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Trump Signs Police Enforcement Executive Orders

President Donald Trump has signed three executive orders that stand to significantly increase the criminalization and incarceration of some of the nation's most vulnerable populations by broadening law enforcement agencies' powers.

"Trump's executive orders that expand the discretionary power of police enforcement are a clear attack on freedom, justice and equality. These new polices are intended to further criminalize, imprison, and deny justice to the nation's most targeted populations including people of color, people living below the poverty line, and LGBTQ people," said Rea Carey, National LGBTQ Task Force Executive Director.

A report published in 2014 shows that 73 percent of LGBTQ respondents had an interaction with police in the last five years. 21 percent of those respondents reported hostile attitudes from officers, 14 percent reported verbal assault by police, three percent reported sexual harassment and two percent reported physical assault by officers.

Furthermore, in 2016, of the 963 people shot by police officers, about half of those people were people of color and almost 25 percent were Black – while Black people only make up 13 percent of the U.S.

population.

"Law enforcement already has too much power, and too much discretion. We don't need anything more to 'stop crimes against law enforcement officers,' in fact all 50 states have laws that make it a serious crime to assault or kill law enforcement officers. There is no evidence that these laws are under-enforced," said Carey.

"Trump's actions are yet another example of how laws intended to protect vulnerable populations are instead being manipulated to harm those who are intended to be protected. Hate crimes laws are intended to aid prosecutions for crimes that were under-charged or not charged at all. These Executive Orders will only increase policing and prosecutions of people of color, LGBTQ people, and lower-income people," said Meghan Maury, National LGBTQ Task Force Criminal and Economic Justice Project Director.

Fair Haven Explores the Devastating Impact of Conversion Therapy on Young Lives



After a stint in ex-gay conversion therapy, James returns to the family farm and his emotionally stilted father the man who insisted he go to therapy in the first place. During a bucolic summer afternoon, things unexpectedly heat up when what has been hidden for so long can no longer be ignored by either father or son. Watch the trailer for *Fair Haven* at youtube.com/watch?v=eopY3GOEw7U&feature=youtu.be Available from bgpics.com.

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What I Might Know

by Maya Steinhart (She/Her/Hers)

It takes more than one person to create change. It even takes far more than one type of person to do so. It may even take a conference like Creating Change.

Creating Change – held January 24th – 28th in Washington D.C and sponsored by the National LGBTQ Task Force – was an experience in the mass amounts of queer that must come together to build a movement strong enough to tear down the status quo.

The LGBTQ+ community is made up of people that are each unique in their own combination of identities, but all too often those identities are co-opted and forced to fit into very narrow boxes.

Even within the spaces we call home, the same force is present. This is the force that constrains our individual queerness and the beautiful things it can be or do.

I have had a hard time figuring out what I can do to help change that force. Will I be subtle? Will I be wild? Can I dance in the street or do I have to burn it down?

Finding where you belong in a tapestry of radical action is fucking tough. There is so much flying at you at all times and so many are expecting you to know already how you are going to act. I don't know much of anything for certain, except for this: I will always try my best.

I will always try my best to be an ally to those who want me, an advocate for those who will have me, and an activist, because I need me. I promise to take criticism and grow from it. I promise to acknowledge the privileges I have and I pledge to not let them cloud my thoughts into thinking that all have lived the way I have.

This is a promise I make to myself and one I hope you can make too.

Doing your best is relative, but maintaining over-reaching promises to

yourself and the world is not. The people at Creating Change cemented for me what intersectionality must mean in the promises I make.

Intersectionality must mean that I should examine where my beliefs come from. That I must consider each aspect of my identity in every action I take.

For me, intersectionality and introspection are intertwined. Honestly, life is more complicated when you seek to actively examine every way the world twists and collides into itself and how those twists and collisions are represented in your own self. It's hard. But, oh my, is it worth it.

I am a polysexual, multi-racial, cis-female who is only slightly femme of center. I could take those aspects of myself and bundle them up separately with bows, but I like it a lot better when I take myself as a whole. Too many others wish to divide my being and I will not allow myself to do it, not any longer.

At this point in time I've got no idea what radical act works for me, other than loving myself for me. Self-care must be radical. Introspection must be radical. Being alive must be radical.

I learned a lot of "trivial" things at Creating Change. I learned about student leadership and "queering climate change." I must say, those things are slightly less inspirational than saying I learned that it's ok not to know and made promises to myself about how I want to live.

Creating Change was inspirational in ways I doubt the Task Force ever anticipated. Even if they were not the ones that directly fueled this inspiration, I must thank them for providing the space for it. I must also thank you, dear reader, for reading my ramblings and (hopefully) putting in the effort to understand my new-found form of radicalism.

Maya Steinhart is a student and attended the Creating Change Conference as a part of the youth group at the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Community Center

CA Schools Still Hostile for LGBT Secondary Students

U.S. secondary schools are slowly improving but remain hostile environments for many LGBTQ students, including those in California according to a new report from GLESEN.

GLESEN's Biennial National School Climate Survey, which began in 1999, found that harassment and discrimination negatively affect LGBTQ students' educational outcomes and mental health.

The research, released on January 11th, also confirmed that lower levels of harassment and better educational outcomes are related to the presence of school-based supports: LGBTQ-inclusive anti-bullying policies, LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum, supportive educators and Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs).

For California specifically, the report found:

- The vast majority of LGBTQ students in California regularly heard anti-LGBT remarks. Many also regularly heard school staff make homophobic remarks (17 percent) and negative remarks about someone's gender expression (34 percent).

- Most LGBTQ students in California had been victimized at school. Of those, more than half never reported the incident to school staff

(62 percent). Only 39 percent of those students who reported incidents said it resulted in effective staff intervention.

- Many LGBTQ students in California reported discriminatory policies or practices

at their school. Almost half (47 percent) experienced at least one form of discrimination at school during the past year. In California, two in five transgender students (41 percent) were unable to use the school restroom that aligned with their gender identity.

- Many LGBTQ students in California did not have access to in-school resources and supports. Only 16 percent attended a school with a comprehensive anti-bullying/harassment policy; a third (33 percent) had access to an LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum. However, three-quarters (75 percent) could identify six or more supportive school staff, and nearly three-quarters (73 percent) had access to a GSA or similar student club.

"The results of this survey mirror the stories we hear from LGBTQ middle and high school students in California," said Joel Gemino, Chair of GLESEN Los Angeles. "Schools are still hostile environments for so many of these students, and now more than ever they need our support."

The complete GLESEN National School Climate Survey report is online at www.glsen.org/nscs.



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Hate Groups Increase for Second Consecutive Year

The number of hate groups in the United States rose for a second year in a row in 2016 as the radical right was energized by the candidacy of Donald Trump, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center's (SPLC) annual census of hate groups and other extremist organizations.

The most dramatic growth was the near-tripling of anti-Muslim hate groups – from 34 in 2015 to 101 last year.

The SPLC also released an in-depth profile of the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), an anti-LGBT hate group. Leaders of the legal advocacy organization and its affiliated lawyers have regularly demonized LGBT people, falsely linking them to pedophilia, calling them “evil” and a threat to children and society, and blaming them for the “persecution of devout Christians.” The group also has supported the criminalization of homosexuality in several countries.

