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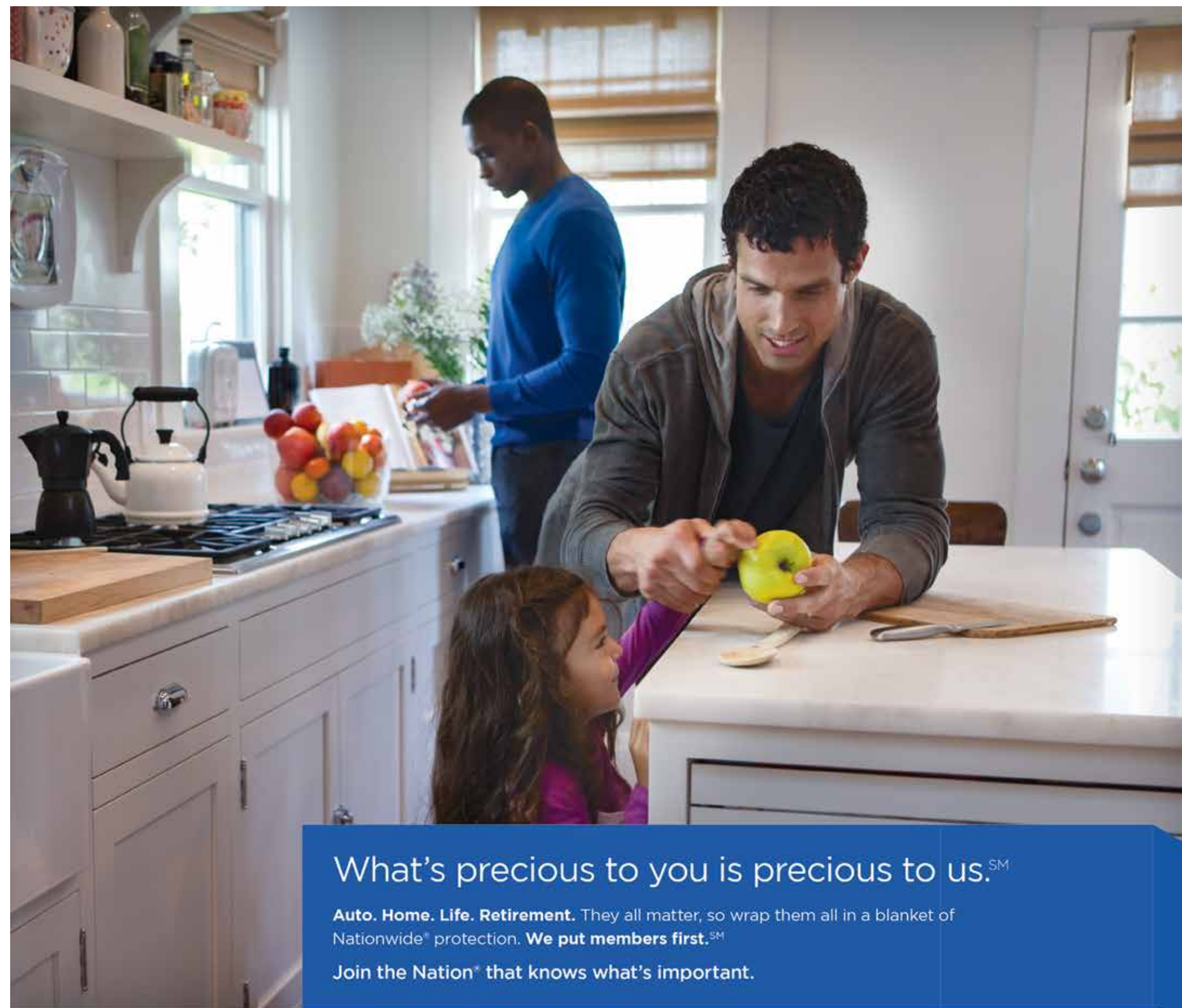


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Remembering Patty Blomberg

"Condom cart on SCC quad #Thursday," tweeted Sacramento City College (SCC) Public Health Instructor Patty Blomberg on September 15th. Patty was promoting the Protect Your Panther condom cart that distributes condoms and health information on campus.

Unfortunately, it was Patty's last tweet. Patty died this past Saturday (Sept. 17, 2016) night in a car accident that may have been onset by a health incident.

Capital City AIDS Fund (CCAF) donated the condom cart to SCC. Patty negotiated the process with administrators and helped train students to drive and manage the cart. It was her pride and joy, primarily because Patty was a passionate activist dedicated to saving lives and preventing new HIV infections and STIs.



Patty Blomberg

Patty's been on the frontlines of the HIV/AIDS pandemic since the early days. As a public health educator, she authored numerous journal articles about the virus including the Social Impact of AIDS in 1993 and the California HIV Prevention Plan in 1995.

Brains, personality, and spunk, Patty brought to SCC students and CCAF a tireless commitment and passion. Her dedication and devotion to the cause of HIV/AIDS will be forever cherished and remembered.

A funeral service is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on October 15th at the George L Klumpp Chapel of Flowers - 2691 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento. Patty Blomberg - Capital City AIDS Fund salutes you.

Joyce Mitchell, President, CCAF
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Services of Remembrance to Honor Those Lost to Violence

Sacramento's eighteenth annual Service of Remembrance, in memory of our brothers and sisters who have suffered violent deaths by murder or suicide as a result of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression will be held on Sunday, October 16th.

This year, the service will especially remember the victims of the tragedy and outrage of Orlando this past June, that underscores the terrifying fact that the LGBT community continues to be a target of hate.

The Service will honor their memories as well as the memories of all those who have died because they were, (or were perceived to be) lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

"Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to stand in solidarity with the LGBT community and its allies, said event organizer Kathleen Montgomery. "Remember their lives with love. Bear witness to the atrocity of their deaths. Affirm together that violence and hatred must end."

The Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m. at

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 2620 Capital Avenue, Sacramento. For more information, please contact Kathleen Montgomery, ladyiris49@gmail.com.

There will also be remembrances held for the transgender community held during Transgender Awareness Week, November 12th to 20th. In Sacramento, on Saturday November 12th there will be a Trans-Formative Night of Music, with a showing of the documentary *Real Boy*, plus music from Joe Stevens and Katmonkeys at the Colonial Theater at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday November 19th a Transgender Day of Remembrance and Candlelight Vigil at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.thegenderhealthcenter.org.

