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EQCA Launches Statewide Billboard Campaign

Equality California has launched a media campaign called “#ResistHate” to recognize and promote California’s exceptional diversity. The year-long campaign features images evoking love, unity and California pride, and will appear on 125 billboards in various markets across the state.

The campaign seeks to foster a statewide culture of solidarity that resists fear, bigotry and hate, and instead encourages unity among the state’s LGBTQ community and all communities that experience prejudice, injustice and discrimination.

“Resist Hate” is a message of unity and solidarity for all Californians,” said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California. “LGBTQ people are black and white, Muslim and Jew, immigrant and native born – and everything in between.”

The first billboards are being installed this month in greater Los Angeles and the remainder will be installed across the state

throughout 2017.

“This campaign empowers us to help unite the many communities of which LGBTQ people are a part and to resist all attempts to divide our communities,” said Zbur. “We want all of California’s diverse communities to know that whoever you are – LGBTQ, Muslim, undocumented or a member of any other group that has been targeted or feels less safe as a result of recent divisive messages – we stand with you.”

You can download the billboard and social media images here for use in broadcast, print, and digital media.

“We must assert the values of tolerance



and inclusion that set our state apart, and make it a beacon of hope and acceptance for the rest of the nation,” said Zbur.

Army Sec. Pick Says He Must Crush Transgender “Evil”

In a radio interview last year, Trump’s nominee for Secretary of the Army, Mark Green, said he opposes transgender equality because he must “crush evil.”

“Mark Green’s comments are outrageous and beyond the pale,” said American Military Partner Association (AMPA) President Ashley Broadway-Mack. “Our transgender soldiers serve our nation proudly, with integrity and honor. Green clearly has no business leading the men and women of the United States Army, and his appalling attacks against LGBT people are in direct conflict with the core values of the Army. President Trump should immediately withdraw his nomination of Mark Green as Secretary of the Army.”

Green’s remarks were uncovered by Amanda Terkel of the Huffington Post, who reported Green “believes that part of his mission as a public official is to ‘crush evil’ and that opposing transgender equality policies is key to that effort.” The full story can be found at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/mark-green-transgender-evil_us_58f8c4cce4b0cb086d7eb012?11f&mc_cid=cae4cd8752&mc_eid=2c13d65dfc

As a Tennessee lawmaker, Green has vehemently opposed LGBT equality by pushing legislation singling out LGBT people and their families for discrimination, encouraging the state of Tennessee to defy the Supreme Court over marriage equality, and even going so far as to say being transgender is a disease.

Notably, if confirmed, Green would replace Eric Fanning – the first openly gay Secretary of the Army.



Cheer Sacramento Raises \$500 for Cancer Research at Outword/Badlands Happy Hour



Cheer Sacramento helped celebrate Badlands’ 10th Anniversary at Outword’s monthly Happy Hour with some amazing cheers and dance routines, and in the process raised \$500 for the Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation. Learn more about this spirited group at cheersacramento.org

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California Travel Ban to North Carolina to Remain in Effect

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra on April 12th reaffirmed that California's ban on state-funded travel by state employees to North Carolina remains in effect despite the passage of a purported repeal of HB 2, that state's anti-LGBT law.

North Carolina lawmakers in March passed HB 142, which was widely reported as revoking HB 2, but, in fact, leaves many of its key provisions in place.

Following passage of HB 2 last year, California passed AB 1887, authored by Asm. Evan Low (D-Silicon Valley) and sponsored by Equality California and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. AB 1887 bans state-funded travel by state employees to North Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi or any other state that passes a new law that discriminates against LGBT people.

"Attorney General Becerra today reaffirmed that California will not send its taxpayer dollars to any state that sanctions

discrimination against LGBT people," said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California. "HB 142 does not restore local non-discrimination ordinances passed before HB 2 and local governments are still prohibited from passing protections for their own LGBT citizens, including laws protecting restroom access for transgender people. That leaves LGBT people without equal protection under the law. We're grateful to the attorney general for standing firm against discrimination."

California joins a growing list of states and municipalities across the country that have announced that they will maintain their bans on official travel to North Carolina.

Eliminate Hate Campaign Launched by New Coalition

The Eliminate Hate campaign is a new effort aiming to expose, undermine, and mitigate the increasing influence and harmful impact of anti-LGBTQ hate groups while empowering and supporting local leaders and community members confronting extremism in their daily lives.

