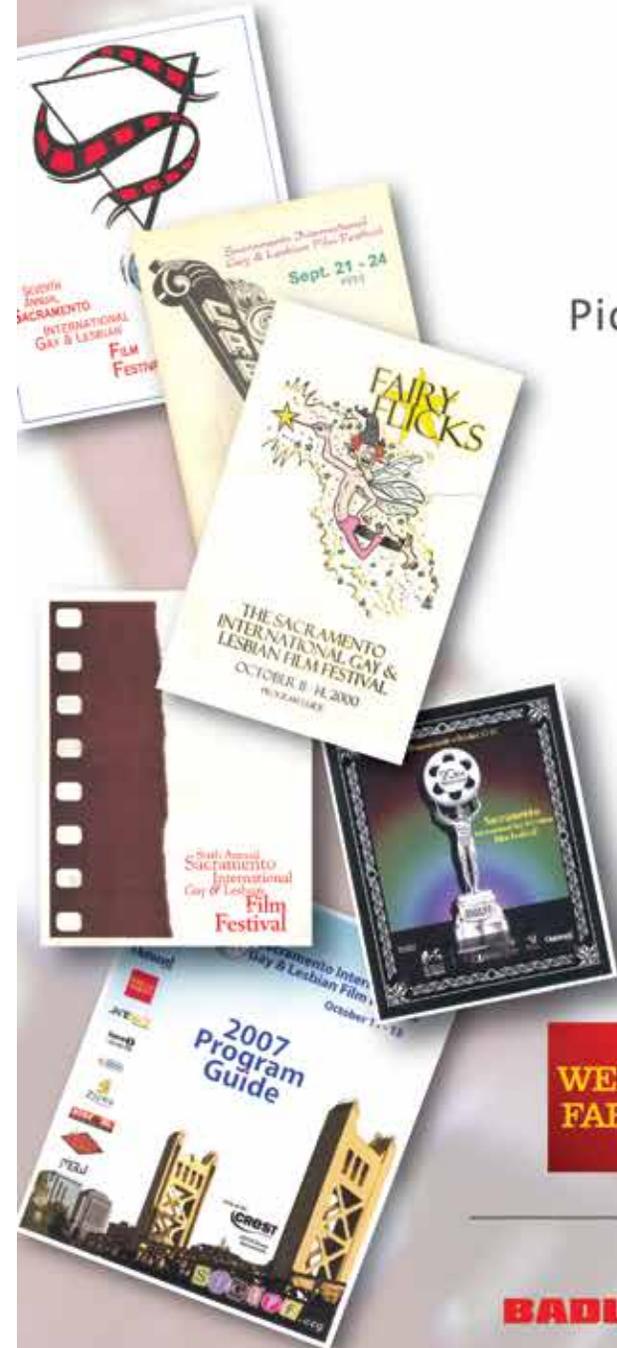
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Sac Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Wins Award for Rainbow Crosswalk

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce received the 2016 National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Community Impact Award for its leadership role in efforts to designate Midtown Sacramento's historic LGBT neighborhood as "Lavender Heights" and the landmark installation of Rainbow Crosswalks at the intersection of 20th and K streets.



Photo by Ron Tackitt

"We are honored to be recognized by NGLCC for our work as part of a coalition of community organizations and activists in the successful campaign to install the landmark Rainbow Crosswalks," said Chamber President Paul Weubbe said about the award, "We know this landmark will serve both as a catalyst for business growth and success and as a monument to the tremendous courage and vitality of the Greater Sacramento LGBT community."

Rainbow Chamber worked closely with Sacramento Councilman Steve Hansen and other community leaders in leading a fundraising drive that raised \$30,000 in

private donations to pay for the crosswalks installation.

The Excellence in Community Impact Award was presented Aug. 25 at the 2016 NGLCC Business & Leadership Conference currently underway in Palm Springs, CA. NGLCC is affiliated with 63 LGBT Chambers throughout the United States and internationally, including seven in California, and represents more than 1.4 million LGBT business owners.

For more information about the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, visit www.rainbowchamber.com.

An Open Letter to the CDC on PrEP

Four years ago on July 16, 2012, the Food and Drug Administration approved use of Truvada for the prevention of HIV, which is also known as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)¹. In a report released by Gilead Sciences on June 20, 2016, they revealed the following information:

1. 49,148 total cumulative prescriptions for Truvada as PrEP have been filled based on data reported by 82% of all pharmacies. While it is unknown how many people who were originally prescribed the drug are still on it, based on adherence information in previous studies, no more than half the people actually took the drug on any type of consistent basis². Therefore, we estimate that about 25,000 are still taking Truvada for prevention. Of these patients 79% were men or about 20,000.
2. We are assuming almost all of these 20,000 are men who have sex with men (MSM). Studies estimate that there are 4,875,000 MSM³—or 3.9% of the 125 million adult men in the US. As a result, we can conclude that less than .04% of MSM are taking Truvada for PrEP. CDC has suggested that 1.2 million men⁴ should be on PrEP but doctors and patients are not responding to that call in large numbers. PrEP cannot be a major factor in preventing HIV when so few people are on it. On the other hand recent studies indicate that 60% of MSM use condoms regularly⁵, based on last sex among HIV-negative MSM.
3. African-Americans are 12% of the US population but are 44% of new HIV infections⁶. However, they are only 10% of people on PrEP. Young people are most at risk for new HIV infections, but made up only 7.6% of PrEP prescriptions. Whites represent 27% of new infections but made up 74% of those on PrEP. The men who are taking PrEP are those least at risk from HIV.
4. PrEP does not protect people from STDs. The rapid rise in rates of STDs such as syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea⁷ indicate that fewer people are using condoms and suggesting the need to reinvigorate safer sex campaigns, which have suffered greatly as a result of the CDC's almost exclusive focus on PrEP.
5. The wide-scale advertising promotions of Truvada for PrEP by AIDS organizations and community groups funded by the manufacturer Gilead Sciences gives the impression that PrEP is very popular even though the raw numbers tell another story. Based on the large number of men who say they are on PrEP on hook-up sites such as Grindr, it would appear that they are seeking unprotected sex whether they take the drug or not.

The CDC is the national agency responsible for the prevention of HIV and other STDs. As such, we call on you to re-balance your prevention efforts to align with what patients want and need so that we can achieve better success in preventing new infections.

Thank you.
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David Heitstuman Appointed LGBT Center's Exec. Director

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center's Board of Directors has announced the hiring of David Heitstuman, the Center's former Board President, as Executive Director.

As Executive Director, Heitstuman will oversee the administration, programs and strategic plan of the organization. Other key duties will include fundraising, marketing and community outreach, and will report directly to the Center's Board of Directors.

David replaces outgoing Executive Director Donald Benz, who has served the Sacramento LGBT community with great distinction over the last two years.

"During Donald's tenure, we have expanded mental health and HIV prevention services, grown our staff and increased our funding capacity," said Carlos Marquez, the Center's board president in a released statement. "We are incredibly grateful for his contributions and wish him the best success in his future endeavors."

Heitstuman transitions into the executive director role with unparalleled qualifications for the job. Serving on the Center's board since 2011, he was elected President from 2012-2016. In 2014, he also volunteered as the Center's Interim Executive Director.

"His leadership, fundraising acumen, and deep community ties have been integral to the Center's revitalization," said Marquez. "We are thrilled about his hire and expect great things to come for the Center under David's leadership."

Heitstuman comes to the Center from the



David Heitstuman Appointed LGBT Center's Exec. Director

California State Assembly where he served for 11 years, most recently as the Chief Consultant to Speaker Anthony Rendon. Earlier this year, Stonewall Democrats of Sacramento awarded Heitstuman its "Freedom From Fear Award."

Heitstuman begins as Executive Director on Thursday, September 15.

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List of Worst Campuses for LGBTQ Youth Released

Campus Pride has released its 2016 "Shame List," highlighting for the first time a national list of "The Absolute Worst Campuses for LGBTQ Youth." The national listing includes 102 campuses that openly discriminate against LGBTQ youth in policies, programs and practices as documented on the site listing, including nearly 20 colleges in California.

"Most people are shocked when they learn that there are college campuses still today that openly discriminate against LGBTQ youth. It is an unspoken secret in higher education, how they use religion as a tool for cowardice and discrimination," said Shane Windmeyer, Executive Director of Campus Pride. "This lists uncovers the religion-based bigotry that is harmful and perpetuated against LGBTQ youth on these campuses," continued Windmeyer.

The Shame List was first published online December 1, 2015 as a way to highlight fifty-seven campuses who had received or requested Title IX exemptions to freely and openly discriminate against LGBTQ youth.

At that time, the campuses applying for these discriminatory waivers did so privately. It was not public information. According to Campus Pride, often times even faculty, staff and students did not know.