The growth has been accompanied by a rash of crimes targeting Muslims, including an arson that destroyed a mosque in Victoria, Texas, just hours after the Trump administration announced an executive order suspending travel from some predominantly Muslim countries.

The latest FBI statistics show that hate crimes against Muslims grew by 67 percent in 2015, the year in which Trump launched his campaign.

The report, contained in the Spring 2017 issue of the SPLC's Intelligence Report, can be read at www.splcenter.org. Online readers

will also find an interactive map showing the names, types and locations of hate groups across the country.

The SPLC found that the number of hate groups operating in 2016 rose to 917 – up from 892 in 2015. The number is 101 shy of the all-time record set in 2011, but high by historic standards.

“2016 was an unprecedented year for hate,” said Mark Potok, senior fellow and editor of the Intelligence Report. “The country saw a resurgence of white nationalism that imperils the racial progress we’ve made, along with the rise of a president whose policies reflect the values of white nationalists. In Steve Bannon, these extremists think they finally have an ally who has the president’s ear.”

The increase in anti-Muslim hate was

fueled by Trump’s incendiary rhetoric, including his campaign pledge to bar Muslims from entering the United States, as well as anger over terrorist attacks such as the June massacre of 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando.



The overall number of hate groups likely understates the real level of organized hatred in America as a growing number of extremists operate mainly online and are not formally affiliated with hate groups.

Aside from its annual census of extremist groups, the SPLC found that Trump’s rhetoric reverberated across the nation in other ways. In the first 10 days after his election, the SPLC documented 867 bias-related incidents, including more than 300 that targeted immigrants or Muslims.

Study Finds Our Values Are Becoming More Progressive

Humanity is constantly driven towards progress and improvement, and with the start of a new year there is a desire to do more, be more, and achieve more than the year before.

However, during times of economic and political unrest – as was the case for the end of 2016 – there is a desire to refocus priorities, and to reevaluate what matters most.

The results of a study by researchers at Queendom.com and PsychTests reveal that values are becoming less egocentric and more globally oriented.

Examining data from 1088 people who took their Values Profile, researchers at Queendom analyzed the rankings of 30

different values. According to their study, these are the top three values that matter most to people right now:

#1: Empathy

The value of empathy and compassion tops the list as the most important value. When images of desperate refugees fleeing war-torn countries flashed across screens all over the world, an overwhelming desire to help arose along with it. In times of crisis, a sense of compassion for the suffering of others blurs religious, cultural, and political

differences and brings strangers together for a common cause.

#2: Family & Friends

The desire to develop stronger bonds with friends and family is increasing in importance, despite their annoying quirks. Social support is crucial, particularly during times of stress. Within most individuals is the desire to belong and to be accepted by others.

#3: Hard Work

There is nothing more disconcerting and discouraging as an unproductive rut. Regardless of occupation, education, and cultural background, Queendom’s study reveals that people are driven to achieve and determined to make something of themselves. The value of hard work is immeasurable, as it not only provides financial compensation, but a sense of pride and accomplishment as well.

“Even when we isolated certain populations, like women, men, Millennials, Generation Xers, and Baby Boomers, this particular group of values still remained in the top 10, if not the top three,” explains Dr. Jerabek, president of PsychTests. “People are forgoing egocentric values like money (ranked 15th), power (ranked 28th), and recognition (ranked last), and embracing the types of values that will help them achieve greater unity and harmony. And we feel this is a great way to start a new year.”

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Queer Christians Become More Visible with Glitter Ash

Pro-LGBTQ Christians across the country will “come out” on Ash Wednesday, March 1, for Glitter Ash Wednesday, a new campaign to make LGBTQ Christians and allies more visible.

“Ash Wednesday is a day when Christians are highly visible,” said the Rev. Marian Edmonds Allen, executive director of Parity, one of the lead organizers of the new initiative. “Glitter Ash Wednesday will demonstrate that LGBTQ Christians and our allies are passionate about our faith, and about seeking justice and wholeness for LGBTQ communities and other marginalized people.”

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of self-reflection and preparation for Easter. The imposition of ashes on the forehead, a traditional practice that “marks” believers with the sign of the cross, takes place in Christian churches and communities worldwide, as well as in parks, commuter rail stations and other public spaces.

Participants in #GlitterAshWednesday will receive ashes mixed with purple glitter, combining a traditional symbol of repentance with a message of solidarity.

“People are taking to the streets to give voice to their core values and beliefs, and progressive Christians must be visible

participants in standing up for justice,” said the Rev. Elizabeth M. Edman, author of the recently released book *Queer Virtue* and co-organizer of #GlitterAshWednesday. “Ashes are a bold public statement that death and suffering are real. The glitter will be a sign of hope and our promise not to despair in these difficult times.”

The Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown, global moderator of Metropolitan Community Church, said: “MCC is a proud partner with Parity in queering Ash Wednesday, through glitter ashes and any other way that LGBTQ+ people choose to be present and visible during the holy season of Lent. Glitter ashes represent a call to deeply consider long-held traditions and ways that we mark our bodies as present and visible. In this season, we will shimmer in the presence of our Creator.”

More information about #GlitterAshWednesday, including a list of participating sites, can be found at queervirtue.com/glitter-ash-wednesday, parity.nyc/glitter-ash-wednesday and facebook.com/glitterashwednesday.

World Outgames Miami Launches Poetry Contest

World OutGames Miami 2017, is inviting poetry enthusiasts to submit their favorite poem for a chance to be chosen to read it aloud during a special event at The Betsy Hotel during the Games.

The cultural event, which is a collaboration between World OutGames Miami and the Favorite Poem Project, will feature a special appearance by the 39th Poet Laureate of the United States (1997-2000) and the project’s founder, Robert Pinsky.

“Our three pillars – Sports, Culture and Human Rights – are at the core of everything we do,” said Ivan Cano, CEO of World OutGames Miami. “Like the World OutGames, the Favorite Poem Project brings together individuals from all walks of life. This cultural offering adds another dimension to our amazing 10-day program which will inspire, motivate and celebrate the human spirit.”

Founded by Robert Pinsky, the Favorite Poem Project, a collaborative effort dedicated to celebrating, documenting and encouraging poetry’s role in Americans’ lives, has been committed to strengthening communities through the art of poetry. Since its inception, the project has facilitated nearly 1,000 community reading events across the country.

The poetry event is one of many to take place during the 10-day event. World OutGames Miami will bring to life more than 450 events with 34 competitive sports, a three-day global human rights conference and a variety of cultural offerings.

Now through April 13, World OutGames Miami is accepting submissions from poetry enthusiasts looking to participate in the event. For more information, visit outgames.org.

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The concert will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located at 2100 J St in Midtown. There is a suggested donation of \$20, with a reception following the performance.

Tickets can be reserved at www.servant-hearts.org.