Media Matters For America, in coalition with other organizations including the National Center for Transgender Equality, The National LGBTQ Task Force, SoulForce, The Equality Federation, and The Matthew Shepard Foundation are behind the campaign

"I have seen first hand what can happen as a result of hate – and how it feels to have the hate and discrimination people face dismissed or denied. The Alliance Defending Freedom is a hate group, through and through," said Judy Shepard, who founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation after her son was murdered in a hate-motivated attack. "For years, they have spread lies about the LGBTQ community and put the rights of all LGBTQ Americans in danger. Enough is enough. It's time our institutions – especially the media – start recognizing the extremely corrosive effects of their slander and act accordingly."

The Eliminate Hate campaign will work to ensure institutions, organizations, and businesses that lend credibility to anti-LGBTQ hate groups are aware of and accountable for their association with a hate groups.

We also implore journalists and media outlets that report on

hate groups activity identify their designation, contextualize long-standing extremism, and debunk harmful misinformation used to attack LGBTQ rights.

Anti-LGBTQ hate groups are classified as such when they knowingly spread "demonizing lies about the LGBT community, engage in baseless, incendiary name-calling, or actively work to criminalize LGBTQ people. Despite regularly labeling hate groups with other extremist ideologies, media outlets have routinely failed to label anti-LGBTQ hate groups in their news coverage.

When hate and extremism are normalized, there are grave, real-life consequences. In 2016, hate crimes increased 20 percent during the presidential election and in the month immediately after, there were over a thousand incidents motivated by bias and bigotry.

Emboldened by a surge in far-right extremism, hate groups – including several with strong ties and high levels of access to the Trump administration and state legislatures – are experiencing unprecedented opportunity to attack LGBTQ equality by toxifying civil discourse, peddling misinformation, and leveraging policy making power at local, state, and national levels.

For more information on The Eliminate Hate Campaign, visit eliminatehatecampaign.com/

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BLT Team Raises \$23,000 for Wind Youth Services

When the members of SMUD's most recent Building Leadership Talent (BLT) team chose Wind Youth Services as the nonprofit organization they would support throughout the course of their program, they committed to help in every way they could.



SMUD's BLT team takes a quick break from installing new landscaping at one of Wind Youth Services' overnight facilities.

And according to Wind, they delivered. Over the course of the last 12 months, the members of SMUD's BLT team raised more than \$23,000 in cash and in-kind contributions for Wind. In addition, the team volunteered hundreds of hours supporting Wind projects, including collecting hygiene kits, facilitating fundraisers, cooking and serving meals and more.

"We are truly grateful for the efforts of SMUD's BLT team," said Suzi Dotson, executive director of Wind Youth Services. "The team provided so much for our at-risk youth, and we're very excited that some members of the team plan to continue to support us in the future."

Some of the team's most significant work was aimed at improving one of Wind's transitional youth shelters in Sacramento. Their efforts on that project included:

Renovating and rehabilitating outdoor areas at the home, including removing old vegetation and installing new landscaping

and trees;

Facilitating the donation of professional tree-trimming services for the home;

Assisting with indoor renovations involving flooring, painting and more; and
Facilitating the donation of a van that the facility uses to transport minors to school and other activities.

"Every year our BLT teams shine a light on the efforts of a local nonprofit," said Laura Lewis, SMUD's chief legal officer and one of the BLT team's executive sponsors. "This year, the members of the team really established a special bond with Wind Youth Services and the young people they help every day. The team really provided a great example of our commitment to this community."

Last year, SMUD's BLT team worked to help Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers, raising funds and securing grants in excess of \$100,000 to support several local projects.

Sac Stonewall Is Your Political Voice

commentary by Jann Dorothy

Angry? Frustrated? Disgusted by Trump's actions against the LGBT community and others? Then join Sac Stonewall. We are your political voice.

Sac Stonewall represents the LGBT community in the greater Sacramento region. We advocate, we support policies that help our community, and we work to elect LGBT candidates who support us and widen our representation in our region and state, people who will go on to represent us nationally.

Among our membership ranks are not only great members of our LGBT community, but many elected leaders who are our allies.