Colleges in California on the "shame list"

include: Azusa Pacific University, Biola, California Baptist, Concordia, Fresno Pacific, John Paul the Great Catholic, LABI, Life Pacific College, Point Loma Nazarene, Simpson University, The Master's College for Christ and Scripture, Trinity Law, Vanguard U of SoCal, West Coast Baptist, Westmont, Westminster Seminary and William Jessup College.

"I attended Westmont College in California. While they have not applied for a Title IX waiver, it is clear that their past and current policies and practices are anti-LGBTQ," said Donald Scherschligt, a Campus Organizer working on this project with Campus Pride. "Nobody should have to live my experience. I hope this listing will help colleges like Westmont realize the future is one of inclusion, especially within higher education. We need to call out these shameful acts."

The Shame List can be found online at CampusPride.org/ShameList

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Youth Suicide Prevention Bill Approved in Assembly

The California Assembly on August 29th approved a bill that would require the adoption of comprehensive suicide prevention plans by local California school districts for students attending grades 7-12.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2246 was previously approved by the Senate and now goes to Governor Jerry Brown for his signature. The bill was authored by Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach) and sponsored by Equality California and The Trevor Project.

"As a classroom teacher, I know from experience that educators often serve as the first line of defense when a student is suffering from depression or suicidal thoughts," said Assemblymember O'Donnell, Chair of the Assembly Education Committee. "AB 2246 will provide parents, teachers and schools with the tools they need to help save the lives of at-risk youth."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide is the second-leading cause of death among young people aged 10-24. Some 17 percent of students in grades 9-12 report having seriously considered suicide, and eight percent report having actually attempted suicide one or more times in the past 12 months. Nearly 20 percent of young people who access resources at The Trevor Project are from California.

"In spite of the sobering statistics on youth suicide, California lags behind many other states in requiring school districts to have suicide prevention policies in place," said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California. "With LGBT youth up to four times more likely to attempt suicide



Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell

compared to their non-LGBT peers, AB 2246 will save young LGBT lives."

"We're thrilled that California can become the first state in the country to require middle and high school policies on suicide prevention for LGBTQ and other at-risk populations," said Abbe Land, executive director of The Trevor Project. "Just a couple of weeks ago, the first nationally representative sample of the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey was released, and it showed that lesbian, bisexual and questioning youth attempt suicide at over three times the rate of heterosexual youth. With the passage of AB 2246, California has answered this implicit call to action to drive these shocking statistics down. We owe a great debt of gratitude for Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell for spearheading this bill and we look forward to the governor's signature."

A Win and a Loss on Transgender Rights

The General Services Administration (GSA) on Aug 19, announced a new rule banning discrimination against transgender people using restrooms that match their gender identity in federal facilities.

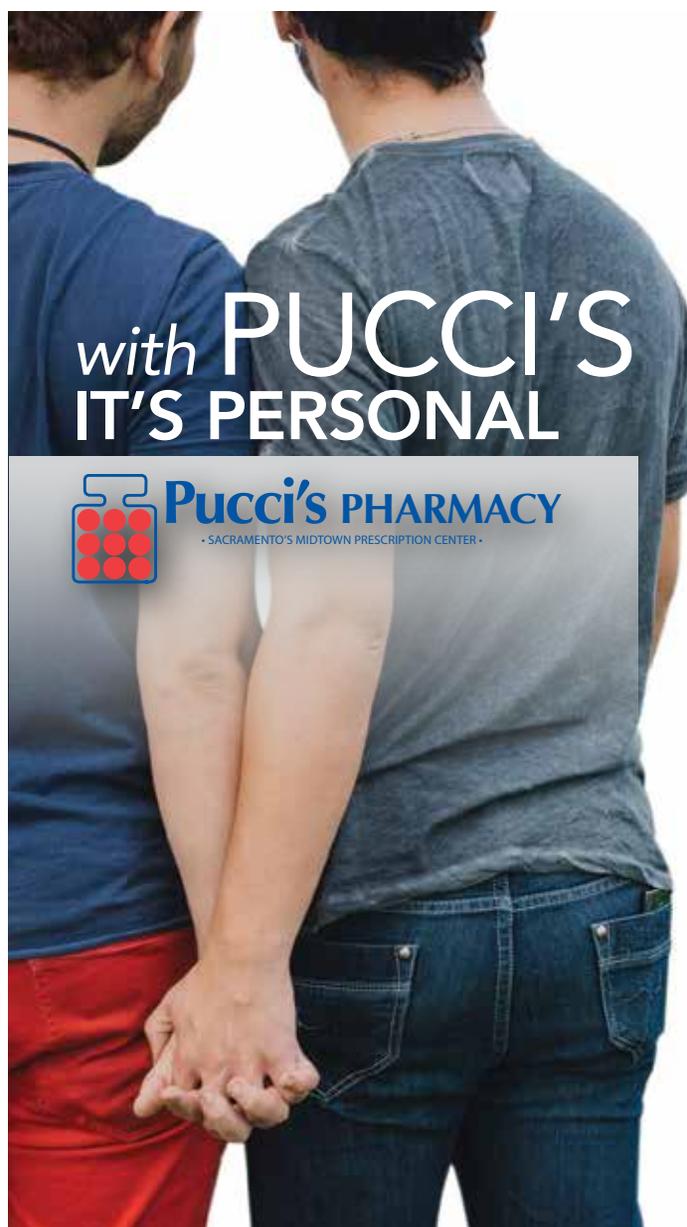
"We welcome this enormous step forward on the part of the General Services Administration (GSA)," said Jorge Amaro of the The National LGBTQ Task Force. "The new rule, which serves as a model for state and local governments, and to private entities, brings federal government facilities and spaces in line with already existing sex discrimination law."

According to preliminary data from the U.S. Transgender Survey, 59 percent of transgender people have avoided bathrooms in the last year because they feared confrontations in public restrooms, at work, school, or in other places.

"In fact, 31 percent have even avoided eating or drinking out, out of fear of using the bathroom. Because of this rule, more trans people will be treated with dignity and will be less likely to be victims of violence," said Victoria M. Rodríguez-Roldán, Trans/Gender Nonconforming Justice Project Director, National LGBTQ Task Force.

News from a federal judge in Texas is not as good. On August 22, in a preliminary injunction, in *Texas v. U.S.*, the judge blocked the May 2016 guidance by the Obama administration interpreting Title IX to protect transgender students.

"Today's order is an attack on transgender people," said David Dinielli, deputy legal director, of the Southern Poverty Law Center. "This case reflects an overreaction by many states to federal guidance about transgender schoolchildren. We are disappointed that this particular court has failed to understand what it means to be transgender. But we are confident that, over time, our courts will recognize that transgender children, like all children, feel safe and thrive when they are given equal opportunity to succeed. We are committed to this fight and will not stop until all of our kids enjoy safety and dignity in their schools and communities."



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VP Nominee Tim Kaine & Rep. John Lewis to Speak at HRC National Dinner

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has announced that Democratic Vice Presidential Nominee Senator Tim Kaine will deliver the keynote address at the 20th annual HRC National Dinner on Saturday, September 10, 2016, in Washington D.C. Civil rights icon and Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) will also speak at this year's sold-out event, which will take place at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

"Vice Presidential Nominee Tim Kaine has spent his entire career fighting for the equal rights of all Americans," said HRC President Chad Griffin. "As part of the most pro-equality presidential ticket in American history, Tim Kaine will help ensure another four years of unprecedented progress for LGBTQ equality in this country and around the world."

"Representative John Lewis is an American hero, and his lifelong work for the civil rights of all people has transformed our nation," Griffin continued. "In his nearly three decades on Capitol Hill, Representative Lewis has been one of the strongest and most outspoken champions of LGBTQ equality, both to our 20th annual National Dinner."

National Gay & Lesbian COC Endorses Clinton for President

The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) has announced its unprecedented endorsement of Hillary Clinton for President of the United States. NGLCC's Board of Directors, comprised of LGBT and allied business leaders with experience in the public and private sectors, voted to endorse Secretary Clinton during the organization's recent 2016 International Business & Leadership Conference.

"The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce has never endorsed a candidate in its nearly 15 year history, but the stakes have never been so high for the future of the LGBT business community. Hillary Clinton is the progressive champion our businesses and our families need to thrive," said NGLCC Co-Founder and CEO Chance Mitchell. "The LGBT community has come too far to lose its seat at the table, and we are certain that Secretary Clinton will be the President fighting for the collective economic and social longevity of America's 1.4 million LGBT business owners."

NLGA Announces 2016 Excellence in Journalism Award Winners and Honorees

The Association of LGBTQ Journalists has announced the recipients of its Excellence in Journalism Awards and salutes their exemplary work in 2015.