DOJ Fails to Defend Transgender Student Guidelines

The Justice Department has announced that it is withdrawing its request for a stay of an injunction on enforcement of Obama-era guidelines protecting transgender students,

"In withdrawing its request for a stay on an injunction barring the federal government from enforcing President Obama's guidelines protecting transgender students, the Justice Department has signaled – less than 48 hours after confirmation of Jeff Sessions as attorney general by the U.S. Senate – that it does indeed intend to dismantle as much of recent LGBT civil rights gains as possible," said EQCA Director Rick Zbur in a released statement:

Bill to Modernize Discriminatory HIV Laws Introduced

Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and Assemblymember Todd Gloria (D-San Diego) have introduced a bill to modernize laws that criminalize and stigmatize people living with HIV. Assemblymember David Chiu is also a co-author of the bill.

SB 239 would amend California's HIV criminalization laws, enacted in the 1980s and '90s at a time of fear and ignorance about HIV and its transmission, to make them consistent with laws involving other serious communicable diseases.

"These laws are discriminatory, not based in science, and detrimental to our HIV prevention goals," said Sen. Wiener. "It's time to repeal these laws, use science-based approaches to reduce HIV transmission (instead of fear-based approaches), and stop discriminating against our HIV-positive neighbors."

The bill is cosponsored by the ACLU of California, APLA Health, Black AIDS Institute, Equality California, Lambda Legal and Positive Women's Network - USA.

Washington State Supreme Court Rules Florist Discriminated Against Same-Sex Couple

The Washington Supreme Court has ruled that a florist in Richland violated the state's anti-discrimination law when she denied service to a same-sex couple for their wedding.

Curt Freed and Robert Ingersoll were refused service by Arlene's Flowers because they are gay. The American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Washington are representing Freed and Ingersoll in their lawsuit against the florist for violating their rights. The suit, *Ingersoll v. Arlene's Flowers*, was heard jointly with the consumer protection lawsuit against Arlene's Flowers brought by the state of Washington.

"We're thrilled that the Washington Supreme Court has ruled in our favor. The court affirmed that we are on the right side of law and the right side of history," said Freed and Ingersoll. "We felt it was so important that we stand up against discrimination because we don't want what happened to us to happen to anyone else. We are so glad that we stood up for our rights."

Sacramento Library Waiving Fines for Overdue Books

Do you have an old Library item, like a book or movie, lying around that you've been meaning to bring back, but wince at the thought of the potential fine involved? You're in luck because the Sacramento Public Library is waiving fines on all returned Library items through March 15.

They understand that sometimes things can fall through the cracks. They also have a sense of humor and would love to hear your reasons for returning your items late, no matter how audacious. Tell them your stories on social media using #NoFineIfFound.

Fines associated with the value of items returned, plus a \$10 collection agency fine, will be waived and if you have already brought items back, but didn't pay the \$10 collection agency fine, visit any Library location to have the fine waived.

Transgender Inmate Receives Gender Affirming Surgery

Michelle-Lael Norsworthy, most notably known for setting a precedent that the state of California needs to provide gender reassignment surgery for trans inmates, has finally undergone her surgery on February 10.

In April 2015, in the landmark decision of *Norsworthy v. Beard*, U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar ruled the state of California needed to provide the surgery due to her chemical castration from long-term high doses of hormone treatment therapy. Although the surgery was scheduled, Michelle-Lael was unexpectedly paroled shortly before it happened, which meant the state no longer needed to provide the surgery.

"After being paroled right before my surgery, I was all of a sudden completely alone and needed to find my own way to get it," Michelle-Lael explained. "It wasn't easy, learning how to figure out how things work out here after being behind bars for 30 years, but I was determined!"

More details about Michelle-Lael Norsworthy are available at www.threegirlsmedia.com/2016/04/06/michelle-lael-norsworthy.

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Beach Rats, Winner of Sudance 2017 Director's Award, Is a Very Gritty Look at Sex in the City



In *Beach Rats*, an aimless teenager on the outer edges of Brooklyn struggles to escape his bleak home life and navigate questions of self-identity as he balances his time between his delinquent friends, a potential new girlfriend and older men he meets online. Eliza Hittman, who also wrote the script, won the 2017 Director's Award for her work on the film. Watch the trailer at www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdZmwep-4al&feature=youtu.be


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A Look at “Alternative Facts” Surrounding Prenups

Prenups get a bad rap. For whatever reason (celebrity drama, movie plotlines, click-bait headlines), prenuptial agreements have garnered a reputation for destroying the very bedrock of the bond between two people.

In a new age of “alternative facts,” the seemingly destructive power of the prenup blurs the truth. Prenup negotiations can be creative, romance-affirming, and bond-solidifying for any marrying couple. Let’s take the most commonly perceived “alternative facts” about prenups and shine the light of truth:

- **Alternative Fact 1: Prenups are Romance Killers.**

Actual Truth: Prenups allow a couple to decide between themselves how to conduct their relationship, and can even discard basic principles of state law in favor of their own preferences.

State Legislatures determine the rules for marriages and domestic partnerships – rules not always logical or reasonable to every person who marries. What could be more romantic than a couple working together to chart their own course in life? To cast off antiquated notions of what marriage should be and make their own rulebook?

That is the definition of empowerment, and empowerment is nothing if not romantic.

- **Alternative Fact 2: Prenups are often unenforceable.**

Actual Truth: A prenup done badly could be unenforceable. But the Uniform Premarital Agreement Act (laws that govern prenups) has been adopted in over half of the U.S. states, and has been proposed for adoption in several more.

This means for most of us, as long as the terms of these rules are met, the enforceability of prenups is not issue. The rules mostly concern whether the soon-to-be-spouses are apprised of all relevant information before signing, and that one spouse is not getting an unfair advantage over the other.

Assuming the prenup has all of the required bells and whistles, enforcement should not be a problem.

- **Alternative Fact 3: Prenups cost thousands of dollars.**

Actual Truth: Prenups only cost as much as the time and complexity required in each situation. In second or third marriages, a prenup will have more moving parts to address mature estates with real property holdings, inheritances, business interests, and retirement accounts.

In cases where spouses bring fewer assets or even children to the union, a prenup can be very simple and straightforward. While legal fees can vary (and you should ask about billing practices when interviewing family law attorneys), a prenup should not break the outwordmagazine.com



by Neil M. E. Forester, Esq.

bank unless the spouses are very wealthy (in which case they have a much larger bank to break).

- **Alternative Fact 4: Only rich people need prenups.**

Actual Truth: Every married couple has a prenup whether they know it or not. Enacted by our State Legislature, it’s called the Family Code – and most couples have absolutely no idea what the Family Code says or how it affects their individual relationships.

Every couple can benefit by discussing and drafting a very simple prenup – after all, who wants our elected officials to decide how our individual property rights are determined, or how much money someone is going to get if the relationship falters? Those are very personal issues, and a simple prenup can vest the authority for that decision making in the people most affected by those issues.

We live in an unpredictable world, and contingency planning is never a bad thing. Most people would never consider throwing everything they own on black in life’s game of roulette without a safety net of some kind. Sometimes life comes up red, after all. And when it does, a well drafted and thoughtfully considered prenup can ease the pain of an unexpected downturn in a relationship.

So don’t turn your nose up at a prenup – they really are there to help you, despite what those pesky alternative facts might insinuate. Seek out solid legal advice before getting hitched – a good prenup can really get your marriage off to a great start!