Stonewall publishes a weekly digital newsletter and a quarterly digital journal that keeps you up to speed with information important to our community. Check us out at sacstonewall.org and our Facebook page, Sacramento Stonewall Democrats. We meet the second Monday of every month at the Sierra 2 Community Center in Curtis Park with guest speakers on topics vital to our community.

The highlight of the year for Stonewall members and guests is our annual 4 Freedoms Gala, a dinner and awards presentation recognizing members of our community who deserve recognition for their work on our behalf.

Our upcoming gala is Wednesday, May 17, at the Dante Club in Fair Oaks. The Honorable Carole Migden will be in attendance to accept the President's Award for her outstanding service to our community, along with additional award winners Evan Michael Minton, Rachel Iskow, Bonnie Osborn and Basim Elkarra.

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Jann Dorothy is the president of Stonewall Democratic Club.

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How to Know if It Is Time to Leave Your Job

by Kimberly Geil, PhD

Do you ever wonder if the job you've got is as good as it gets, or if there's something else out there that would be more fulfilling? If so, how would you know what it is? And once you find something, how would you know if it's worth the risk of leaving the job you're in?

As a life coach, I often help clients work through these questions. And the short answer is – well, let's face it. There is no short answer! These are messy, human questions without easy answers. But that doesn't mean that you need to stay stuck in an unsatisfying job or career. These five strategies can help you get started:

Strategy #1: Have a Vision – Many organizations create vision statements for where they want to go in the future. How about you? Do you have a vision for your future? Having a sense of where you want to

be in the future, and what matters most to you, you can consider whether or not the job you're in now is in alignment. Is it getting you closer, or further away? Regardless of whether it is or isn't, you'll gain valuable information that can help you make decisions about what to do next.

Strategy #4: Craft Your Job – If your job isn't in alignment with your vision or your values, can you make it a better fit? Our jobs aren't static, and there are always things we can change, particularly in the areas of tasks, relationships, and our perspective. You may be able to shift your job and/or your attitude so that it becomes a good fit with where you want to go and the things that matter most. And if not, at least you will know that you gave it your best shot.

Strategy #5: Commit to Taking Action – We often spend a lot of time thinking and worrying about things without actually doing anything about them. If it's not crystal clear to you whether or not you should stay in your job, then start doing what you need to do to figure it out. It's never too late! As the proverb goes, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now."

Kim Geil is the owner and founder of Coaching Heights and believes life is too short to feel trapped in an unfulfilling job or career. She has a B.A. in Sociology from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and is trained through MentorCoach. If you'd like to learn more, she'll be giving a workshop at the Lavender Library on Thu, May 18 (www.LavenderLibrary.com), or you can stop by her booth at the Davis Pride Festival on May 21. She can also be reached through her website, www.CoachingHeights.com or at Kim@CoachingHeights.com.

go, and who you want to be, can help you make choices that will get you there.

Strategy #2: Know What Matters – Do you know what is most important to you? What really matters to us can get buried under the expectations of family, culture, and the image we're trying to live up to. But when you're trying to live a life based on what is important to other people, and not you, it can be very hard to find that satisfying. Getting reconnected with what really matters to you can reap great rewards.

Strategy #3: Look for Alignment – Once you have a better idea of where you'd like to

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Nebraska Supreme Court Strikes Ban on G&L Foster Parents

The Nebraska Supreme Court has upheld a lower court decision which strikes down a decades old ban on gay and lesbian foster parents. Nebraska was the only state in the country with such a ban still in place.

“This is a victory for children and LGBT Nebraskans. Since the lower court ruling striking down Nebraska’s ban, our clients Todd and Joel have opened their hearts and home to several children in need,” said ACLU of Nebraska Executive Director Danielle Conrad. “There are tens of thousands of LGBT people who call the Cornhusker State home and thousands of Nebraska children in need of a foster care placement. This victory means that Nebraska’s motto of ‘Equality before the Law’ rings out more truly for all in our state.”

The opinion can be found at www.aclu.org/legal-document/stewart-v-heineman-nebraska-supreme-court-opinion.

European Court Ends Forced Sterilizations of Trans People

The European Court of Human Rights has ruled that requiring sterilization of individuals seeking a change in their legal gender recognition violates human rights. Twenty two countries in Europe currently still require sterilization to access gender identity recognition, however this decision mandates that these countries amend their laws to reflect this positive ruling.