The Awards recognize and reward excellence in journalism on issues related to the LGBTQ community. Expanded to 30 awards in 2016, awards will be presented for excellence in Bisexual Coverage, Column Writing, Digital Edition, Documentary, Feature Writing, HIV/AIDS Coverage, Photojournalism, Transgender Coverage and over a dozen other areas.

The 2016 NLGJA Journalist of the Year is Dominic Holden, National LGBT Reporter for BuzzFeed. "Holden presents a really strong mix of thoughtful trans stories, a good take on familiar subject matter, some really strong characters and good depth," wrote one judge. Holden additionally took second place in Newswriting (Non-daily) for "Why Are Black Transgender Women Getting Killed in Detroit?"

The complete list of award winners can be seen at www.nlgja.org/2016/

Belize Strikes Down Anti-Sodomy Laws

The Belize Supreme Court has made a historic ruling in favor of gay activist, Caleb Orozco, and has struck down the country's anti-sodomy law. This is the first case launched in the Caribbean and the first case where the sodomy laws have been overturned.

Orozco challenged the law claiming that it infringes on the "Protections of the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms" of the individual guaranteed by Belize's constitution.

"The decision today is deeply fulfilling, I am elated for myself, but more so for all of LGBTIQ people in Belize. The Supreme Court set a historic precedent in the country, and in the Caribbean more widely, by upholding the dignity and equality of all citizens regardless of their sexual orientation. Though I know much has yet to be done to change attitudes in my country, this is a momentous step, and I could not be more proud," said Orozco, in response to the ruling.

NY Court of Appeals Makes Groundbreaking Decision On Same-Sex Parental Rights Case

In a landmark ruling, the New York Court of Appeals has revised the legal definition of "parent" under New York's Domestic Relations Law, changing the laws regarding parental custody and visitation, especially as it relates to same-sex couples. The new criteria no longer relies on 25 year old precedent which defined "parent" exclusively as a person related by biology or adoption to a child. The Court found that this rule had "become unworkable when applied to increasingly varied familial relationships."

The August 30th decision in *Brooke S.B. v. Elizabeth A. C.C.* followed an appeal on behalf of a child seeking time with both mothers after his same-sex parents split up.

"This is a major step forward for same-sex couples and especially for the children of those parents," said Attorney Eric Wrubel. "Tying the definition of parenthood to biology or adoption was no longer viable. This new ruling will help to protect children, regardless of the marital or financial status of their parents."



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“All-Gender” Restroom Bill Passes California Legislature

The California Legislature passed on August 22, a bill that would establish the nation’s most inclusive restroom access law, that if signed into law, would require single-occupancy restrooms in California businesses, government buildings, and places of public accommodation to be universally accessible to all genders starting March 1, 2017.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1732 was authored by Assemblymember Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) and sponsored by Equality California, the Transgender Law Center and California National Organization of Women (NOW). It cleared the Assembly on August 22 by a bipartisan vote of 55-15 after clearing the Senate on August 18.

“This bill sends a simple message that everyone’s rights must be respected and protected. It provides a common sense alternative to the hate being enacted in other states,” said Ting. “Restricting access to single use restrooms defies reason. It is a basic necessity of life and everyone should get in and out on the same terms. By signing this bill, Governor Jerry Brown can chart a new course for equality that other states should follow.”

“This is a common-sense proposal,” said Rick Zbur, Executive Director of Equality California. “Our home restrooms are already all-gender. So are restrooms on airplanes and at many hospitals and gas stations. The benefits of this simple change will enable all Californians to use restrooms in a way that is more safe, fair, and convenient.”

The vote followed a ruling by a Texas federal judge preventing the U.S. Department of Education from

implementing guidelines requiring school districts to allow transgender students to use restrooms that correspond to their gender identity.

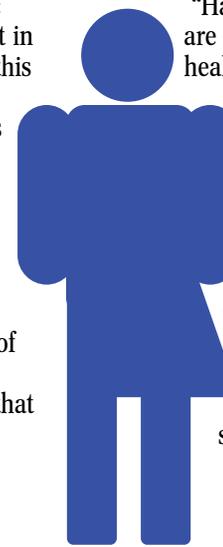
“This law is a simple measure that will make everyone’s lives easier,” said Kris Hayashi, Executive Director of Transgender Law Center. “Having restrooms open to all genders will mean less hassle for everyone going about their day, and will allow people who don’t fit neatly into expectations of what it looks like to be male or female to use the restroom without fear of harassment.”

“Having access to facilities when they are most needed is important to our health,” said Jerilyn Stapleton,

President of California NOW. “We shouldn’t have to wait or postpone having our needs fairly met in public. Everyone should experience equal waiting time. We have universal bathroom access at home and on airplanes so why not require it in public buildings?”

AB 1732 now moves to Governor Jerry Brown for his signature or veto before the end of September.

For more information, go to www.eqca.org/1732-2/.



CA Approves Travel Ban to LGBT Discriminatory States

The California Legislature has passed AB 1887, a bill authored by Assemblymember Evan Low, that would ban state-funded travel to states that discriminate against LGBT people.

The bill is sponsored by the National Center for Lesbian Rights and Equality California, “Californians may not be able to stop states like Mississippi or North Carolina from targeting LGBT people with hateful laws,” said Rick Zbur, EQCA’s executive director. “But we can use our power as the world’s sixth-largest economy and choose to not do business there. AB 1887 would ensure that California tax dollars do not help finance discrimination beyond our borders.”

Assembly Bill (AB) 1887 would ban non-essential, state-funded travel by California state employees to North Carolina, Mississippi and other states that pass discriminatory laws in the future. It is similar to bans already in place in New York State, Baltimore and San Francisco that focus on specific states that have already passed anti-LGBT laws, but also will apply to new states if they enact discriminatory laws in the future.

“I’m very pleased that a majority of my colleagues joined together today to stand up

and say we will fight back against the discriminatory policies passed in North Carolina and Mississippi,” said AB 1887’s author Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Silicon Valley). “California has said clearly, our taxpayer dollars will not help fund bigotry and hatred. If other states try and pass similar laws, we will work to stop them.”

More than 200 pieces of anti-LGBT legislation are making their way through state legislatures across the country. This wave of discriminatory bills is a backlash to last year’s U.S. Supreme Court ruling that found that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry.

“The California Legislature has once again demonstrated tremendous leadership on LGBT rights by voting to ban travel to states that pass laws authorizing discrimination,” said NCLR Government Policy Director Geoff Kors. “We urge Governor Brown to sign this bill and ensure that taxpayer money doesn’t go to states that enact license to discriminate bills.”

AB 1887 now goes to the governor’s desk.

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CA Resolution Calling for Federal Equality Act Passes

The California Legislature has passed AJR 45, calling on Congress to pass the federal Equality Act. The Equality Act updates the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include protections based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, credit, and the jury system.

Authored by Asm. David Chiu (D-San Francisco) and sponsored by Equality California, with bipartisan support, the resolution was approved in the Senate on August 23 and approved in the Assembly the next day on concurrence. AJR 45 is now adopted.

“When more than 200 pieces of anti-LGBT legislation have been introduced in state legislatures in the past year across the nation, AJR 45 puts the state of California in support of strong federal LGBT protections,” said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California.

Because Congress has not passed comprehensive non-discrimination legislation that protects LGBT people, many LGBT Americans still face daily discrimination and remain at risk of being fired or denied services because of who they are.

“It is appalling that in 2016, many LGBT Americans still face daily discrimination and remain at risk of being fired or denied services because of who they love and their gender expression,” said Assemblymember Chiu. “We need to encourage a culture of inclusion and equality not segregation. I am glad my Senate colleagues agree it is time for Congress to vote for the Equality Act.”

A growing number of states have passed or are considering enacting so-called Religious Freedom Restoration Acts or similar legislation to justify discrimination against the LGBT community. The Equality Act would maintain exemptions for religious organizations and schools, but would make clear that religion cannot be used to justify refusal of service based on a person’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.



Cowboys and Cowgirls Are Riding Into Town for the Sierra Stampede Rodeo

After a three-year absence, Sacramento’s Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association is once again welcoming cowboys and cowgirls to Sacramento for the Sierra Stampede Rodeo.

“We are thrilled and excited to bring the Sierra Stampede Rodeo back to Sacramento this year!” said Wes Wilkinson, president of the SCCGRA. “It has taken a team of dedicated volunteers to coordinate this weekend of activities. Promoting the sport of amateur rodeo and encouraging the appreciation of country western lifestyles in the LGBT community is our association’s primary goal. I hope the community comes out to enjoy the rodeo as much as we do.”