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Over 200 vendors will be on hand for the 5th Annual LGBT Wedding Expo to make it easy for you to plan your wedding and giving you the peace of mind knowing that your special day will be perfect.



Some of the models at last years Expo.

Over 200 vendors will be on hand for the 5th Annual LGBT Wedding Expo to make it easy for you to plan your wedding and giving you the peace of mind knowing that your special day will be perfect.

Produced by Outword Media and Details Details the Expo, will be held from noon - to 4p.m. at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. Admission is free, and on top of that there will be free food, wine and beer tasting provided by some of Sacramento's finest caterers, restaurants wineries and brewers.

One of the highlights of the Expo is the fashion show, highlighting the newest and hottest trends in wedding gowns and men's wear.

Another favorite aspect of the Expo is getting to meet with the different venues that host sites for your wedding, from wineries to ballrooms and reception sites. Often one of the most important decisions to be made, these experts will help you find the perfect site to meet your budget.

Saving your special day with keepsake photos that you will treasure for a lifetime is also very important and several photographers will be on hand to help guide you through the process of finding a photographer that can best work with you.

The biggest part of any wedding is the reception following the ceremony, where your guests can enjoy the treats and dinner that you have planned for them. You can get it just right by talking with the chefs and bakers at the Expo, who



can give you expert advice on everything from appetizers to the main course to deserts - or show you how to keep it simpler and more informal.

Did we mention florists? A key ingredient to your wedding will be surrounding yourselves in beautiful flower arrangements and some of Sacramento's best florists will be on hand to share with you their ideas and expertise.

And if that is not enough, the expo will feature plenty of swag and informational brochures and pamphlets for you to take home with you. There will also be raffles throughout the day, with a chance to win a stay in beautiful Puerto Vallarta.

To make the day even more festive, their will be a Ballroom Dance Exhibition hosted by Q-Rated dance instructors, the ever popular Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus will perform, and a live DJ will be spinning all day.

So bring your friends and family along with you and let them get in on the fun of planning your wedding.

The LGBT Wedding Expo will be held Sunday, March 5th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, located at 1209 L St. in downtown Sacramento and admission is free.

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When Planning Your Wedding, Don't Forget About the First Dance!

by Jamie Cooper

A newly wedded couple's first dance is a moment that many wedding guests look forward to. It is usually the first thing the couple does after the marriage ceremony, and can set the tone for the reception.

For the couple this can be either an exciting moment or a nerve-racking one, especially for those who are not comfortable with dancing or being the center of attention. A professional can help you achieve your goals no matter what they are.

Every couple is unique and their first dance should reflect their individuality. A professional can help with this experience by providing instruction to the couple that fits their individual needs.

Professional dance instructors can teach the couple a few simple steps that can help them feel comfortable on the dance floor, or they can choreograph a full routine that fits the couple's song perfectly.

Here are a few tips to create a less stressful learning experience.

- 1. Start early. There are a lot of last minute details that come up as the big day nears, so don't leave your dance preparation until the end. For a choreographed routine, it is recommended to start at least six weeks before your wedding day, earlier if you can.
- 2. Be patient while learning. Everyone has a different learning speed, so don't get frustrated if your partner is not picking it up as quickly as you would like.



The first dance sets a tone for your wedding reception, so why not make it special?

- 3. Practice! Meeting with your instructor will teach you the dance steps, but practicing between those lessons will allow your body to learn the steps faster. It will also mean that you spend less time in review and more time learning new skills and choreography during the lessons themselves.
- 4. Wear the right footwear. It is important



enjoyable for both parties if you leave the instruction to a professional. They can make sure that you are doing everything correctly and with proper technique, especially if you want to do dips and other types of tricks.

6. Have fun! This last but possibly most important tip is critical to an enjoyable dance for both the couple and the watching guests, and often gets lost in the mad dash to make sure that all preparations are complete.

First Dances are not the only way a professional can help. Dance instructors can also provide instruction for Father/Daughter dances, Mother/Son dances, or even bridal party dances.

Jamie Cooper, owner of Q-Rated - a Ballroom and Latin Dance Company that specializes in same-sex dancing - has been teaching dance for over thirteen years. She has helped hundreds of couples with their first dance and more. If you are interested in learning to dance but do not need wedding choreography, Jamie offers a Beginning Ballroom Class on Wednesday nights as well as private lessons. You can contact her at 916-905-4166, email qrateddance@gmail.com or visit www.qrateddance.com

- to practice in either the shoes you will be wearing the big day, or shoes that are very similar. This way you will know if you are able to do everything in them, and you will be more comfortable on the dance floor.
- 5. Don't try to teach your partner yourself. It will make the experience much more

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Save Time and Money at the LGBT Wedding Expo

by Joan Cusick

Getting the most out of the LGBT Wedding Expo means more than collecting business cards and sampling food and wine.

After all, same-sex weddings are big business now. According to a June 2016 report by UCLA's Williams Institute, 132,000 same-sex couples married in the first year following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to extend marriage equality nationwide. With average spending on \$11,000 per wedding, same-sex couples generated an estimated \$1.58 billion to the national economy, plus \$102 million in state and local sales tax revenue, the report found. This year marks Sacramento's fifth annual LGBT Wedding Expo, to be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. "The first year after gay marriage became legal, it was such a celebration," said Bonnie Osborn, who has attended all four LGBT Wedding Expos. "It may have

of your budget range for each vendor category.

- What questions do you want to ask? Start a small wedding notebook, with a page devoted to each type of vendor. On each page, jot down what you want to know about that particular service. For example, does the photographer have previous experience in photographing same-sex weddings?



Scott's Seafood booth at 2015 LGBT Wedding Expo.

version" that includes your name, address, wedding date, email and phone. Exchange these cards with high-priority vendors.

- Bring a checkbook. If you find the perfect vendor, you may want to put down a deposit on the spot – especially if there's an available discount. This becomes more important for key dates from May through September, which book up extremely fast.

STEP 3: Follow-up
Once you leave the LGBT Wedding Expo, in many ways your work is just beginning. You have all this information; now, what do you do with it?

- Who are your top vendors? Rank the vendors you liked most in each of your priority categories.
- What other information is available? Visit each vendor's website and social media pages to see additional samples of their work.
- When can you meet? Don't wait for the vendor to contact you. Phone or email your top choices in each vendor category, and ask if you can get together for a free consultation, especially if show discounts are available.

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House of Fashion booth at 2015 LGBT Wedding Expo.

calmed down a little, but you still get couples who are in love and so joyful about their opportunity to marry."

The expo is not only a chance to celebrate. It's also an opportunity to gather information and take advantage of vendor discounts. Wedding experts recommend three easy steps to make the most out of the LGBT Wedding Expo.

STEP 1: Plan
In advance of the LGBT Wedding Expo, ask yourself a few basic questions:

- What vendors do you need? Make a list of people you would like to meet at the expo, such as caterers, entertainers, florists, photographers, venue representatives, wedding planners and more. This will give you a priority list of the booths you want to visit.
- How much do you plan to spend? Have at least a general idea

Will the venue allow you to bring in outside catering and alcohol?