New HUD Regulation to Expand Shelter Access to Homeless Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released on September 20, a new rule that requires shelters to respect the gender identity of transgender and gender non-conforming homeless people.

This new HUD rule is an important step towards protecting the marginalized of the marginalized, homeless trans and gender nonconforming people, who are the most defenseless from discrimination. "Trans and gender nonconforming people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, are disproportionately people of color and people with disabilities, and trans and gender nonconforming youth are especially

vulnerable as they often are being forced to flee abusive families.

"By taking this action, HUD is sending the message to shelters and service providers that discrimination against the trans and gender nonconforming community is against U.S. Federal law," said Victoria M. Rodríguez-Roldán, Trans/Gender Non-Conforming Justice Project Director, National LGBTQ Task Force.

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MBA Names New Strategic Communications Manager

In preparation to provide expanded services to the Midtown business community and increase its footprint to include the Alhambra corridor in 2017, the Midtown Business Association (MBA) has hired Jameson Parker as Strategic Communications & Advocacy Manager.

In his new role with the organization, effective October 10, Jameson will be responsible for key initiatives such as advancing Midtown's interest in transportation options to and throughout the district, attracting resources to reduce homelessness, spearheading an increased investment in infrastructure elements (such as lighting for instance) and provide support to infill development projects.

"We are excited to complete our staff expansion effort with the hiring of Jameson Parker," said Emily Baime Michaels, Executive Director of the Midtown Business Association. "His knowledge of the Sacramento political climate and understanding of current issues facing the district will serve him well in his new role, and will also help us to further enhance the services we provide to support the thriving Midtown community."

Prior to joining the MBA, Paarker worked for the office of Councilmember Steve Hansen (2012 to 2016) serving as a district representative and an advisor for multiple high profile campaigns. After leaving the



Jameson Parker

council office, Parker worked for AIM Consulting, a public outreach consulting firm, as a Project Manager where he helped develop public outreach strategies and implement education campaigns. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State University with an emphasis on local government and has expertise in politics, district representation and project management.

For more information about Midtown Sacramento, please visit www.exploremidtown.org and for more information about current and future job openings, please visit www.exploremidtown.org/mba-property-association/about-mba/

Brown Signs Law Requiring School Youth Suicide Prevention Plans

California Governor Jerry Brown has signed a bill that requires school districts across the state to adopt formal suicide prevention, intervention, and follow-up plans for all middle and high school students.

AB 2246, authored by Asm. Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach and sponsored by Equality California and The Trevor Project was signed by the governor on Sept 26.

"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."

AB 2246 is the first bill of its kind in the nation, mandating that all schools with students in grades 7-12 implement suicide prevention policies that specifically address the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. The bill requires local education agencies to develop policies in conjunction with suicide prevention experts, school and community stakeholders, and school mental health professionals.


"Aside from students' own families, teachers often spend more time with at-risk kids than anyone else," said Rick Zbur,

executive director of Equality California. "But it is difficult to help at risk youth if teachers and school counselors don't recognize the warning signs or have access to resources at their schools. With the first state law in the nation to require middle and high school suicide prevention education that specifically requires attention to the needs of LGBTQ youth, California can now serve as a model for schools across the country."

"Nearly 20 percent of young people who reach out to The Trevor Project's suicide prevention programs are from California," said Abbe Land, executive director and CEO of The Trevor Project. "AB 2246 will provide parents, teachers and schools the tools they need to recognize students at risk for suicide and understand how to help, which will surely decrease the risk among youth in the state."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the second-leading cause of death among young people ages 10-24. LGB youth are up to four times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers, and nearly half of transgender people have thought about suicide.

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Brown Signs Bill Banning California State-Funded Travel to States with New Anti-LGBT Laws

Governor Jerry Brown on Sept. 27th signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1887, authored by Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Silicon Valley) and sponsored by Equality California and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. AB 1887 bans non-essential, state-funded travel by California state employees to North Carolina, Mississippi and other states that enact discriminatory laws after June, 2015.

It is similar to executive orders and local ordinances already in place in New York State, Baltimore, San Francisco and elsewhere. However, it expands on these executive orders because it applies to states that enact new anti-LGBT laws in the future.

"This new law will put the force of the world's sixth largest economy behind a strong message that bigotry against LGBT people is costly," said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California. "It provides a strong disincentive to states that may be considering adopting anti-LGBT laws similar to North Carolina's HB 2."

Governor Signs California "All-Gender" Restroom Bill

Jerry Brown has signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1732, establishing the nation's most progressive restroom access law, requiring that single-occupancy restrooms in California businesses, government buildings, and places of public accommodation be universally accessible to all genders.

The bill was authored by Asm. Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) and sponsored by Equality California, the Transgender Law Center and California National Organization of Women (NOW). AB 1732

"California is charting a new course for equality," said Ting. "Restricting access to single-user restrooms by gender defies common sense and disproportionately burdens the LGBT community, women, and parents or caretakers of dependents of the opposite gender. Bathroom access is a biological need. This law will ensure more safety, fairness, and convenience access for everyone."

AB 1732 takes effect March 1, 2017.

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore Suspended

The Alabama Court of the Judiciary on Sept. 30 suspended Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore for the rest of his term in office. The Court ruled that Moore violated the canons of judicial ethics by ordering Alabama's probate judges to defy a federal court injunction requiring them to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples on a non-discriminatory basis.

This is the second time in 13 years that Moore has been sanctioned as a result of ethics complaints filed by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

"The Court of the Judiciary has done the citizens of Alabama a great service by suspending Roy Moore from the bench," said SPLC President Richard Cohen. "He disgraced his office and undermined the integrity of the judiciary by putting his personal religious beliefs above his sworn duty to uphold the U.S. Constitution."

"Moore was elected to be a judge, not a preacher. It's something that he never seemed to understand."

The people of Alabama who cherish the rule of law are not going to miss the Ayatollah of Alabama."



Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore

Bill Signed to Protect LGBT Students Against Discrimination at Private Universities

Governor Brown has signed Senate Bill (SB) 1146, requiring private universities receiving public funds to publicly disclose if they discriminate against students with respect to gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

Senate Bill 1146 requires universities that are granted a Title IX exemption to notify the California Student Aid Commission and disseminate the information to students and staff.

"No university should have a license to discriminate, especially those receiving state funds," said Senator Lara, the bill's author. "Those that do will now have to inform incoming students of their Title 9 exemption. This law represents a critical first step in the ongoing efforts to protect students from discrimination for living their truths or loving openly."

At the federal level, Title IX prohibits discrimination based on gender, including sexual orientation and gender identity. However, if a university believes compliance with Title IX would conflict with its religion it may submit an exemption request to the U.S. Department of Education.

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SeniorAdvice.com, one of the nation's top senior housing referral services, has released a list of America's top cities for gay-friendly retirement today, using an un-biased scoring system specifically designed to measure the livability for seniors in U.S. cities.



Austin, Texas is ranked the number one city for LGBT seniors to live out their golden years.

SeniorAdvice.com recognizes that the lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) older adult community is currently a very important part of the American population to consider. According to the American Psychological Association, more than 39 million people in the U.S. are age 65 years or older including 1.5 million people who identify as LGBT.

Furthermore, as the baby boomer generation ages, the senior population will increase from 12.8 percent to an estimated 19 percent in 2030, meaning that the LGBT senior niche will undoubtedly grow as well.

The following U.S. cities have been named by SeniorScore as the most accommodating for LGBT seniors based on a data-driven algorithm:

1 – Austin, TX; 2 – Ft. Lauderdale, FL; 3 – Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN; 4 – Atlanta, GA; 5 – Phoenix, AZ; 6 – Orlando, FL; 7 –

Tampa, FL; 8 – Portland, OR; 9 – Seattle, WA; 10 – Columbus, OH; 11 – Salt Lake City, UT; 12 – Dallas, TX; 13 – Las Vegas, NV; 14 – San Francisco, CA; 15 – Houston, TX;

The ranking is calculated by compiling and factoring over 100 variables, including access to health care and number of senior residents, to help determine how well a specific location accommodates the comfort and needs of senior citizens. SeniorScore™ takes into account four different categories: health and safety, recreation and leisure, finance, and general quality of life. The SeniorScore™ is un-biased and is not influenced by personal opinion or financial interests in any way.

To view details regarding the top gay-friendly cities in America for seniors, visit www.senioradvice.com/articles/americas-best-cities-for-gay-friendly-retirement.

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EQCA Withdraws Endorsement from Six Candidates

Equality California has announced that it has withdrawn endorsements from six state assemblymembers following their “no” votes or abstentions on a bill that would require religious colleges and universities to disclose policies that discriminate against LGBT people.

Senate Bill (SB) 1146, authored by Sen. Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) and sponsored by Equality California, passed the California Assembly by a vote of 45-28 and the Senate by a vote of 25-13 on August 30. The bill now awaits the governor’s signature.

SB 1146 drew fierce opposition from right-wing activists, who raised \$350,000 in a campaign to defeat the bill. Assemblymembers Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno), Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks), and Rudy Salas (D-Bakersfield) voted against SB 1146 and Assemblymembers Cheryl Brown (D-San Bernardino), Patty Lopez (D-San Fernando) and Adrin Nazarian (D-Sherman Oaks) abstained.

In the California Legislature, abstentions have the same effect as “no” votes. Each legislator had been endorsed by Equality California earlier this year.

Equality California’s longstanding

endorsement policy requires 100-percent support for our priority legislation and is based in part on the voting record of incumbent legislators and requires ongoing support throughout the legislative session.

“We regret having to withdraw our endorsements of legislators who have otherwise been allies of the LGBT community,” said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California. “Our longstanding endorsement policy requires withdrawal because we tell our members that our endorsements include only incumbent legislators who have demonstrated a voting record of 100-hundred percent support for our priority legislation. We look forward to continuing to work with the lawmakers in question, and hope that their future voting records will allow us to consider endorsements in future elections.”

Michael Sestak Named RCOG Business Leader of the Year

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce has named Michael Sestak, founder and owner of Sestak Lighting Design, as its 2016 Business Leader of the Year.

Sestak is a former Chamber board member and president who initiated a partnership with the Sacramento Kings to facilitate contracting opportunities for small, local businesses during construction of the Golden 1 Arena.

As a Chamber leader, Sestak also played an important role in garnering support for AB 1678, which requires companies regulated by the California Public Utility Commission to include LGBT-owned businesses in their supplier diversity efforts.

“I am extremely proud of Michael Sestak and his selection as Business Leader of the Year for the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce,” said Chamber President Richard Hernandez. “Michael and I both had the opportunity to open the Hyatt Regency Sacramento in 1988. Through the years it has been a pleasure to see Michael grow into the successful business person that he has become in Sacramento. In addition, Michael has contributed in so many charitable ways to support our LGBT community. Congratulations, Michael.”

“It’s a real honor to be chosen as the Business Leader of the Year for 2016,” Sestak said. “Through leadership and community activism for our LGBT community, I accept this award and look forward to promoting our fellow members and their businesses.”

The Business Leader of the Year is selected by a panel of Chamber and community leaders and recognizes an individual who has demonstrated leadership success within his or her business and the business community as

well as within the Sacramento LGBT community and who has and will continue to serve as a role model for the Greater Sacramento community.

Sestak launched his lighting design business in 2000 following a successful culinary career, beginning at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco and later serving as pastry chef at Sacramento’s then newly opened Hyatt and at Mace’s, Biba’s, and Ettore’s European Bakery.

After obtaining his California Contractors C-10 license and developing his technical skills through courses provided by SMUD and the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, he built his business creating custom-designed installations for high-profile clients in the Sacramento area, such as Mark Friedman, Michael Lyon, Lina and Ken Fat, Jeanne Reaves, Cecilia Delury and Vince Jacobs.

Sestak’s commercial and residential lighting projects include the award-winning exterior lighting design for the California Governor’s Mansion, the interior lighting at Badlands nightclub, and the red-blue glow lighting at the top of the L Street Lofts. Most recently Sestak designed the colored lighting features in the UPRR underpass entryway and Clubhouse at the newly opened McKinley Village development in East Sacramento.