The Sierra Stampede will be held on the weekend of September 16 – 18, beginning on Friday with contestant registration on the rodeo grounds and then a Welcome Party for the contestants from 8 p.m. to midnight at Sidetrax, 2007 K St. The party is open to everyone and admission is free, so come on down and meet the contestants.

“This year the Sierra Stampede Rodeo is the last scheduled rodeo on the IGRA circuit calendar before the IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 22-23,” said Wilkinson. “With rodeo contestants trying to accumulate enough points to rank amongst the top 20 contestants to earn an invitation to the Finals Rodeo competition, we are expecting one of the largest turnouts of contestants this year for our rodeo. If early online registrations are an indication, then we anticipate approximately 70 contestants to compete in the Sierra Stampede Rodeo this year.”

The rodeo action begins with the first day of thrills and spills on Saturday, September 17, beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 6 p.m. at the Central Park Horse Arena, 848 Elkhorn Blvd., in Rio Linda, 95673.

Planned events, include: Calf Roping on Foot; Mounted Break-Away Roping; Team Roping; Pole Bending; the Grand Entry (approximately 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.); Steer Riding; Bull Riding; Steer Decorating; Goat Dressing; Chute Dogging; Wild Drag Racing; Barrel Racing; and Flag Racing.

When not in the stands watching the rodeo, there will be plenty to do in the rodeo festival area, with vendor and community booths and a chance to mingle with friends and contestants. “We will be trying a new thing this year by asking several of the local Sacramento food trucks to attend our rodeo to sell some of our favorite fair type foods in our rodeo festival area,” said Wilkinson. “And SCCGRA will be selling draft beer and mixed alcoholic beverages during both days of the rodeo on the rodeo grounds.”

Following the action in the arena, there will be a chance to meet and dance with the contestants at a Country Dance Party, called “Dancing Under the Stars. “We are trilled to have one of our favorite DJs for the Saturday night dance, Ingu, a wonderful, energetic DJ that spins favorite country hits from the Sundance Saloon Bar in San Francisco,” said Wilkinson. “Come on out and have a great time. The dance starts at 8 p.m. and we will be dancing our boots off until midnight at

The Bolt.” Admission is free and the Bolt is located at 2560 Boxwood St.

On Sunday, September 18, the action moves back to the rodeo grounds, again from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The same events are

get in on a delicious tri-tip dinner that will be served at the poolside bar at 7 p.m. at a cost of \$10. Dinner will be free for all rodeo contestants, officials and volunteers.

Tickets for each day of the Sierra Stampede Rodeo are only \$10 and may be purchased at the rodeo grounds entry gate on both Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free for children under the age of 10.



Pole Bending is one of the events that showcase horsemanship, the special bond between a rider and her (or his) horse.



Bull Riding action from the 2013 Sierra Stampede Rodeo

scheduled on Sunday, and it is the scores that each contestant receives over the two days that determine the overall winners.

The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) sanctions the Sierra Stampede and all events have purposefully been tailored to provide the animal and human participants with the safest environment possible, while still demonstrating the skill of the contestant. The IGRA and the Sierra Stampede do not abuse animals nor condone animal abuse, at any time, in any way, by anyone.

Following the arena events, a Rodeo Awards Ceremony will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. at FACES Nightclub, 2000 K St, where the winners of the rodeo events will be announced and presented with their coveted buckles – and prize money! Admission is free to the ceremony, but you might want to

“Organizing and producing a gay rodeo cost a minimum of \$60,000 and a hay truck full of volunteers!” said Wilkinson. “I am proud of the dedication and determination of our SCCGRA members that have held several fundraisers over the past three years to bring gay rodeo back to California’s capital city. We must have the commitment of over 100 volunteers to assist us to produce the Sierra Stampede Rodeo, from ticket sales, security, rodeo arena setup and judges. We are actively seeking volunteers for the rodeo weekend, if you would like to help out, contact my husband and our Sierra Stampede Rodeo Director, Jeff Barr at rodeodirector@capitalcrossroads.org.”

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Farm-to-Fork Festival Showcases Sac's Bounty

by Brandon Darnell

September is the best month for foodies in Sacramento. America's Farm-to-Fork Capital wraps up summer by showing off the best of its massive agricultural bounty all month, from special restaurant menus, wine and beer events to the ever-growing Farm-to-Fork Festival on Capitol Mall and the Tower Bridge Dinner.

A Bigger, Better Festival

The first Farm-to-Fork Festival, in 2013, drew 30,000 people to Capitol Mall to see just what it meant to be America's Farm-to-Fork Capital. Each year, the event attendance eclipses the previous year, and this year is expected to be no different, with two additional blocks of vendor space, another demo stage and musical headliners The Wallflowers.

most popular events.

Raise Your Glass to Sacramento

More than 35 wineries will bring their best wines to the State Capitol on Sept. 16 at the annual Farm-to-Fork Legends of Wine event. Darrell Corti of Corti Bros. – the man *Saveur Magazine* said knows more about food and wine than anyone alive – and David Berkley,

Food Bank & Family Services, all the fresh food donated during the day will go to those in need in the community, bolstering the year-round efforts of the food bank to help those in need.

Living the Farm-to-Fork Lifestyle

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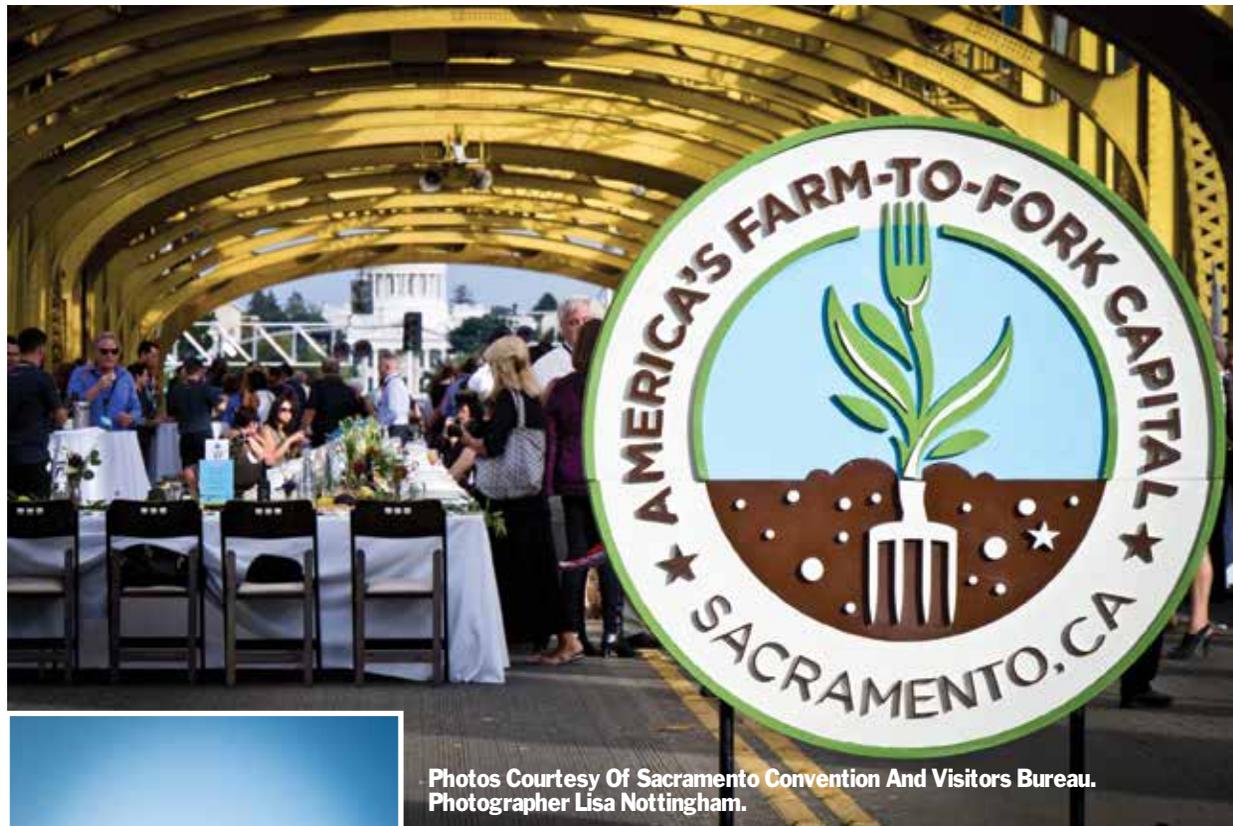
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The free festival kicks off at 11 a.m. Sept. 24, and attendees always enjoy the variety of foods available for sampling, local beer and wine for purchase, and learning tips and techniques from the best chefs in the region at the multiple demo stages. Food trucks and live music make it a great way to socialize with friends at one of the city's

who created the White House wine list and worked for four U.S. presidents, select the best wines from the Sacramento region.