While forced sterilization has been deemed a human rights violation, the EU Court upheld that medical examinations and a mental health diagnosis were in line with the European Convention of Human Rights.

“This is a victory for trans people and human rights in Europe,” said Julia Ehrt, Executive Director of Transgender Europe. “This decision ends the dark chapter of state-induced sterilisation in Europe. The 22 states in which a sterilisation is still mandatory will have to swiftly end this practice. We are looking forward to supporting those and other countries in reforming their national legislation.”

Rupaul Named to *TIME's* Annual List of the 100 Most Influential People in the World

TIME has named RuPaul to the 2017TIME 100, its annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world. The Emmy Award-winning host and executive producer of *RuPaul's Drag Race* was included in the “Icons” category.

You can watch a short video of RuPaul speaking of the honor at time.com/collection/2017-time-100/ under the “Icons” section.

First Festival Offers Free Weekend Ticket With Pet Adoption

A mission of First Festival is to give back to the community by using our platform and resources to aid other organizations in their mission to improve our region.

For the month of April, First Fest has teamed up with Front Street Animal Shelter to offer a free Weekend Warrior pass with every adoption through April 30th to encourage the local community to help empty the shelters.

Every customer who adopts any pet through Front Street Animal Shelter during the month of April will receive a complimentary physical Weekend Warrior ticket valid for entry to First Festival on May 6-7, 2017 at Riverwalk Park in West Sacramento.

First Fest features 39 bands across three stages with stand-up comedy, live podcasts, an art gallery, and art installations from local artists.

First Festival is a family-friendly event that calls on the community to support local arts in the Sacramento region. Visit www.firstfestivalsacramento.com

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Returns to Fight Violence

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes will return to Capitol Mall where men will slip on heels in sizes rarely seen and walk a mile to end violence against women. The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event is a playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in their community about the serious causes, effects, and remediations to men’s sexualized violence against women.

This year’s goal is to raise \$320,000 to support critical crisis intervention services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in our community. All funds raised will be invested in WEAVE’s 24/7 services.

The Walk will be on Saturday, May 6. The Festival opens at 11:30 a.m. and the Walk begins at 1 p.m. Visit www.weaveinc.org

Case Targeting Rights of MN Transgender Teen Dropped

An organization that filed a federal lawsuit last year to bar transgender students from using locker rooms consistent with their gender identity have announced that they have voluntarily dismissed their lawsuit.

The lawsuit singled a student out from the rest of her volleyball team and used misleading innuendo and salacious phrasing to depict the ordinary behavior of a teenage girl dancing with the rest of her friends in the locker room as threatening or scandalous just because she is transgender.

The ACLU argued in the case that the student has a right to be free from discrimination on the basis of her sex under Title IX, a federal law which prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions that receive federal funding, and under the Constitution. The ACLU also noted how using the girls’ locker room and restroom is a critical part of Jane’s medical treatment and has had a substantial positive effect on Jane’s health and well-being.

Sacramento Man Sues Dignity Health for Transgender Discrimination

A lawsuit against Dignity Health for denying care to a transgender patient has been filed on behalf of Sacramentan Evan Minton. The suit argues that Dignity’s withholding of medical care because of Minton’s gender identity is sex discrimination in violation of California’s Unruh Civil Rights Act.

The ACLU of Northern California, the ACLU of Southern California, the ACLU LGBT & HIV Project, and the law firm Covington & Burling LLP filed the suit on April 19th

Minton, 35, is a transgender man who was scheduled to receive a hysterectomy in September at Mercy San Juan Medical Center, a hospital in the Dignity Health chain. Two days prior to the appointment, a nurse called to discuss the surgery and Minton mentioned that he is transgender. The next day, the hospital canceled the procedure.

“The refusal of Dignity Health to allow a doctor to perform this common procedure simply because the patient is transgender is

discriminatory,” said Elizabeth Gill, a senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Northern California. “This is a hospital that is open to the general public so it’s illegal for them to turn away someone based on gender identity.”

Dignity Health regularly allows hysterectomies for patients who are not transgender.

“I routinely perform hysterectomies at Mercy San Juan,” said Dr. Lindsey Dawson, Minton’s doctor in a statement released by the ACLU. “This is the first time the hospital has prevented me from doing this surgery. It’s very clear to me that the surgery was canceled because Evan is transgender.”