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Gynecomastia and the Gay Community

by Dr. Babak Dadvand, M.D.

Gynecomastia comes from the Greek words gyne (meaning female) and mastos (meaning breast), but it is also a condition that causes enlargement of a man's breasts and affects men of all ages.

Aside from the physical impact on the chest, there is a real emotional and psychological impact for men who suffer from this condition.

As a plastic surgeon specializing in gynecomastia correction, I have a large male patient population. Starting my practice in West Hollywood, I developed a large gay clientele, not just for gynecomastia surgery, but for a variety of cosmetic procedures and injectables.

One common theme that my gay patients tell me is that in parts of the community

work out hard enough, or does not watch what he eats. This could not be further from the truth! Gynecomastia has a variety of real causes, from hormone imbalances to medications to certain tumors to genetics. However, for at least half of the men who develop gynecomastia there is no known identifiable cause.

There is however, a treatment for this condition. The treatment does not come in a cream or a pill bottle or the inside of a gym. The treatment of gynecomastia comes in the operating room.



Surgery for gynecomastia, as shown in these before and after photos, can have a strong impact on the self-esteem and confidence of men.

As a board-certified plastic surgeon who performs over 150 gynecomastia surgeries per year, I have developed surgical techniques that can accurately and predictably treat this condition. The key is to individualize the treatment for each patient. This is not a cookie-cutter operation and the surgical plan needs to be tailored to the individual man's physique, skin tone, and tissue quality. This takes years of experience in order to achieve consistently great results.

The surgery is an outpatient procedure and most patients are surprised by how little pain they experience right after surgery. Most patients are back at work within four to five days and back in the gym after a month. For me success is measured in how confident my patients are with their new chests. I tell my patients that if they can leave their house without thinking about their chests, then I have done my job.

If you want to learn more about what I do please visit drdadvandplasticsurgery.com or call us at 310-278-4200.

Dr. Babak Dadvand is a board certified Plastic Surgeon, with offices in Beverly Hills.

there is a self-imposed pressure on looking and being physically fit. It's not just that thin is in, but a sleek, toned, muscular physique is the goal in this segment of the gay community.

Some of my gay male patients have told me that this pressure comes from needing to prove that being gay does not mean they are not masculine. Needless to say, having gynecomastia can have a real impact on these men. In a society where having enlarged breasts is still the butt of jokes, with terms such as man boobs, moobs, and bitch-tits, it is no wonder that gynecomastia can impact the self-esteem and confidence in these men.

Many of these men come in wearing multiple layers, dark colors, or shirts with patterns. They tend to slouch because sitting upright causes their chest to stick out even more. There is a real impact on their quality of life.

Most people think that gynecomastia occurs because the man is lazy, or does not



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Raley's Foundation Invests \$300,000 in The Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera

The Thomas P. Raley Foundation has invested \$300,000 to support the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera over the next three years. Thomas P. Raley was the founder of Raley's Supermarkets, which also owns Bel Air Markets and Nob Hill Foods.

The Thomas P. Raley Foundation and family have a long history of funding and expanding the arts in the Sacramento region.

"The Thomas P. Raley Foundation is delighted to support the artistic endeavors of the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera," said Joyce Raley Teel, the daughter of Thomas P. Raley, who serves as the co-chair of the foundation with her husband Jim Teel. "The leadership has shown great fiscal responsibility and artistic programming that is accessible to our community and we have faith in the organization."

"We are deeply appreciative to the Thomas P. Raley Foundation for its generous support and sincere faith in our efforts," said Alice Sauro, Executive Director of the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera. "This major gift is the first step of many in restoring the long-term health of the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera. As such, we have

positioned their gift as a Challenge Grant, matching dollar-for-dollar all new and increased gifts from other individuals, companies, and foundations through December 31, 2016."

The 2016-17 season will be further supported by the generosity of Nancy McRae Fisher, who will underwrite the Pops! Series for the second year in a row.

"Last year was astonishing. The Pops! Series was not only fun but literally filled the house! They are continually breaking records, bringing in new audiences, and reinvigorating classical music in the region. I am thrilled to be a part of it again for the 2016-17 season," said Fisher.

To make a donation towards the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera and Thomas P. Raley Foundation matching challenge, please call 916-808-1989 or visit www.SacPhilOpera.org.

Justin Sayre Releases *The Gay Agenda*

by Chris Narloch

Lord knows we have enough politically correct queer comics. What we've been missing lately is a good bitchy queen. Not to worry, dear readers, because funnyman Justin Sayre has just released *The Gay Agenda*, his hilarious (and very bitchy) debut comedy album.



Recorded live in New York at Joe's Pub and also 54 Below, the consistently funny disc compiles some of Sayre's most popular

routines from his hit monthly variety show, *The Meeting of the International Order of Sodomites*.

Sayre is a hoot dishing on celebrities like Miley and Gaga, but he's particularly perceptive and witty when laying out his view that "you're not ready!" for gay marriage.

The comic also goes in for the kill when it comes to gay guys who lust after virgins and straight men, and his tale of a gentleman named "Cock Goblin" that he met online (who wants to settle down and have a bunch of kids) is priceless.

The Gay Agenda is now available on iTunes and other digital formats.

Rocky Horror in Oak Park (and on FOX)

by Chris Narloch

While you wait for the new, small-screen version of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* starring Laverne Cox to debut on FOX this Oct. 20, you can get ready – or relive the experience afterwards – with a local stage version of the classic musical.



Most of the cast of Fox's new *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Get out your corset and heels and come be a part of a Sacramento Halloween tradition as an "adults-only" production of *Rocky Horror* returns to Oak Park, courtesy of Green Valley Theatre Company.

The Rocky Horror Show by Richard O'Brien is a long-running British horror comedy stage musical, which opened in London on June 19, 1973. The rest is history.

The musical was adapted into the 1975 film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, which today has a worldwide cult following and the longest running release

in film history.

Rocky Horror tells the story of a newly engaged couple who get caught in a storm. They take refuge in the home of a mad transvestite scientist about to unveil his new creation, a muscle man named Rocky Horror (played by Staz Nair on FOX).

No one under 18 will be admitted to Green Valley's *The Rocky Horror Show* under any circumstances. All shows at The Grange on V Street in Sacramento, playing Oct. 14-29.