Local artisan cheese and bites prepared by local chefs complement the wine selections, and the setting at the Capitol, watching the sun set over Tower Bridge in the distance as soft notes of live music filter through the air, makes for a memorable night.

Farm to Fork to World Record

Recognizing the need for everyone in the community to have access to healthy local food, America's Farm-to-Fork Capital set a Guinness World Record last year for the largest donation of fresh food in a single day with 170,923.8 pounds of food, and the program is doubling down this year to smash last year's record with at least 250,000 pounds.

Working with the Sacramento

round growing season makes eating farm-fresh food every day easy. Not only do major local grocers stock produce from local growers, but many Sacramento restaurants and bars regularly – or wholly – feature local food on their menus every day.

Sacramento is home to more than 50 farmers markets. Popular ones in the central city include the Cesar Chavez Farmers Market (Wednesdays in Cesar Chavez Plaza, Ninth and I streets), the Midtown Farmers Market (Saturdays, 20th and K streets) and the Capitol Mall Farmers Market (Thursdays on Capitol Mall between Fifth and Sixth streets). The largest Certified Farmers' Market in California is the Sunday farmers market at Eighth and W streets.

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Sutter's Fort's Culinary Favorite "Feast at the Fort" Returns

Back by popular demand – and to the delight of history enthusiasts and foodies throughout the region – Friends of Sutter's Fort is bringing back Feast at the Fort.



Chefs at this year's Feast at the Fort will be able prepare some of their culinary creations in period facilities such as outdoor fire pits or in the historic kitchens and on-site bakery. Photo courtesy SFSHP

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Coinciding with the citywide Farm-to-Fork celebration, and after a one-year hiatus due to important restoration projects, this is the sixth year for this unique culinary event held at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, and will be held on Saturday, September 10.

Feast at the Fort is showcased by a delicious four-course dinner prepared by Sacramento's top chefs amid a beautiful evening setting inside the historic walls of Sutter's Fort.

For each Feast, a different food-focused theme is chosen for the event. In 2016, guests will delight in an exciting menu of history-inspired recipes that showcase a "barrel aged" focal point while also incorporating vibrant locally-sourced ingredients.

When they first arrive, "Feast at the Fort" guests will be treated to scrumptious appetizers while enjoying local wine and beer tastings provided by Bogle Vineyards, Boeger Winery, Cantina Alley, Lava Cap Winery and New Helvetia Brewing Co.

Guests will also have the unique opportunity to watch and interact with chefs as they prepare their culinary creations in period facilities such as outdoor fire pits or in the historic kitchens and on-site bakery.

The amazing dishes will be created by chefs from popular restaurants such as Hock Farm Craft & Provisions, Hook & Ladder Manufacturing Co., Saddle Rock Restaurant and Thai Basil & Veg, and served family style. To finish off the meal, guests will enjoy a delicious dessert created by Ettore's European Bakery & Café.

With an international flair representative of the types of music enjoyed by emigrants who first came to Sutter's Fort, live acoustic music will entertain guests and set a lively and festive mood throughout the culinary experience and silent auction.

Feast at the Fort begins at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 10, with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online and cost \$85 per person. Visit www.suttersfort.org or call 916-323-7626.



Cakebread Cellars: A Farm Fresh Food & Wine Experience

by Diana Kienle

Cakebread is one of the best known names in the Napa Valley. A family owned winery, they celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2013, and have enjoyed remarkable success due to the quality of their wine and food.

The Cakebreads may have “invented” the wine and food experience in the valley. Taking advantage of the many farm fresh ingredients in the Napa Valley, very early on they began hosting events featuring the pairing of food and their wine. Today, they have a full time gardener who tends the garden to support their wine and food events.

Cakebread is known most broadly for their white wine – Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. But this is only the beginning of their portfolio. You will find quality throughout their offerings from Syrah, Zinfandel, Red Blends and their Cabernet. In fact, their most recent vintage of Dancing Bear Cabernet (2012) was given a score of 99 points – that is nearly perfect.



Brian Streeter, the Culinary Director for Cakebread Cellars, pairs farm – and vineyard – fresh foods with with great wines. Photo by Cathy Schwamberger.

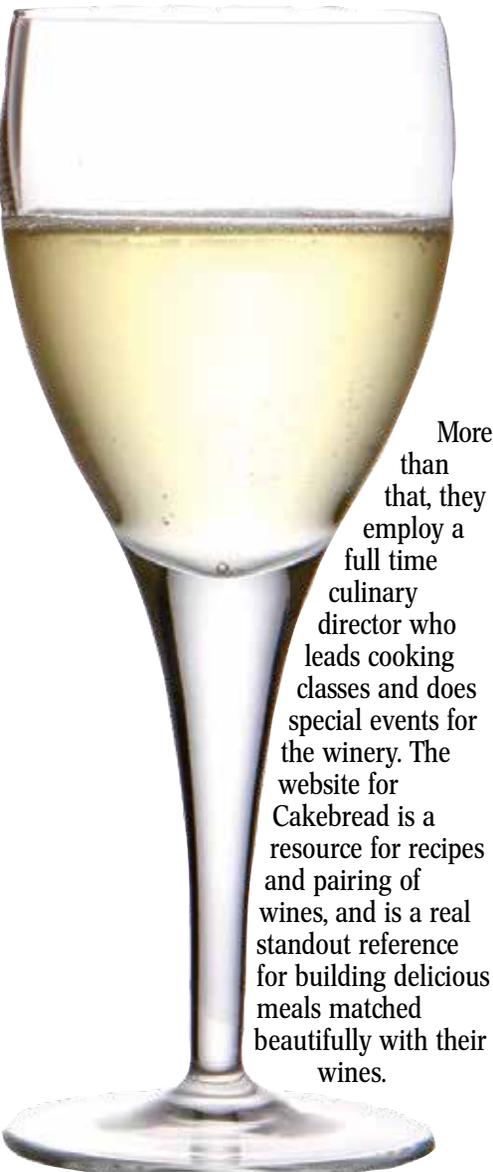
Our last visit to Cakebread was a special event. It was an auction lot that took us for lunch up to their Dancing Bear Vineyard, and a gorgeous view as the vineyard sits at 1600 feet above the valley floor. It was tough to go inside – yet a beautiful lunch awaited. We were seated at a large table, and each course was paired with Cakebread wines.

The chef for that day was none other than Brian Streeter, the Culinary Director for the winery. He has been with Cakebread for 25 years and loves to share the art of pairing food with American wines. The piece de resistance that day was the pairing of Dancing Bear Cabernet – delicious.

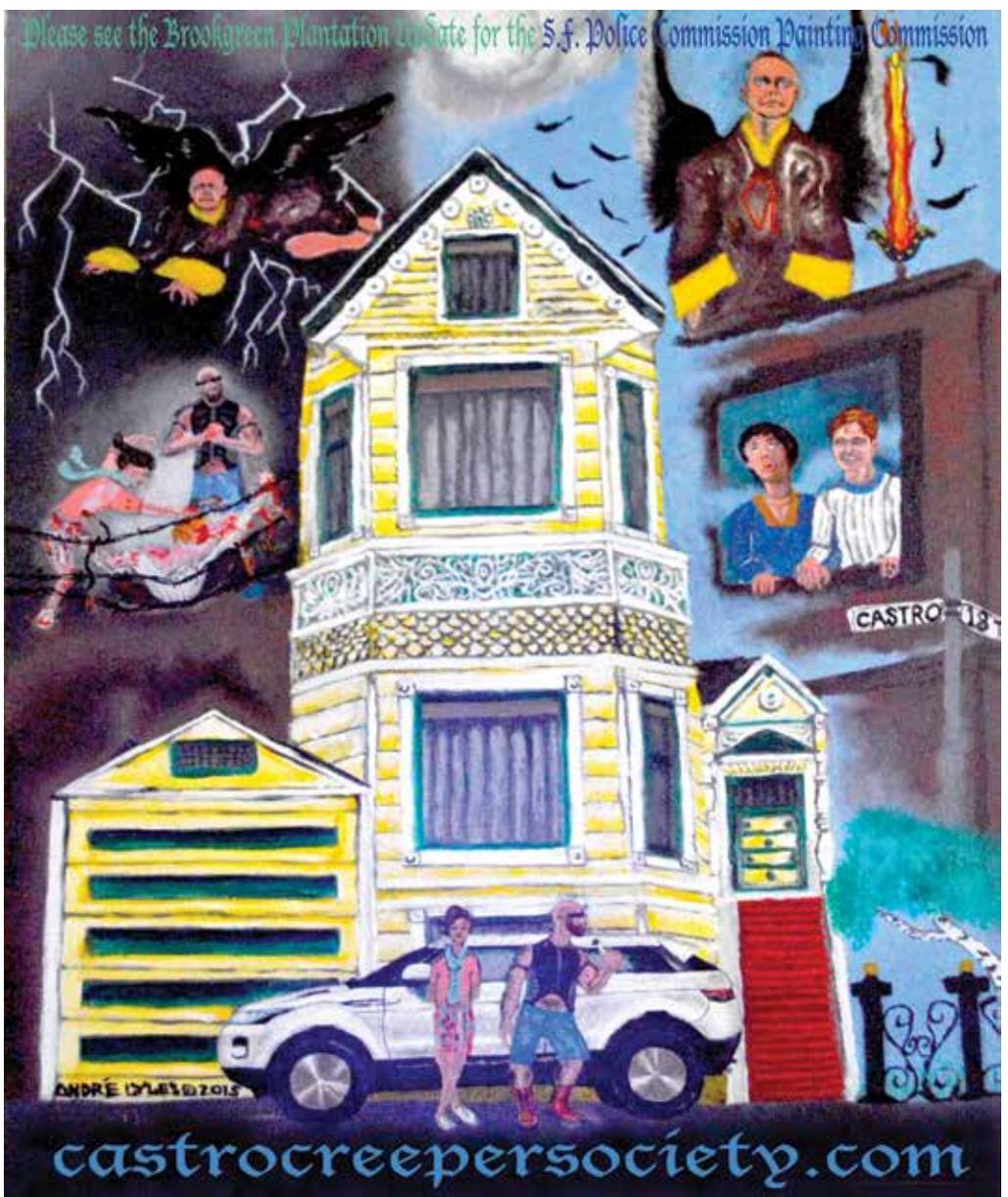
Cakebread Cellars is a class operation producing quality wine with a wide portfolio of varietals and blends. Next time you are in the valley, stop in and taste. They are by appointment only and offer many different venues to taste their wine. You will find them at www.cakebreadcellars.com.