The delay caused a disruption to Minton’s



Evan Minton. Photo by Joanne Kim, courtesy of ACLU.

life and put all of the other treatments he had scheduled in flux until he was eventually able to schedule the surgery at another hospital.

“I was forced to put my life on hold because of Dignity’s discrimination,” Minton said in the statement. “It was so emotionally stressful. The longer my treatments are postponed, the worse I feel about myself.”

Dignity Health is the 5th largest healthcare system in the country and the largest

hospital provider in California, with 29 hospitals across the state.

“The discrimination was unfair, and it’s not just happening in hospitals, but all over the country in schools, workplaces, bathrooms,” Minton told *Outword*. “This has got to stop. Transgender people deserve better. I’m able to step forward because of every person who has given me love and support. Especially my family and Amy Brown, Melanie Ramil and Jacque Marroquin-Rodriguez.”

Puppets Help Students Stop Gender-Based Violence



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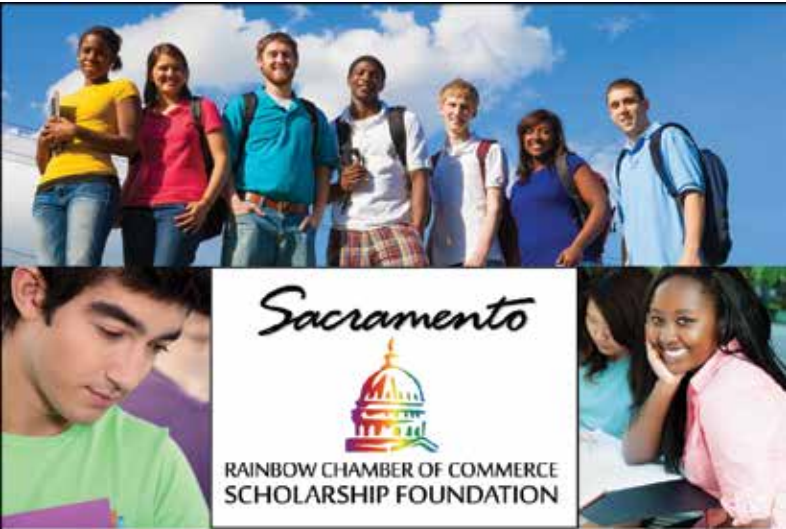
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Berkeley Rep Meets Bollywood with *Monsoon Wedding*

by Chris Narloch

You're invited to the wedding of the season as award-winning director Mira Nair (*Queen of Katwe*) brings her exuberant and sumptuous movie *Monsoon Wedding* to Berkeley Rep's stage.



In a highly anticipated world premiere musical version of Nair's original 2002 film, the director herself helms *Monsoon Wedding*, which features a book by Sabrina Dhawan, music by Vishal Bhardwaj, and lyrics by Susan Birkenhead.

In *Monsoon Wedding*, the perfect storm starts brewing when family members from around the world descend on Delhi for a nonstop four-day celebration of an arranged marriage between a modern upper-middle-class Indian family's only daughter and an Indian-American guy she's never met.

But the bride is having an affair, her father's financial troubles deepen, and dark family secrets surface. The forecast calls for drama, love, hope, laughs, and a whole lot of rain.

Nair is a very talented director, and I can't wait to see how she transfers one of her finest films to the stage of the Roda Theatre, beginning May 5.

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3rd Annual Davis Pride Puts Focus on LGBTQ Youth

by Bonnie Osborn

The third annual Davis Pride Community Festival, produced by the Davis Phoenix Coalition, will be Sunday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Central Park in downtown Davis.

The free, family-friendly celebration will feature live entertainment, vendor fair, food court; Teen Zone sponsored by Davis Food Co-op; Kids Fun Zone; a cheer clinic hosted by Cheer Sacramento; and the Hot Italian Pet Zone, featuring pet adoptions through the Yolo County SPCA.

Exhibitor spaces are still available, ranging in cost from \$50 for a non-profit organization to \$150 for a food vendor. K-12 schools or youth organizations may exhibit free. (See vendor.davispride.org for information.)