STEP 2: Attend
On the day of the expo, plan to spend one to two hours talking with vendors and viewing – or tasting! – samples of their work. When you check in at the registration desk, ask about times for the two runway fashion shows. If you have already made decisions about your wedding attire, consider visiting with vendors during the fashion show. Their booths are usually less crowded then, and you may get more personalized attention. Here are a few things you may want to bring to the expo:

- Bring your bride or groom. When couples attend together, they get a better idea of vendors who are the best fit for them. If you attend with a larger group of friends, you may want to split up for vendor visits and then reconvene to

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In a Marriage, Sometimes Fighting Means “I Love You”

Whenever reporters capture feel-good stories of couples who have celebrated 50 years of marriage (or more), they always ask the same question: “What is the key to a long, happy marriage?”

And nearly every time, the happy couple offers the same age-old wisdom, like not going to bed angry, working out differences, knowing how to pick battles, and knowing when to let things go.

The belief that it's healthy to argue seems counterintuitive, but research from Queendom.com and PsychTests.com reveals that this theory isn't fluff. In fact, just like candy hearts, the sweetly appealing demeanor of people who never argue may belie a belly full of unsavory, pent-up emotions.

Analyzing data from over 22, 000 people who took their Interpersonal Communication Skills Test, researchers at Queendom and PsychTests offer these tips on how to fight fair:

- Watch your timing. Don't start an argument just before you are supposed to go to bed or when heading to a get-together. Also, remember that arguing in front of other people, especially children, is always a bad idea.

- Stay focused and solve one problem at a time. Bringing up multiple issues at once is a mistake. This tactic can result in an overwhelmingly long, exhausting fight. It's

also possible that while all of these issues will be revealed, none of them will get resolved.

- Find common ground. Begin by pointing out things that you can agree on. Even if you have opposing points of view, there will likely be a few items you see eye-to-eye on. This tactic builds a bridge between you and your partner and creates a working atmosphere that focuses on a shared goal.

- Tell your partner exactly what is on your mind. Don't try to hide your emotions by being vague, like yelling at your partner for not doing the dishes when what you're really upset about is the fact that he or she spends too much time at work. Be clear about why you're upset, otherwise you'll never be able to solve the real issue.

- When arguing, do not attack your partner's character. Instead, discuss specific behaviors and how you feel about them. While character traits are difficult to change, specific behaviors can be modified. For example, instead of saying, “You are such a lousy father,” say, “I disagree with the way you reprimanded our kids because yelling scares them.” Or, instead of saying, “You never spend any time with me anymore,”

say, “I miss spending time with you.”

- Take a break. When you get too furious, take a time-out of at least 20 minutes. Set a specific time, not too far in the future, to continue. This will help cool down tempers and gives both parties time to reflect on what has already been discussed.

- Accept that some issues just can't be solved in one argument. If you encounter a complex issue (such as infidelity or a power

struggle), make sure that you both understand that the topic will have to be addressed again and again. If there doesn't seem to be any progress being made or if you feel like you're going in circles, consult a professional who can help guide you through your issue.

Want to assess your communication skills? Check out http://www.queendom.com/tests/take_test.php?idRegTest=2288

Intimacy & Fun Are the New Trends in Wedding Photos

As newly engaged couples are starting off 2017 in planning mode, wedding photography choices are at the top of the list, and photojournalists at George Street Photo & Video, serving over 40 markets nationwide, are predicting the hottest “Must-Do” trends to capture your special day.



Editorial photographs capture the spirit of your wedding as well as send a message. Photo courtesy George Street Photo & Video.

First Look: Few moments can compare to the honest emotion found within that first look at your betrothed. No longer forced to wait for the walk down the aisle, these genuine first look expressions are now captured in creative ways as they lay eyes their beloved.

Movement Shots: These provide a unique way to showcase wedding dresses in motion as they dance or spin, making the dress come alive rather than static poses.

Photo Booth: Crazy sunglasses, top hats, veils and mustaches for the bridal party and wedding guests makes for sweet, memorable and often comical photos of your guests. Way more fun and creative than everyone just standing around a table and smiling.

Sparklers and Smoke Bombs: Colorful wisps of smoke or the ethereal fire of sparklers lighting a couple's way creates

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Jessica Lange & Susan Sarandon *Feud* On FX

by Chris Narloch

Thank God I'm not a television critic because there are not enough hours in the day to keep up with all of the new cable and web series being produced nowadays.



Jessica Lange and Susan Sarandon star in *Feud*

I just got done watching *The Young Pope* on HBO, and that same cable network already has another star-studded series ready to roll in *Big Little Lies*, starring Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, and Laura Dern.

I haven't even begun to watch *Atlanta*, *Sneaky Pete*, and Neil Patrick Harris' new *Lemony Snicket*, but I will be glued to my television set come March 5 when Susan Sarandon and Jessica Lange begin their "Feud" on FX.

From the twisted mind of Ryan Murphy (*American Horror Story*, *Scream Queens*), *Feud* has two great stars of today playing two great stars of yesterday, as Lange and

Sarandon portray Joan Crawford and Bette Davis, respectively.

All you really need to know is that Davis and Crawford despised each other in real life, and their epic feud reached a boiling point when both actresses were cast as comeback costars in one of the campiest horror movies in Hollywood history, 1962's *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?*

If the two lovely leads aren't enough to get you to tune in, *Feud* also stars the great Judy Davis as Hedda Hopper, Alfred Molina as Robert Aldrich, Stanley Tucci as Jack L. Warner, Sarah Paulson as Geraldine Page, Catherine Zeta-Jones as Olivia de Havilland, and Kathy Bates as Joan Blondell.

La La Land Sings on CD by Chris Narloch

If you enjoyed *La La Land* on the big screen, you can relive that blissful experience again and again with the movie's very enjoyable soundtrack CD.

The album features the songs performed by Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling in the movie plus several selections from its score by the film's composer, Justin Hurwitz.

The CD begins with a bang as the cast belts out "Another Day of Sun," the zippy song that also opens the film during that glorious musical traffic jam.

You could argue that Stone and Gosling are no Astaire and Rogers, but that was part of the charm of *La La Land* for me.

Rather than casting leads that were great singers and dancers, director Damien Chazelle instead chose two

excellent actors with real chemistry whose singing and dancing is endearing rather than mind-blowing.

If Emma Stone wins the Oscar for Best Actress, it will probably be for nailing her big number, "Audition (The Fools Who Dream)," which is a high point of both the film and the CD.

Don't forget to tune in to ABC on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 to see how many gold statuettes *La La Land* wins of its 14 nominations.

Note: For reviews of new movies currently in theaters, please visit www.outwordmagazine.com.



Jerry Lee Does Dickens In Drag

by Chris Narloch

Sacramento-based theater actor/director Jerry Lee will revisit his 2013 production of *A Tale of Two Cities* in early March. Adapted by Everett Quinton, from the original novel by Charles Dickens, the production will run for four performances only.



Jerry Lee and Jane Robertson.
Photo by Chris Baad.

A play within a one-man show, *A Tale of Two Cities* features Lee as an aspiring drag performer who discovers a swaddled baby left on his doorstep en route to his performance debut.