For more information, please visit www.greenvalleytheatre.com and www.fox.com.



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Smoke On The River – A Beer & BBQ Festival Raising Funds For Local Art Programs

Art programs that assist at-risk children and children of homeless families will get a much needed financial shot in the arm from Smoke on the River, a fundraiser for The Sacramento Artists Council that will raise money for school art programs at Sacramento regional schools.

The 3rd annual Smoke on the River will be held at Miller Park on Saturday, October 15, and is a state championship and Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) sanctioned event, hosted by The Sacramento Artist Council, Inc. in partnership with The Grid Agency.

The event will feature a People's Choice BBQ award and tastings, and People's Choice award for Best Beer and Best Cider. Beer

tastings will be provided by over 10 confirmed breweries including Track 7 Brewing Co., Lagunitas Brewing Company, Sierra Nevada, Firestone Walker Brewing Company, Alaskan Brewing Company, Hoppy Brewing Company, Auburn Alehouse, Device Brewing Company, Shmaltz Brewing, Mike Hess Brewing and more.

The festival will also feature live



entertainment and is dog-friendly, and there will be over 40 Pitmasters competing.

New to the festival this year is the corn hole tournament. The one-man tournament entry fee includes a full access ticket and a donation to the Sacramento Artist Council. First place will take home a set of corn hole

boards, second place \$50 and third place \$25.

Sponsors of this event include Welk Resorts, Goldrush Getaways and Sysco. Meat for the People's Choice category is generously being donated by Sysco.

For more information and tickets, visit smokeontheriversac.com.

Twyla Tharp Dance Celebrates 50 Years

Harris Center welcomes the *Twyla Tharp Dance 50th Anniversary Tour* to Folsom this month, in what promises to be an unprecedented dance event for the community.

Over her storied career, Twyla Tharp has created over 160 dances across many genres and choreographed for film (from Milos Forman to James Brooks) and Broadway (with music ranging from Billy Joel to Bob

Dylan).

The word "legend" is almost too modest a word to describe Tharp; the choreographer has received a Tony Award for *Movin' Out*, 19 honorary doctorates, and a MacArthur

Fellowship, among other honors.

Don't miss an evening of world-class dance, as 12 dancers perform a range of work from Ms. Tharp's far-reaching career.

Twyla Tharp Dance brings its *50th Anniversary Tour* to Harris Center on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.harriscenter.net for more information.



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Halloween Fun and Thrills

While Sacramento's LGBT bars will be hosting their own inimitable tributes to Halloween, there will also be plenty of other goings on in Sacramento that offer fun for both adults and kids.

As we went to press, none of the clubs had released details about their Halloween bashes, so to see what their up to this year, visit FACES.net, SacBadlands.com and SacBolt.com.

Halloween House Concert and Masquerade Party

Hosted by Five Rivers Bardic Arts Collective and The Sacramento Grove of the Oak, the Concert features the band Angwish, Burlesque by Nixie Cane and the

Perkie Passionettes, Performance Poetry by Emherson and the Naked Poets Reading, and the Incredible, Mystical Flutes of Linda Michelle Hardy. Must be 18 to attend. Friday, October 28, 8:00 pm to ?, at Five Rivers House, 315 V St. \$10, 916-640-7543

The Haunted Fort at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park – October 28 & 29

For those interested in a ghoulishly unique experience, check out the 7th annual "The Haunted Fort" at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. Once again, the historic site will offer a special Halloween program based in fact but with a decidedly creepy twist. Daring visitors will go on guided lantern-lit tours through the darkened rooms and hear unusual and intriguing tales of how some of California's early pioneers perished throughout history. For more, visit www.suttersfort.org

Midtown Halloween Festival & Pooch Parade

The Midtown Business Association is once again presenting the crowd-favorite event on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Marshall Park (915 27th Street). The canine-friendly event is highlighted by the much-anticipated "pooch parade" scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. that day. Visit www.exploremidtown.org

All New Daytime Boo at the Zoo

For the first time ever, the entire Sacramento Zoo will be transformed into a daytime Halloween wonderland for superheroes, princesses and critters of all sorts during the All New Daytime Boo at the Zoo. Guests will enjoy trick-or-treating and other ghoulish, safe, family-friendly fun. Both days will include trick or treat candy stations, themed stage shows, pumpkin bowling, festive activities and of course, a chance to

Don't miss one of Sacramento's major Halloween happenings for children age five and under! Now an annual tradition, charmingly costumed tots and their grownups take a delightful stroll through the Museum and encounter gentle music and dance surprises from some of the city's favorite entertainers. At each stop, children receive a small gift for their specially decorated treat bag. Space is limited, and advance registration



Universal Studios Hollywood touts a greatest hit lineup for **Halloween Horror Nights 2016**, headlining with gruesome mazes based on *The Exorcist*, *American Horror Story*, *The Walking Dead*, *Friday the 13th*, *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, *Halloween*, *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and *The Purge*. **Halloween Horror Nights** runs through November 5, 2016. Visit www.HalloweenHorrorNights.com/Hollywood.

enjoy all of the animals that call the Zoo home. Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sacramento Zoo, at the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park.

Spookomotive Train Ride

This delightful, not frightful train is just the ticket for the family. Ride the train along the levees of the river and listen to a whimsical Halloween stories while the "skeleton" crew passes out a special toy treat for each child. On the return trip, rock to the music of creepy, crawly Halloween songs. Visit Www.californiarailroad.museum/spookomotive-train-ride!

Ghost Tours at the Sacramento History Museum – Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29

Departing from the Sacramento History Museum, visitors to Old Sacramento journey back in time to hear ghostly tales and spooky stories as they walk through the history-rich streets and re-live 19th century lore. For more, go to www.sachistorymuseum.org

Wee Halloween at the Crocker Art Museum – October 26

is required. For more, visit www.crockerartmuseum.org

Superheroes & Supervillains at the California Automobile Museum – October 30

Young guests can explore the world of superheroes and supervillains! The Museum will transform into a haunted dwelling with cars sporting their super revved up parts. Find the Batmobile And Bat-Cycle to help fight off any villains that may be present. For more, visit www.calautomuseum.org

Shocktoberfest 17: Pyramid of Freaks

The 17th Annual Extravaganza of Terror & Titillation includes 5 new one-act performances: *The Haunted House* - a classic grand guignol thriller; *The Hellgrammite Method* - a modern mortality tale probing the horrors of parasitic dipsomania; *Demon Train To Sodom* - a world-premiere pulp fiction musical by Scumbly Koldewyn - *Pyramid Of Freaks* - a world-premiere black comedy by rob keefe; and *A Lights-Out Spookshow Finale*. Through Nov. 19, 2016 www.hypnodrome.org

Palm Springs Is Getting Ready for Its Closeup

by Ed Walsh

Palm Springs, The Desert City, is welcoming in the cooler fall weather with a number of LGBT events, with everything from Leather Pride to the annual street party in celebration of the LGBT High Holiday.