The festival will feature up-and-coming singer-songwriter Jonathan Celestin as headline entertainer on the Wells Fargo Main Stage, with additional performances by Ru Paul's Drag Race Season 9 competitor Trinity Taylor; the Cal Aggie Alumni Band-Uh!, Sacramento Women's Chorus, Nathan Temby, Cheer Sacramento and Nitty Dupree Studio

who have stepped up in planning the festival this year," Nelson said. "Davis Pride, along with other pride events, is an annual celebration of equality that brings people of all ages and backgrounds together for a positive purpose. Now we have a younger generation stepping forward to carry on that vision."

Davis Pride is able to offer free admission thanks to the generosity of its sponsors, including CBS Radio, *Outword Magazine*, Hewlett Packard Enterprises, Wells Fargo and Cares Community Health, to name a few, as well as the scores of businesses and non-profit organizations that participate in the festival, said Gloria Partida, executive director of the Davis Phoenix Coalition. "Thanks to the generous support of our partners, exhibitors and sponsors, we're thrilled to be able to keep festival admission free, so that all families and individuals can



of Dance, among other local and regional talent.

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center Mobile Testing Unit will provide free HIV testing from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of the community health resources fair supported by Dignity Health.

Proceeds from the event will support the development of an LGBTQ+ center in Davis/Yolo County, a long-time goal of the anti-violence organization Davis Phoenix Coalition.

Davis Pride Director Sandré Nelson said area students and youth have been closely involved in the planning of the 2017 Pride Festival as a way of raising funds for the future center.

In addition to hosting the Davis Pride Community Bubbly Brunch for the second year, the Cal Aggie Lambda Alumni Association will host an Aggie Game Zone and Photo Booth at the Festival. UC Davis fraternity Delta Lambda Phi (DLP) will host a dunk tank.

"We are so proud of our youth volunteers,

participate in this empowering celebration," Partida said.

In addition to the Pride Festival, 2017 Davis Pride events will include the second annual Davis Pride Community Bubbly Brunch, on Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, 530 Alumni Lane in Davis. The brunch is sponsored by the Cal Aggie Lambda Alumni Association. Ticket sales close May 14 and may be purchased at brunch.davispride.org.

On Sunday, May 21, the 3rd Annual Run/Walk for Equality (equalityrun.davispride.org), under the direction of ON THE MARK Race Management Company, will begin at 9 a.m., also at Davis Central Park. Race entry cost is \$38, with all proceeds benefiting the Davis Phoenix Coalition's anti-violence work.

For more information about Davis Pride and other Pride-week events, visit davispride.org. For information about volunteering at Davis Pride, visit volunteer.davispride.org. Exhibitor spaces (vendor.davispride.org) and sponsorships (sponsor.davispride.org) are available.