You also do not need to wait – you can readily find Cakebread wines at your local store or fine wine shop. While you may not be able to visit the Dancing Bear Vineyard on Howell Mountain, you can visit their website and build your own fabulous meal paired beautifully with Cakebread wines courtesy of Brian Streeter.

Enjoy!
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More than that, they employ a full time culinary director who leads cooking classes and does special events for the winery. The website for Cakebread is a resource for recipes and pairing of wines, and is a real standout reference for building delicious meals matched beautifully with their wines.



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Hip Chick Farms Has a Message for “Big Food”

by Bonnie Osborn

The entrepreneur owners of Sebastopol-based Hip Chick Farms, producer of all-natural, organic/antibiotic-free and humanely sourced frozen chicken products, have grown used to pitching.

They recently persuaded the two self-made millionaire reality stars of CNBC’s *West Texas Investors Club* series to invest \$500,000 in exchange for 35 percent ownership of their company, a deal that will allow Hip Chick Farms to ramp up capacity to meet the growing demand of retailers

The Hip Chick Farms brand is tightly entwined with its owners’ personal story. They met eight years ago, were engaged within three months, married and had daughter Ruby Rose, now six.

“We were living in San Francisco, in a little

admits. “We’ve been thrilled with such a positive response from folks all over the country. People are super-excited to find a healthy alternative. There’s been such an outpouring of love towards our family; it’s just great.”

Although they raise chickens and other animals at their home, the chickens and turkeys used in their frozen products are sourced from several farms that meet their strict production standards and are certified by the Global Animal Partnership for humane conditions. To launch a new product, Chef Jen takes her recipes to the factory’s test kitchen, and the end products are produced in three different factories, two in Los Angeles and one in Oregon (there are no chicken processors in Northern California).

With the influx of cash from the West Texas investors and others fueling the company’s ability to increase production, Palandech and Johnson expect the company to grow and eventually to be acquired by a larger producer. “We’re at an interesting moment in time, where folks are looking backward to figure out what is a more sustainable future,” Palandech says. “Chicken production in the U.S. is moving away from mass production. Cruelly raised food is not

Masculinity and Femininity Often Determine Chores For Same-Sex Couples

For heterosexual couples, most Americans still believe in the traditional division of household labor between husbands and wives, while for same-sex couples, they think the “more masculine” partner and the “more feminine” partner should generally be responsible for stereotypically male and female chores.

This suggestion is from a new study presented at the 111th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). “This is the first study that looks at Americans’ beliefs about how partners should divide chores and childcare tasks,” said Natasha Quadlin, the lead author of the study and a doctoral student in sociology at Indiana University.

Titled, *Making Money, Doing Gender, or Being Essentialist? Partner Characteristics and Americans’ Attitudes Toward Housework*, the study examined responses from a nationally representative survey of more than 1,000 adults in 2015 to determine which characteristics, including relative income, masculine or feminine traits, and sex, shape Americans’ ideas about how married couples should divide household labor – indoor and outdoor chores, as well as childcare.

Quadlin and co-author Long Doan, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Maryland, found that when respondents were asked to assign tasks between same-sex partners, traditionally female chores were generally given to the more feminine partner, and traditionally male tasks were typically assigned to the more masculine partner.

According to the researchers, 66 percent of respondents believed the more feminine partner should be responsible for buying groceries, 61 percent felt that partner should cook, and 58 percent thought that partner should clean the house and do the laundry. On the other hand, 67 percent of respondents believed that the more masculine partner should handle automobile maintenance and outdoor chores.

“Even in same-sex couples where there are not sex differences between partners, people use gender differences as a way to approximate sex differences,” Quadlin said.

When evaluating same-sex couples, 62 percent of respondents expected the more feminine partner to attend to the physical needs of the children, and 60 percent believed the more feminine spouse should handle the emotional needs of the children, the researchers said.

The findings for whether the more masculine or feminine partner should be the stay-at-home parent and be in charge of discipline were not statistically significant for same-sex couples.



Chef Jennifer Johnson, her partner Seraphina Palandech and their daughter Ruby on their Sebastopol Hip Chicks Farm.

they previously had to turn away.

The CNBC segment was only the most recent of the 200 or 300 pitches Hip Chick Farms founders Seraphina Palandech and Jennifer Johnson estimate they have made to investors and funding organizations since launching their company in 2012. Seraphina, who worked for 15 years as an event planner, is “pitcher-in-chief” and runs the day-to-day operations of the business.

Chef Jen, who worked for 10 years with Alice Waters at Chez Panisse in Berkeley before taking a position as personal chef to Ann and Gordon Getty, serves as Chief Creative Officer, providing the recipes and culinary inspiration for the Hip Chick product line. Part of Johnson’s job included cooking for the students of a Montessori school located at the Getty home, and her popular, healthy chicken fingers and chicken nuggets sparked the idea that became Hip Chick Farms.

Today Hip Chick Farms products are carried in some 1,500 stores, including Whole Foods Markets, Target and Super Targets, and will be launching in 1,000 Kroger stores in the next few weeks. “People have been really responsive,” Palandech says. “They want a better product.”

tiny house, and we wanted our daughter to grow up understanding about being out in nature, understanding how animals are raised, growing vegetables,” Palandech says. “We started looking for places in Northern California and fell in love with a little run-down 1970s ranch in Sebastopol. Against the advice of pretty much everyone we knew, we bought the farm and moved up there when Ruby Rose was six months old.”

The company logo, designed by a close friend, is a storybook image of rooster, hen and baby chick intended to depict the couple with their daughter, and their website is full of images of their family at home on the farm.

Following the airing of the *West Texas Investors Club* segment, they worried about potential negative reactions to their relationship. “We were nervous after everything that’s gone on of late,” Palandech



sustainable for the long-term health of humans or birds.”

“Our goal has always been to provide organic chicken fingers to every kid in America,” Palandech says. “We want to end up being as widely distributed as possible, all schools, all hospitals. We think the food system is changing right now. Big Food is looking at small disruptors like ourselves. They are looking for small companies to teach them. That’s what we’re looking forward to.”

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Fair Oaks Theatre Festival Is a A Grand Night for Singing



The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival continues its summer season with *A Grand Night For Singing*, a refreshing, Tony-nominated revue that puts a delightful spin on Rodgers and Hammerstein's 40 years of brilliant musical collaboration. Pictured are Brittini Proffit, Corey D. Winfield and Leah Fraizer. The show runs through Sept. 18, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 8 p.m. For information call 916-966-3683 or visit FairOaksTheatreFestival.com. Photo by Brian Williams.