Sunrise at the Century Palm Springs Resort

The fall gets underway with Leather Pride, Oct. 27-30, followed by a Halloween street party on Saturday, Oct. 29, and then Palm Springs Pride over the first weekend of November. Pride includes a weekend festival and a parade down Palm Canyon Drive, the city's main drag, on Sunday, Nov. 6.

You can get to Palm Springs on connecting flights from Sacramento International in a little over three hours. Or you can get there a little quicker if you fly nonstop into the Ontario airport and drive to the city, which is about an hour away. If you want to drive the whole way, it will take you about seven hours from Sacto.

If you can't get to Palm Springs for the big fall events, there is plenty to keep LGBTs

content there all year round. As one of the world's gayest cities, it is fitting that Palm Springs also has more gay resorts than anywhere in the world. Although three of the gay hotels have closed this year, the area still boasts 20. One is lesbian oriented and the other 19 are for gay men.

For the uninitiated, the city's Warm Sands neighborhood has Palm Springs' largest cluster of gay resorts ranging from the more couple oriented to a few that are more cruisy. The second-largest cluster of gay inns is nearby on San Lorenzo Road.

Palm Springs' neighbor, Cathedral City, also has a large gay population. "Cat City" has three gay bars and a gay resort, the Cathedral City Boys Club (CCBC), which is

open 24 hours a day every day for night and day passes.

All the gay resorts except for All Worlds offer a free continental breakfast and some offer a free lunch as well as a cocktail hour. Only one, CCBC, charges a resort fee. That extra charge is about \$20 extra per night, so worth keeping in mind when you are comparing prices. All the gay male resorts are clothing optional except for the upscale and fabulous East Canyon Hotel and Spa.

Century Palm Springs is a stunning property that showcases mid-century modern design and the best mountain view of any of the Warm Sands properties. The gay boutique inn, Hacienda at Warm Sands, is a good example of why the gay resorts have such a loyal clientele and is one of the most luxurious of any hotel in the city, gay or mixed. Other great Warm Sands hotels are Vista Grande, INNduge, Desert Paradise and El Mirasol Villas.

Since Queen of Hearts closed a couple of years ago, Casitas Laquita is Palm Springs' only lesbian hotel. It is a wonderfully appointed resort with a southwestern theme. It hosts a number of lesbian parties and special events.

The Sights

Like the many aging Hollywood stars and starlets who have a second home in the city, Palm Springs is constantly having work done. Downtown is undergoing a facelift

right now that will undoubtedly bring even more visitors to the city and keep regulars coming back for more.

The massive project along S. Palm Canyon Dr. between W. Tahquitz Canyon Way and E. Armado Road will open up Palm Canyon Dr. to the city's art museum, which was often missed by visitors because it is a block behind the city's main street. The newblock-long stroll to the museum from Palm Canyon Dr. will be flanked with restaurants and shops.

Other major attractions include the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and the Indian Canyons. The tram takes visitors from the base of the desert to the top of Mt. San Jacinto in ten minutes. Indian Canyons are beautiful oases filled with palm springs and streams.

The Nightlife

The biggest cluster of gay bars is in downtown Palm Springs is along E. Arenas Road, near S. Indian Canyon Drive. Cathedral City has three gay bars, which tend to attract more locals. The Friday night happy hour at Wangs of the Desert and the Sunday afternoon Tea Dance at Oscars are legendary.

Ed Walsh is a freelance journalist based in Northern California. He writes regularly for the Bay Area Reporter and has contributed to more than a dozen other U.S. and foreign LGBT publications. He can be contacted at edwalsh94105@yahoo.com.

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The 40th Anniversary of *Carrie*

by Chris Narloch

Like many people, I tend to watch more horror movies and scary television shows in October, leading up to Halloween, than during any other time of the year.



Luckily, a new DVD arrived in the mail the other day, just in time to perk me up, of one of my favorite horror movies from the '70s.

Carrie was the first film adaptation of a Stephen King novel, and it still may be the best. The theatrical release was a box office hit in 1976, garnering Academy Award nominations for the up and coming star Sissy Spacek (*Coal Miner's Daughter*), and film veteran Piper Laurie (*The Hustler*), a rare accomplishment for the horror genre at the time.

Featuring the first major film roles for John Travolta, who was then starring in TV's *Welcome Back Kotter*, Nancy Allen (*RoboCop*) and William Katt (*The Greatest American Hero*), *Carrie* was also the big screen debut for Amy Irving (*Yentl*), P.J. Soles (*Halloween*) and Betty Buckley (*Cats*, *Eight Is Enough*).

Scream Factory home entertainment celebrates the 40th anniversary of the film with a 2-disc Collector's Edition Blu-ray release (out this month) which includes a brand new 4K scan of the film and nearly three hours of bonus material, including excellent interviews with the cast and legendary director Brian De Palma.

Recently, I was very pleasantly surprised (so far) by the new small-screen series of *The Exorcist* starring Geena Davis, Ben Daniels, and the handsome Alfonso Herrera.

On the other hand, I have been incredibly disappointed with the boring new season of *American Horror Story*, which hasn't been the same since Jessica Lange departed.



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Harry Potter and Terrence Malick in IMAX

The Esquire IMAX on K Street in Sacramento continues to schedule an exciting mixture of Hollywood blockbusters and in-depth documentaries, and October is no exception.

A marathon of all the previous *Harry Potter* movies plays for one week beginning Oct. 13, and it will share the super-sized IMAX screen this month with a don't-miss documentary by visionary director Terrence Malick.