When attempts to quiet the screaming infant fail, Jerry turns to a recitation of Dickens' classic to comfort the child, all while recreating both pre-Victorian England and revolution-era Paris in his tiny studio apartment.

Lee assumes multiple roles in the production, including the disreputable English lawyer and drunk, Sydney Carton, French aristocrat Charles Darnay, Lucy Mannette, and the villainous Madame Defarge.

A Tale of Two Cities will run for four performances, March 10-11, at The Ooley Theatre on 28th Street in Downtown Sacramento.

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The Napa Valley Wine Train to Host 7th Annual PRIDE Ride

Wine lovers and train enthusiasts can come together over a glass of Chardonnay when the the Napa Valley Wine Train boards all passengers for the 7th Annual Pride Ride in support of Bay Area LGBT communities.



The LGBT wine expert event is an engaging and memorable experience that echoes the glory days of train travel and will be held on Saturday, March 18. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation, a San Francisco-based non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for AIDS services, hunger programs and programs for underserved youth in the Bay Area.

This special event will feature some of the Bay Area's most prominent LGBT winemakers and experts, each on-hand to lend their expertise and assist guests in selecting wines to pair with their multi-course gourmet meal prepared by Napa Valley Wine Train Executive Chef Donald Young.

Along with sampling three glasses of wine donated by LGBT vintners, winemakers and allies, PRIDE Ride passengers will have the opportunity to meet Pennsylvania State Representative Brian Sims, a well-known LGBT civil rights activist and the first openly gay elected state legislator in Pennsylvania history.

The PRIDE Ride will begin with a sparkling wine reception at the Napa Valley Wine Train station at 5 p.m. After departing from the station at 6:30 p.m., guests will experience an unforgettable three-hour, thirty-six mile round-trip journey from the historic town of Napa, through one of the

world's most well-known wine valleys, to the quaint village of St. Helena and back.

The PRIDE Ride is a traditional rail seating event that creates the perfect environment for meeting new people and mingling with familiar faces. To continue the celebration, an after-party will take place once guests return to the Napa Valley Wine Train station that will feature a DJ, go-go dancers and entertainment from Mistress of Ceremonies Daft-née Gesundheit until midnight.

For anyone in San Francisco, round-trip transportation is available for \$50 on a luxury bus that will pick passengers up at The Café at 2369 Market St. in the Castro District at 3:30 p.m., and depart from the Napa Valley Wine Train station at midnight.

Passengers interested in spending the weekend in Napa can receive two PRIDE Ride tickets after booking a two-night stay or more at The Westin Verasa Napa hotel, conveniently located next to the train station.

Tickets to PRIDE Ride are \$252 per person for the Gourmet Express package and \$352 per person for the Vista Dome experience. Both packages include train fare, a multi-course gourmet meal, one glass of sparkling wine and three glasses of additional wine.

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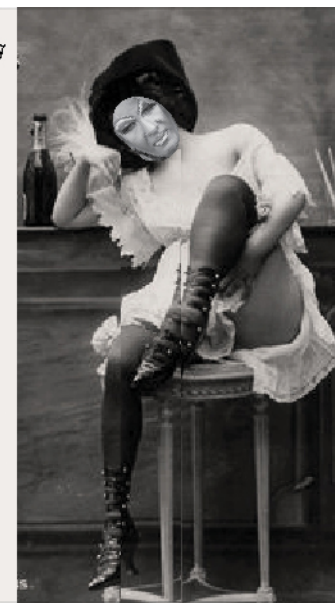
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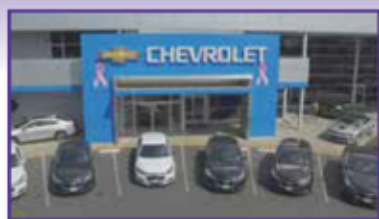


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What is the Craziest Thing You’ve Ever Done at a Wedding Reception?

Asked at Outword’s Happy Hour at Badlands



Akimitsu Nishihara
I drank a little too much and I passed out.



Tim Fisher
Played human Foozball. We were attached with PVC piping and it was a lot of fun.



Kylee Giovanetti
I was standing on top of a chair with my glass of wine and singing “Don’t Stop Believing” and I started dancing but the chair fell over and I landed on the ground with a broken glass and wine everywhere.



Lyndal Haddox
We rented a whole Southern plantation and I got a little drunk on Whack.



Sahsa Wyatt
I slept with the grooms brother. He got the garter and I got the bouquet and then we just kinda hooked up from there.



Arturo Salas
So I basically took over the dance floor and the groom came up to me and said “What are you doing, this is my wedding, not your party!”

LGBT People of Color Star in Outfest Fusion Film Festival

Now in its 14th year, Outfest Fusion is underway with seven days of short and feature film screenings, filmmaker Q&As and networking events that celebrate the diversity of the LGBT community, followed by nine filmmaking workshops.

Presented by HBO and supported by premiere sponsor Comcast NBCUniversal, Outfest is the Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing, showcasing and protecting LGBT media. The 2017 Outfest Fusion LGBT People of Color Film Festival, the only multicultural LGBT film festival of its kind, is being held March 1-7 at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood, Highland Park Cinema and various locations throughout Los Angeles.

“It is fundamental to Outfest’s mission to create spaces where a multiplicity of voices can be heard and our varied experiences can be seen,” said Christopher Racster, Executive Director of Outfest. “Outfest Fusion does just that, sharing powerful stories, creating meaningful dialogue and affirming the voices that are usually at the margins. Outfest believes in the power of our stories to affirm our lives and create social change.”

Outfest Fusion 2017 begins on Wednesday, March 1, with the Season 2 world premiere of the hit Bawn TV web series *Cheetah in August*. On Friday, March 3, a special screening of *Moonlight* will be followed by a conversation about its impact on the community and the intersection of the black and LGBT experiences.

The night will end with the yearly Fusion Gala Shorts screening at the Egyptian, which boasts the world premiere of April A. Wilson’s *Care*, Ozzy Villazon’s, *Get The Life* and Ken Sawyer’s *Private Dick: Buying Dick*.

On Sunday, March 5, a panel called In Living Color, moderated by Gil Robertson of the African-American Critics Association and Tre’vell Anderson of the *Los Angeles Times* will examine the media and portrayals of the QPOC community.

“We’re thrilled to be back with this year’s inclusive lineup of films and events that serve the mosaic of queer cultures that make up greater Los Angeles,” said Lucy Mukerjee-Brown, Outfest’s Director of Programming. “We’re showcasing content from Uganda to the UK, from Mexico to the Philippines, as well as launching new work from many local filmmakers. It’s all about being able to see LGBT people of color on the big screen.”

Outfest Fusion will also be hosting nine workshops that will take place at various locations around Los Angeles. Led by queer filmmakers of color, topics that will be covered include virtual reality, finding your story, creating content and smartphone filmmaking. The interactive classes will be instructed by *Suicide Kale* star Brittani



A scene from Netflix’s new *One Day at a Time*

Also playing that day is the West Coast premiere of the Cuban drama *Santa Y Andres*, the North American premiere of *Cherry Pop* and the world premiere of the web series *Brujos* and *Spectrum London*.