The Brothers Size Is an Intense Story About the Unbreakable Bond Between Brothers



Two brothers, the Louisiana bayou, and West African mythology swirl together in this treasured theatrical event that will leave you breathless. A hot-blooded, music-filled drama from one of the country's most exciting queer African-American voices. Lakeidrick S. Wimberly as Ogun, Gabriel Christian as Oshoosi, and Julian Green as Elegba in *The Brothers Size* by Tarell Alvin McCraney. A Theatre Rhinoceros Production at The Eureka Theater, in SF Plays Sept. 24 - Oct. 15. www.therhino.org. Photo by Steven Ho.

Law Enforcement and the Transgender Community Release Training Video



The Community Relations Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, has released a law enforcement training video that features scenarios of three of the most common ways police officers encounter members of the transgender community and provides information, tools, and techniques to help ensure interactions are mutually respectful and professional. Watch it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfGPx4xJHvM

A Reader Shares Her Farm-to-Fork Recipe for Good Eats

Sacramento is blessed with almost perfect weather for backyard farmers to grow an amazing assortment of fruits and vegetables, and then turn them into homemade goodness, so we recently asked our readers, via Facebook, to share their favorite Farm-to-Fork recipes with us.



Zucchini seemed to be your farmer's favorite crop, so we decided to share with you Elena Falken's version for Zucchini Almond Saute, first popularized by the Red Cat Cafe in Chelsea.

"It is stupid simple to make, and blow-your-foodie-mind amazing to eat," says Elena. "The main trick is don't cook the zucchini more than a few minutes at most, to keep it crisp."

Elena's Zucchini Almond Saute

Makes 4 servings, and cooks in 25 minutes with 15 minutes of prep time.

Ingredients

- 2 pounds zucchini, julienned (cut into matchsticks)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup finely grated or shaved Parmesan or Pecorino cheese
- Freshly ground coarse salt and black pepper to taste

Preparation

Put zucchini in a colander, set in the sink or over a large bowl and toss with 1 teaspoon salt. Let squash stand 10 minutes, then squeeze well to remove as much excess moisture as possible (do not rinse).

Toast almonds in a large dry skillet over medium heat, tossing occasionally, until lightly browned (about 3 minutes). Transfer to a plate and set aside.

Heat oil in skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and red pepper flakes and cook, stirring often, until fragrant but not browned, about 2 minutes. Add squash and cook, tossing occasionally, until crisp and tender, 1-3 minutes, no more than 5 minutes max (crispy tender zucchini is the key to this dish, don't forget that it will continue cooking once removed from the flame). Fold in the almonds. Fold in the cheese, season with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately, while zucchini is still hot and crisp and enjoy!

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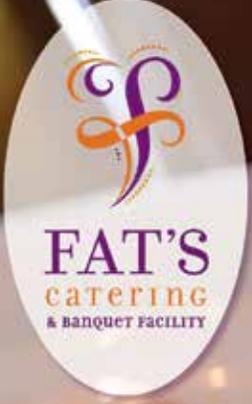



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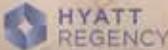
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Eastwood at the IMAX & Coppola at the Crest by Chris Narloch

Even though fall doesn't officially begin until September 22, the multiplex movies are already getting more serious, and screens appear to be mostly superhero-free for the next several months, save for the human variety.

Speaking of real-life superheroes, Clint Eastwood's *Sully* is opening in early September, and I also take a look at the return to the big screen of Francis Coppola's *The Outsiders*, which features more handsome men in one film than a Bel Ami gay porn video.

Esquire IMAX

I wasn't able to preview it before our deadline, but I will be anxious to see what Clint Eastwood and Tom Hanks do with their new feature film *Sully*, which tells the story behind the "Miracle on the Hudson."

You'll recall that on January 15, 2009, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger (Hanks) made an emergency landing in New York's Hudson River after US Airways Flight 1549 struck a flock of geese.

Miraculously, all of the 155 passengers and crew survived the harrowing ordeal, and Sullenberger became a national hero in the eyes of the public and the media.

What you may not know is that despite the accolades, the famed pilot subsequently faced an investigation that threatened to destroy his career and reputation.

I have high hopes for *Sully*. Like Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks always delivers the goods, and Eastwood is a far greater

director than he ever was an actor.

You can make up your own mind beginning Thursday, September 8, when the film opens at Sacramento's Esquire IMAX. Visit www.imax.com/theatres/esquire-imax.

The Crest

Over at the Crest Theatre, we can look forward to seeing a one-night-only screening of *The Outsiders*, a film from 1983 by Francis Coppola, the director of *The Godfather* films and *Apocalypse Now*.

Not since *Rebel Without a Cause* had Hollywood seen so much teenage angst in a single movie, and the male-centric melodrama boosted the careers of some of the sexiest young men on the silver screen at the time, including Tom Cruise, Matt Dillon, Patrick Swayze, Rob Lowe, Emilio Estevez, Ralph Macchio, and C. Thomas Howell.

On screen, in Coppola's capable hands, the director's adaptation of S. E. Hinton's popular novel became a florid celebration of teenage rebellion and male beauty.

Coppola (accurately) described the movie as "a *Gone with the Wind* for 14-year-old girls."

See it at the Crest on Friday, September



The Outsiders

16, at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.crestsacramento.com.

The Tower

Don't miss *Don't Think Twice*, which is currently scheduled (fingers crossed) to open at Sacramento's Tower Theatre on Friday, September 9.

This small indie comedy has very little publicity behind it, so you probably haven't heard of it, but the film's Rotten Tomatoes rating is running in the high 90s as I write this.

I would concur with those high marks for the movie, which features an excellent but largely unknown cast playing a largely unknown group of improv performers who

dream of making it big in the world of comedy.

Handsome Keegan-Michael Key (of Key and Peele fame) plays the lucky member of the talented group of friends. He actually lands a job on a popular SNL-like comedy program, sparking a bit of jealousy and some resentment among the other members of the troupe over his big break.

NPR's Mike Birbiglia wrote, directed and co-stars in the film, and he obviously knows the world of stand-up comedy inside and out. The movie is rife with accurate observations about fame and friendship, and the surprise is how heartfelt and funny and sometimes sad *Don't Think Twice* is - just like real life.

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The Lily Tomlin Experience at Fe Gallery

by Chris Narloch

Lily Tomlin, one of my favorite people on the planet, is the deserving subject of a lovely local tribute at Sacramento's Fe Gallery, where two-dozen or so artists have created works that interpret and honor the 76-year-old actress and comedienne.

The must-see group show on display at Fe Gallery on 65th Street may be unauthorized, but I am certain that Tomlin would be incredibly flattered by the amazing art in various media created in her name.

Among my favorite pieces in the show are Camilo Valencia's Picasso-like deconstruction of Ernestine (Tomlin's unforgettable switchboard operator character from *Laugh-In*) and beatific renderings by Sarah Hedlund and also Julie Crowder of Frankie, the actress's aging hippie character on *Grace and Frankie*.

Tomlin is still a knockout talent after decades in the business, and this charming gallery show is a gift to her fans in Sacramento and beyond.

The actress can be seen currently in the second season of *Grace and Frankie*, her Netflix series costarring Jane Fonda, and she contributed an award-worthy lead performance to the recent 'indie' film *Grandma*. The performer will also be the next honoree to receive a Life Achievement Award from the Screen Actors Guild.

The Lily Tomlin Experience will be up through at least September 29, including this month's Second Saturday, on September 10. For gallery hours and more information, please visit www.fegallery.com.

If The Lily Tomlin Experience whets your appetite for more art, don't miss the 11th Annual Sac Open Studios event, over two consecutive weekends in September.

This annual open studio tour is a viewer-driven event and a unique opportunity to see more than 150 contemporary artists in Sacramento County, in their workspaces.

This free event will happen between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. September 10-11 and 17-18. For more information and tour maps, visit www.vergeart.com.



Ernestine by Camilo Valencia

Tracy Morgan, Mavis Staples & Mary Chapin Carpenter

by Chris Narloch

Whether you're in the mood for big laughs or great music, you'll find it this fall on local stages, with shows at the Crest and Harris Center bringing great talent to the Sacramento area.

Tracy Morgan

This gutsy funnyman, who more than held his own alongside Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin on the sit-com *30 Rock*, has battled back from a near-fatal car accident, and he should have plenty to say about it when he plays the Crest Theatre this September.

Currently, Morgan is headlining a nationwide stand-up tour entitled *Picking Up the Pieces*, and he will also star as the late Redd Foxx alongside Mike Epps, who plays Richard Pryor in the upcoming biopic *Richard Pryor: Is It Something I Said?*

Tracy Morgan will play one show at the Crest, on September 22, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.crestsacramento.com.

Mary Chapin Carpenter

This folk queen plays the Harris Center in Folsom and

will perform new songs from her current CD *The Things That We Are Made Of*, as well as timeless tunes from her expansive catalog.