Harry Potter Movie Marathon

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But don't stop with just those two movies – take advantage of this one-week exclusive opportunity to celebrate with an IMAX marathon.

You can see all eight films, get your "Harry Potter Marathon Card" stamped at each screening and receive a free ticket to see

the explosion of diverse life forms on planet earth, including humankind, the film's panorama of awe-inspiring images will move you in immersive ways that only IMAX can deliver.

This is a cosmic experience – a hymn to the glories of nature, life and scientific discovery – in which all the elements come together to form Malick's most original film to date.

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The Harry Potter gang.

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Voyage of Time: The IMAX Experience will be shown exclusively in IMAX theatres and will be playing throughout October, but not every day.

For dates and show times at the Esquire IMAX on K Street, visit www.imax.com/imax-esquire-oo.

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Hara Kiri is a Romeo and Julietesque LGBT-drama



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Trevor Is Full of Wit and Heartbreaking Tenderness



Trevor was once a minor celebrity, performing on television opposite the likes of Morgan Fairchild, but lately the spotlight has eluded him. At home he has trouble connecting with his doting adoptive mother, and his recent erratic behavior is beginning to concern his neighbors and local law enforcement – all pretty typical for a self-involved, has-been actor, but with one crucial distinction: Trevor is an 11-year-old chimpanzee. Catch the hysterical show at Big Idea Theatre Through Oct. 29. Visit www.bigideatheatre.org

Bust Out Your Red Clothing for Sacramento's Hottest Party with a Purpose

The 5th Annual Sacramento Red Dress/Dress Red party is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th at Badlands nightclub and will feature headliner Adore Delano, Qui510 and live beats from DJ Pumpkin Spice.

Guests, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, are encouraged to wear a red dress OR dress in all red as a symbol of their solidarity with the LGBT community, which experiences significant health disparities with HIV/AIDS, mental health, addiction, homelessness, and suicide.

Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Sacramento LGBT Community Center's HIV outreach and education programs.

This year's event is hosted by local media personality Bethany Crouch and will feature hors d'oeuvres, drink tickets, complimentary coat check and an interactive photo booth. VIP ticket holders also receive access to an Adore Delano meet and greet.

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Featured Member of the Month

New Exhibition Documents SF's LGBTQ Latino Culture from 1970s to 1990s

For decades, Spanish speakers in many parts of the Western Hemisphere recognize the word *ambiente* – literally meaning “atmosphere” or “environment” – as a coded reference. Queer Latinas and Latinos have used the word to identify themselves, their distinctive cultures and their spirit of resistance.



A sampling of the Adela Vázquez papers documenting San Francisco's LGBTQ Latino scene from the 1980s and 1990s; collection of Juliana Delgado Lopera. Courtesy GLBT Historical Society.

The term is at the heart of a new exhibition that will debut October 28 at the GLBT History Museum: *Noche de Ambiente*. The show opens a window into the meanings of *ambiente* as reflected in Latino drag performance and LGBTQ and AIDS activism in San Francisco from the 1970s into the 1990s.

Curated by Juliana Delgado Lopera and Ángel Rafael “Ralph” Vázquez-Concepción, the exhibition brings together documents, images and videos from the GLBT Historical Society's archives as well as materials contributed by community members.

“Growing up in Puerto Rico, the word *ambiente* was familiar; I heard it a lot when I was a kid in the ‘80s,” says Vázquez-Concepción. “Later I came to understand the shielding effect it has. Like a spell, it turns the space it refers to into Latinx queer domain.”

Delgado Lopera first learned the word from the woman she sees as her queer

mother, Adela Vázquez, who told Lopera stories that opened an underground world of queer Latinidad invisible to the public eye. Through Vázquez she met many queer Latinas and Latinos active during the 1980s and 1990s, some of whom formed her chosen family. “I’m committed to the unearthing and preservation of their stories because they’re part of me, they created openings for me to exist,” Lopera says.

Noche de Ambiente opens on Friday, October 28, with a public reception set for 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the GLBT History Museum at 4127 18th St. in San Francisco. The curators will make brief remarks to inaugurate the show. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5.00; free for members. The exhibition will be on display in the museum's Front Gallery through February 2017.

For more information, visit www.glbthistorymuseum.org.

“At Least I Galloped ... When Did You?”



Dr. Martin Dysart (John Fisher), a psychiatrist, is confronted by Alan Strang (Morgan Lange), a boy who has blinded six horses in a violent fit of passion in the complex and disturbingly dramatic *Equus*. Nov. 25 - Dec. 10 at Theatre Rhinoceros in SF www.TheRhino.org. Photo by David Wilson.

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Halloween Horror at the Tower and The Crest by Chris Narloch

Black-and-white horror movies like the original *Night of the Living Dead* can often seem even more chilling than creepy films that are in color. Perhaps it's the documentary-like feeling that you're watching something "real."

Two classic, black-and-white fright films will return to the big screen locally this October, at the Crest and the Tower, to raise the hair on the back of your neck.

The Bride of Frankenstein

The Bride of Frankenstein left audiences reeling when it hit the silver screen in 1935. Incredible special effects and makeup, and terrific performances have made this superb sequel a timeless classic of horror.

Boris Karloff brings us yet another amazing character as The Creature, and this time he's in love. As so often happens in real life, his beloved (Elsa Lanchester) doesn't feel the same way about him, and all hell breaks loose.

The Crest is happy to show this unforgettable gem from the golden age of cinema in glorious black and white, on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.crestsacramento.com.

Psycho

Alfred Hitchcock's landmark masterpiece of the macabre, *Psycho*, stars Anthony Perkins as the troubled Norman Bates, whose old dark house and adjoining motel are not the place to spend a quiet evening.

When Marion Crane, spectacularly played by Janet Leigh, ends up at the Bates Motel after making off with \$40,000 in cash, there's hardly a film fan alive that doesn't know what happens next. You'll never shower in a motel again!



Alfred Hitchcock at the Bates Motel set.

First a private detective, then Marion's sister, search for her as the horror and suspense mount to a terrifying climax in which the mysterious killer is finally

revealed.

Psycho plays at the Tower Theatre, on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31 at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.readingcinemasus.com/tower.