On Saturday, March 4, attendees will have a special sneak-peek of an unaired episode of the new Fox series, *Star*, followed by a discussion with creator Lee Daniels and stars Miss Lawrence, Brittany O’Grady, and Ryan Destiny.

Following a screening of episodes of Netflix’s new *One Day at a Time*, executive producer Norman Lear, co-creators Gloria Calderon Kellett and Mike Royce, writers Becky Mann and Michelle Badillo and stars Justina Machado and Isabella Gomez will discuss the queer experience within the Cuban American culture.

Nichols, creators and executive producers of the TV series *The DL Chronicles* Deondray and Quincy Gossfield LeNear, *Spa Night’s* Andrew Ahn, *Cheetah in August’s* creator and director Anthony Newsome-Bawn, Outfest UCLA Legacy Project manager Taylor Morales, filmmakers and educators Marla Ulloa and Nidhim Patel, writer-actor-producer Ean Weslynn and writer-director Barney Cheng.

Outfest Fusion rounds out with Fusion Finale on Tuesday, March 7, at the California African-American Museum for the One Minute Movie Contest with the theme “I Hope. I Fear,” where submissions will be screened and prizes awarded.

For complete listings and to purchase tickets, log on to www.Outfest.org/fusion2017 or call 213-480-7088.

Glam Rockers Boys' Entrance Releases Queer Rock Opera

Set during the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s, the new queer rock opera, *Tunnelvision*, tells the story of star-crossed lovers Tim and Troy and their tumultuous relationship, from beginning to end through the power of music.

Written by Tim Cain, the lead singer of the glam rock band, Boys' Entrance, the seventeen-track album releasing this month is being called the next *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*.

Both use the power of rock to convey a dramatic and powerful story, but while *Hedwig* uses humor to defuse a personal tragedy, *Tunnelvision* is more operatic and dramatic, incorporating a wide array of music genres

balls and won't let go. It makes you want to move," he says.

In the 25 years since Tim Cain created his band, Boys' Entrance, he has produced some of Queer Rock's most iconic, political, and galvanizing music. The band features Cain on vocals and guitar; his multi-instrumentalist husband, Billy Ramsey on bass; lead guitarist, Jaybo Key; and drummer, John Spinelli.



Tim Cain. Photo by Julie Perry.

into its story. There is Heavy Metal and Goth; also Soul, Industrial, New Wave, Hip Hop, Jazz, Psychedelic, Gospel and even Cabaret. The songs flow in style and type, helping to inform the lyrics.

A stage version, *Tunnelvision: The Musical*, will debut at Studio 620 in St. Petersburg in June. *Tunnelvision* by Boys' Entrance is available on iTunes now along with the band's first single release, "The Wolf Is At The Door".

The opera opens with rocker Tim on stage, getting jeered by the audience for being queer. He responds by unabashedly claiming the title of "Mr. Sissy". His bold declaration wins the crowd over, then, in "Creation," he explains how the purpose of gay men is to create, not procreate.

Troy, a closeted straight man, happens to be in the audience. The two hook up after the show and begin a rollercoaster ride of a relationship that involves break-ups and make-ups, drugs, alien encounters and one of the men becoming a call boy.

The two say they want to be in a committed relationship together, but they simply don't know how to navigate the uncharted territory. The physical relationship between Tim and Troy eventually breaks down, but their desires continue unabated. That is when the "wolf" comes knocking at the door.

The wolf in "The Wolf Is At The Door," the first single release from the album, is temptation. The song is Peter Gabriel meets Duran Duran meets David Bowie. It is funky like Gabriel's "Sledgehammer" with a Duran Duran veneer and a final verse that pays homage to Bowie. It is the climax of the opera, coming at a point of intense exasperation between Tim and Troy, conveying sexual appetite and frustration.

"Who hasn't experienced both?" questions Cain. "It is a song that grabs listeners by the

They've experienced acclaim and awards over the years. In the '90s, Boys' Entrance received two "Rock Single of the Week" reviews in *Billboard Magazine*. In 2005, Cain was awarded an OutMusic Award for his 30 year career as a gay musician. And this past October, The Akademia Awards selected "The Wolf Is At The Door" as the month's "Best Alternative Rock Song". It has now been nominated for Best Alternative Rock Song of the Year for 2016.

Cain is thrilled that *Tunnelvision*, his magnum opus, will follow The Who's *Tommy* with both album and stage versions. "They will stand alone as separate projects," he says. "The album offers the old school idea of sitting down and listening, going somewhere in your mind. *Tunnelvision: The Musical* will be a tour de force. It will be filled with lust, drama, sex in parks and naked men. Yes, naked men! It is a definite must-see!"

In both the album and stage versions, the story of Tim and Troy ends not-so-happily-ever-after. "It is a rock opera, after all," explains Cain. "Tragedy is the currency of opera."

Still, the music of the finale, "Back to One," sounds like a sunrise. It conjures up those first few moments when the sky begins to turn and the sun appears. For rocker Tim, there is satisfaction at having removed himself from the madness of his relationship with Troy. There is also a pride that comes from realizing he is OK, alone. "It's a reminder that at the end of the day, we all ride solo in this journey of life," says Cain.

Tunnelvision - the Musical will debut in St. Petersburg, FL at Studio 620 in June 2017.

Tunnelvision, the album by Boys' Entrance, featuring lead single "The Wolf Is At The Door," is available on iTunes now. Visit boysentrance.com.