Don't miss this five-time Grammy winner, whose hits include "I Feel Lucky," "Passionate Kisses," "I Take My Chances," and "Shut up and Kiss Me." SBL



Mary Chapin Carpenter

Entertainment presents A Special Evening with Mary Chapin Carpenter, on Thursday, September 22nd, at 7:30 p.m.

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Mavis Staples

The fantastic gospel and soul singer Mavis Staples will also grace the stage of the Harris Center, on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 8:00 p.m.

Staples' career is a musical history lesson that spans from her family's protest music as The Staple Singers during the civil rights movement in the '60s through her later work with the likes of Prince and Jeff Tweedy.

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Burt Bacharach & Laura Benanti on CD

by Chris Narloch

Theater fans will want to check out these excellent new cast recordings, one a tribute to Burt Bacharach and the other a recent Tony Award winner.



Kyle Riabko and Burt Bacharach

Close To You: Bacharach Reimagined

This is the Original London Cast Recording of singer/actor Kyle Riabko's hit West End show, which began off-Broadway and featured Riabko's take on the genre-spanning catalogue of Burt Bacharach, with lyrics by Hal David and others.

Close To You: Bacharach Reimagined features over 30 hits as performed by Riabko and the other terrifically talented singers and musicians who made up the cast of the musical.

The album showcases wonderful new versions of such superb songs as "Alfie," "I Say a Little Prayer," "Walk On By," "The Look of Love," "I'll Never Fall In Love Again," "Don't Make Me Over," and the timeless title track, "Close To You."

For more information about both releases, visit www.sh-k-boom.com.

She Loves Me – 2016 Broadway Cast Recording

Ghostlight Records has also released the cast album of the critically acclaimed Broadway revival of *She Loves Me*, which starred Laura Benanti, Zachary Levi, and Jane Krakowski and was nominated for eight 2016 Tony Awards.

She Loves Me follows quarreling 1930s perfume-counter clerks who are unaware that they are each other's anonymous romantic pen pals.

The musical comedy is an adaptation of the play *Parfumerie* by Hungarian playwright Miklós László, which was also the source of several Hollywood movies, including the 1998 Tom Hanks-Meg Ryan film *You've Got Mail*.

The new cast recording of *She Loves Me* was created with a live orchestra and the complete Broadway cast of the show's 2016 revival.

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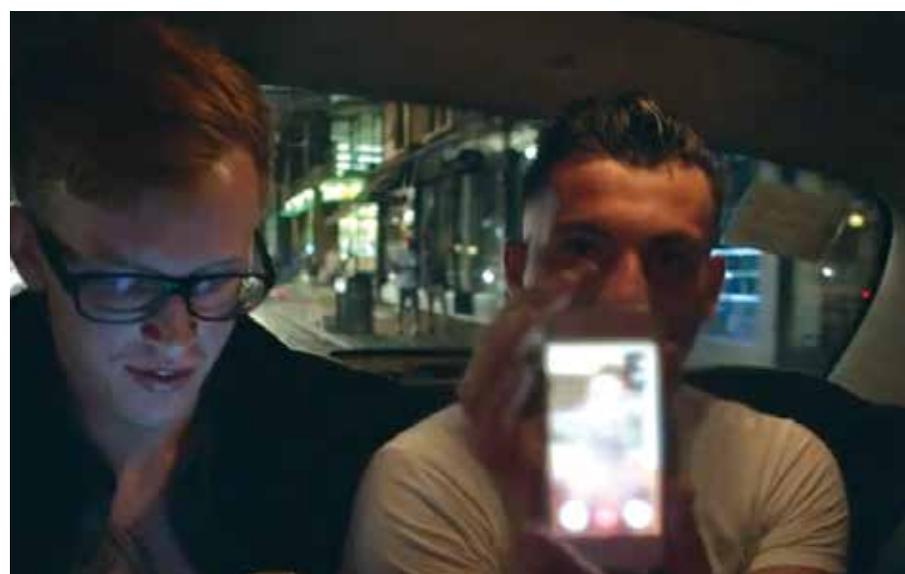
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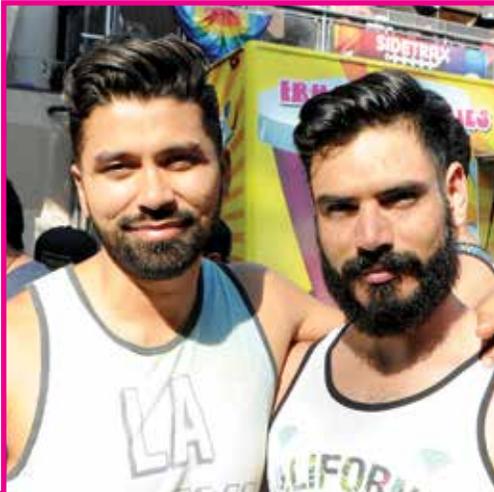
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Out & About

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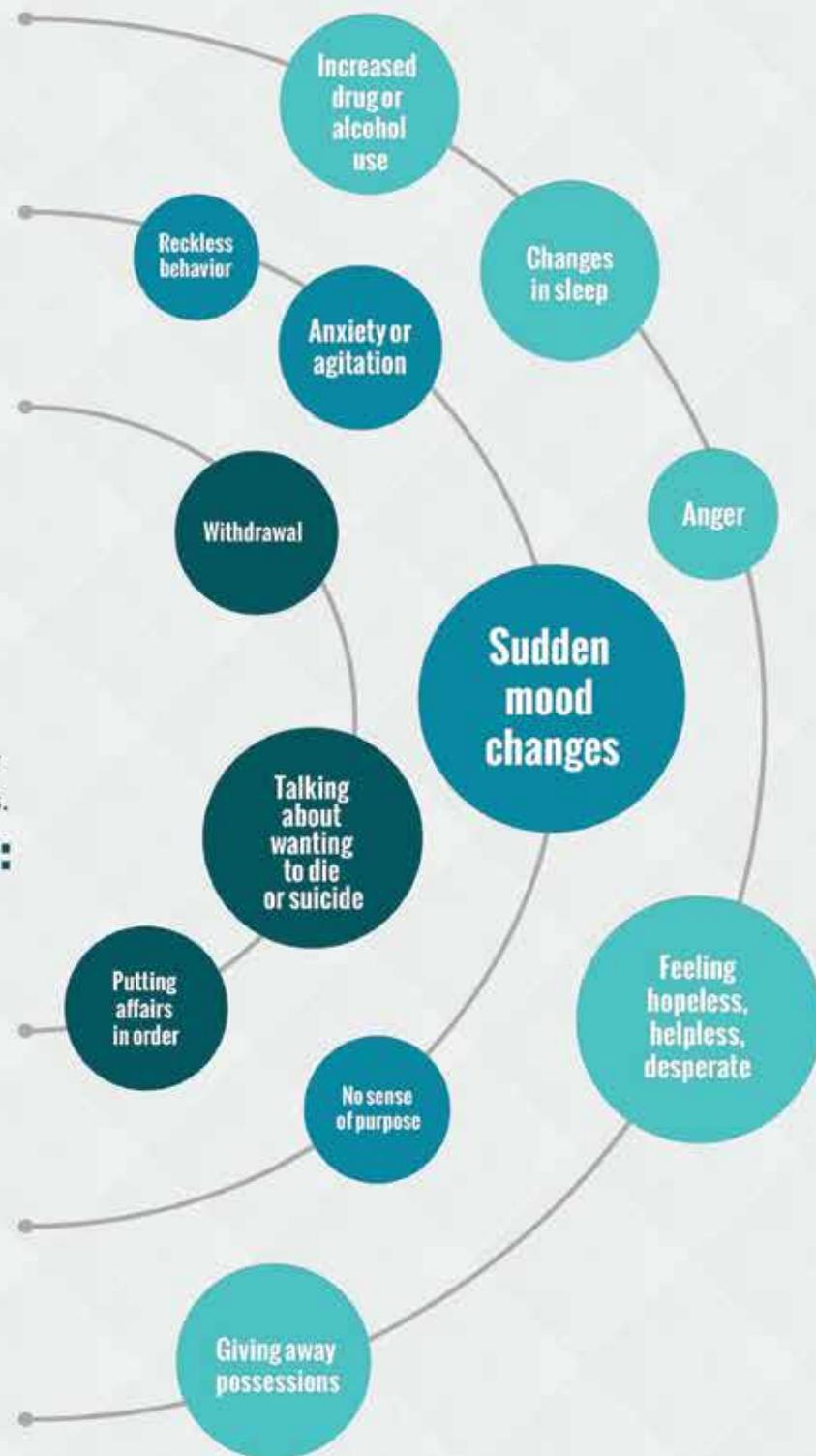
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