Children's Book Inspired by Son's Princess Dress

With more and more families and schools grappling with how to respond to gender diversity among children and with gender issues increasingly in the news, a Berkeley, California mom has reached into her own experience with her son to write an affirming and beautiful bilingual children's book about gender diversity.

Already receiving praise from book reviewers and LGBTQ community advocates nationwide, *One of a Kind, Like Me/Único Como Yo* is the first of a new series of diverse children's books being issued by Blood Orange Press, dedicated to bringing diversity to children's literature. *One of a Kind, Like Me/Único Como Yo*, first-time children's book author Laurin Mayeno introduces us to Danny, a multiracial Latinx preschooler who wants to go to his school costume parade as a princess – so he and his mom head out in search of the perfect princess dress. As time runs out, the tension mounts: Will he find his dress in time? The book shows us a loving multicultural family, teacher, and friendships that embrace Danny for who he is.

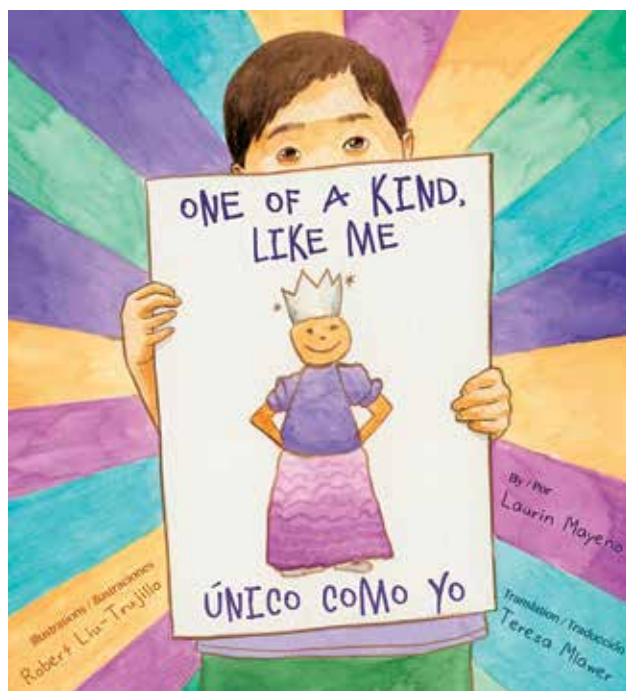
Robert Liu-Trujillo draws the reader into Danny's world with his charming illustrations and Teresa Mlawer retells the story beautifully in a Spanish translation that appears directly opposite the English text.

Serena Yates of Rainbow Book Reviews wrote, "There are very few children's books that challenge gender stereotypes, but this one is a perfect example of what such books could look like. ... The author has written Danny's story based on what happened to her son, and he is a very lucky boy!"

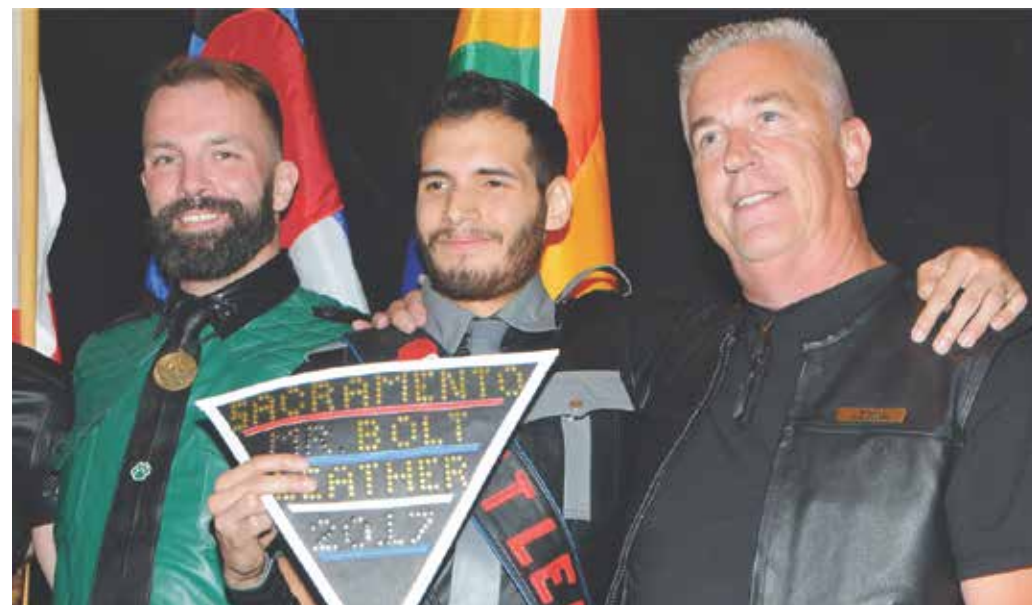
"When I was growing up as a

mixed-race child, I didn't see people who looked like me in books," Mayeno says. "And, when my son Danny decided to dress up as a princess, I didn't know other children like him. Danny started to realize he was different and felt very alone. I also felt very alone as a mother. I wanted a book where children and families like ours could see themselves reflected back, know that they are not alone, and know that they are beautiful."

The book is available now at bloodorangepress.com, Amazon.com and retailers throughout the United States.



Sacramento Chooses a New Mr. Bolt Leather



Congratulations to Fred Colmenares, the new Mr. Sacramento Bolt Leather 2017. Congratulations also to Zachary Blankenship and Roque Lara who also competed for the title and made the judges decision a difficult one. Colmenares was selected at a contest held Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Bolt Bar. He is pictured here with Mr. Bolt Leather 2016 Ray Sherwin and Bolt Bar owner Kenny Yerkes. Colmenares will represent Sacramento at leather events and LGBT community events throughout California and at the International Mr. Leather Contest in Chicago in May.

Coming Out Is Painfully Awkward and Hilariously Honest



In his directorial debut, young NYC-based filmmaker Alden Peters (right) documents his own coming-out experience, capturing everything on-camera as he plans and boldly captures his disclosures to friends, family, and society. *Coming Out* places viewers directly inside the raw, intimate moments when Alden reveals his true identity to his family and friends, ranging from the painfully awkward to the hilariously honest. Available on iTunes, Vimeo On Demand, and WolfeOnDemand.com. Watch the trailer at vimeo.com/ondemand/comingout4/174719391

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