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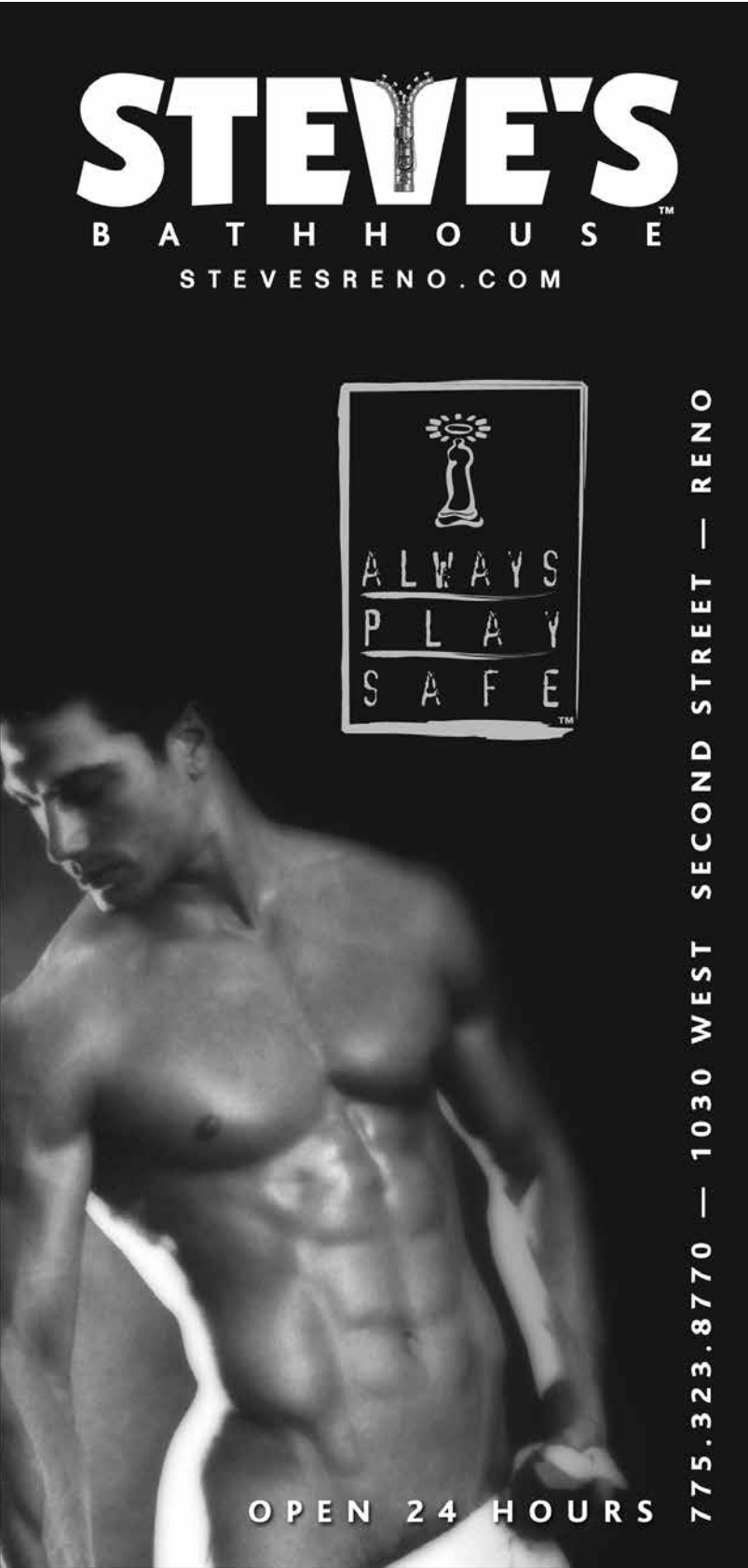
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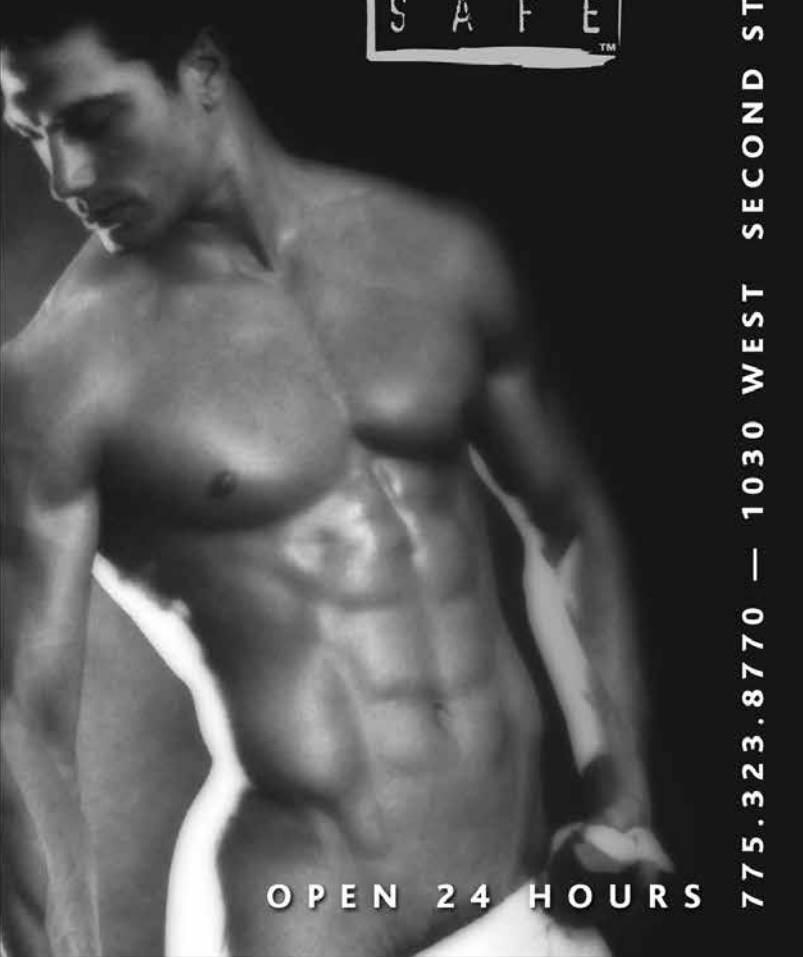
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New Book Offers Advice for *Raising the Transgender Child*

Terri Schlichenmeyer,
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Your preschooler has always had an active imagination. Flights of fancy and dress-up fill his days. She's rough-and-tumble, a scrapper in her mind. Make-believe has always been a big part in your child's life but now you're hearing something you know in your heart is not pretend.

In the new book *Raising the Transgender Child* by Dr. Michele Angello & Alisa Bowman, you'll find guidance for it.

In retrospect, you might've seen it coming: your son told you once that he was really a girl. Or your daughter cried when you wouldn't let her get a buzz-cut. You've suddenly realized, or your child has told you, that zie is gender-diverse. Either way, Angello and Bowman point out that few parents are immediately one-hundred-percent prepared for raising a child like yours.

And so, you're not alone: others have raised transgender children before you and have "blazed trails" already. Your feelings are normal, so is worry, and confusion about gender dysphoria will "burn off."

Dysphoria. Now, there's a word you might have seen while doing research in print or online. There are, in fact, many terms you'll want to know when raising a gender-diverse child, starting with the difference between "sex" and "gender."

And by the way, as for shaky "studies" and

internet myths, set them aside. There are many theories on "what leads to gender diversity," and a lot of unknowns. Again, put arguments away and ignore negativity; all kids are different, and so are their gender experiences. Is it worth obsessing over?

Probably not; you love your child regardless, so prepare yourself for a toe-dip into "social transition." Talk with teachers, neighbors, and take steps to make relatives aware of new pronouns and appearance. Educate yourself on public bathrooms, team sports, and other legalities. Know when to ask for help – both financial and emotional. Remember that grief is common, and that your child may experience issues, too.

Finally, dare to dream again. Zie will grow up one day and, as the authors say, will eventually fall in love with "Someone wonderful and amazing..."

As a parent of a transgender child, you may think that all this is common-sense stuff you've heard before – and that may be so, but there's a certain calmness inside *Raising the Transgender Child* that can't be beat.



The other thing that sets this book apart is that is its comprehensiveness: authors Angello and Bowman seem to have thought of everything Mom, Dad, or caregiver could possibly need to know about present issues and what's to come. It's all easy to comprehend, too, and it covers children from small toddler to older teen. Particularly vexed parents will be happy to see that the authors even tackle unpleasant situations, and emotions that may need to be heeded along this journey.

Whether you need it now, or you sense that you might later, *Raising the Transgender Child* is a good book to have in your parenting bag of tricks. For questioning children and families with questions, it's more helpful, perhaps, than you can imagine.

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