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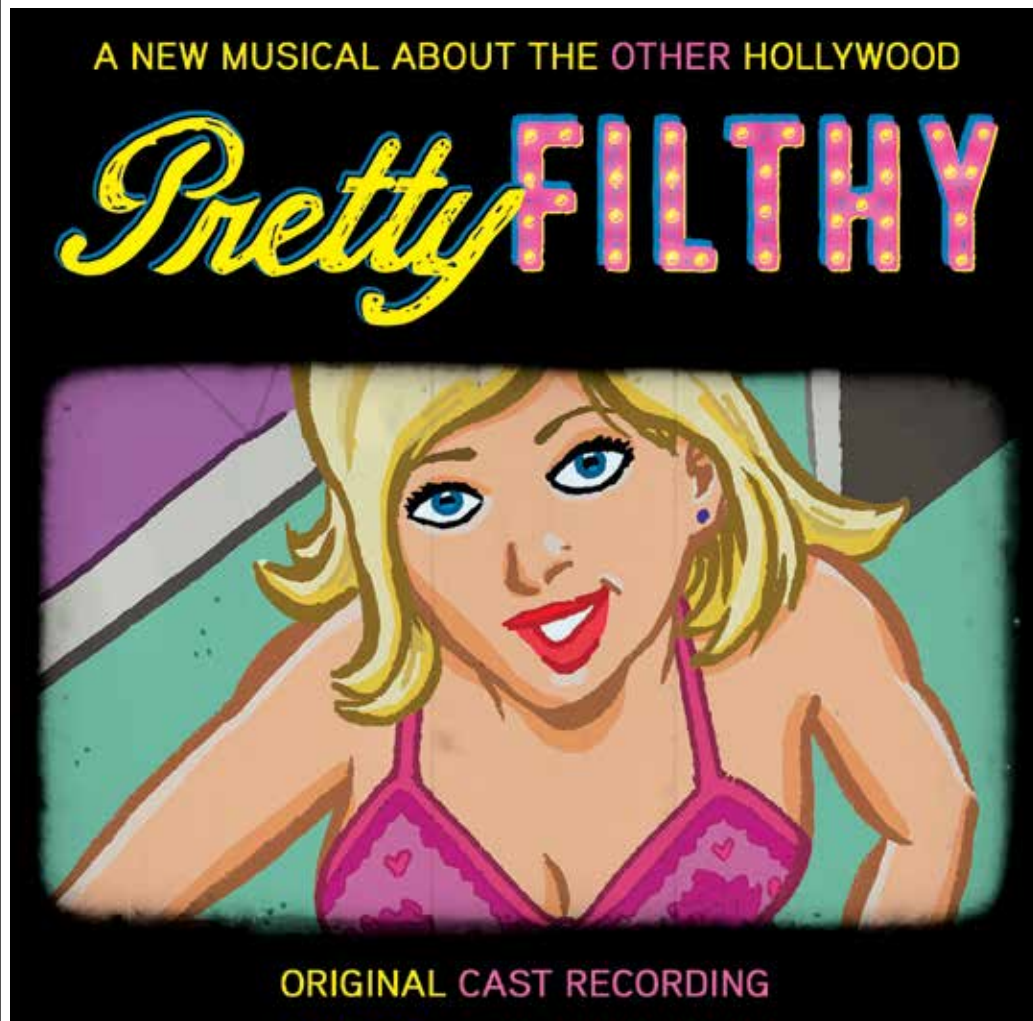


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This CD Is *Pretty Filthy*

by Chris Narloch

Several terrific cast recordings have been released lately, including those for the current Broadway smash *Dear Evan Hansen*, the recent New York City revival of *Falsettos*, and the off-Broadway spoof *Spamilton*.



Those musicals are all pretty high profile, but one of my favorite new cast recordings is for a show you might not have heard of, with the catchy name *Pretty Filthy*.

That title isn't a joke, as the charming little musical – which I sadly did not get to see – contains more profanity than any show since *The Book of Mormon*. If you enjoyed that hilarious musical, you will no doubt take to the ballsy irreverence on display in *Pretty Filthy*.

The show bills itself as “the untold story” based on the lives of adult entertainers, both straight and gay-for-pay, and the musical draws on conversations with actual people in the adult film industry that were conducted

in the San Fernando Valley, the world capital of porn.

What makes the CD stand out is that the songs are racy and clever and often very funny, but they also take a sensitive and serious look at the stories of the people involved in adult movies.

A sampling of the musical's song titles: “Porn House,” “Squirting 101,” “Waiting For Wood,” “Fuck The World,” “What If I Like It” and “Porn Capitalism.”

Pretty Filthy was directed by Steve Cosson, with music and lyrics by Michael Friedman and a book by Bess Wohl.

The Ghostlight Records release is available at www.sh-k-boom.com.

Wrabel Premieres New Video Single *Bloodstain*



Wrabel specializes in music that telescopes small moments into songs with big impacts, and on his new single *Bloodstain*, he wears his heart on his sleeve, but this time it's bleeding. The track is available now for digital download and streaming via digital subscription services, and you can watch it at [youtube.com/watch?v=7NOQGNNAW6E&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NOQGNNAW6E&feature=youtu.be).

The Donner Party Set to Sing at STC

The pioneers who set out to cross North America by wagon train in the 19th century knew how difficult the journey would be, but no group of westward travelers encountered as many challenges as the Donner Party.



The cast of *The Donner Party* at Sutter's Fort. Photo by Charr Crail.

The Donner Party left Missouri in search of a new life in California only to become trapped by a blizzard in the Sierra Nevada in the winter of 1846.

A life-affirming new musical by the Sacramento Theatre Company chronicles the Donner Party's courage, determination and life choices while waiting out that brutal winter.

Specially commissioned and

developed by STC, this dramatic new musical chronicles the true story of the harrowing travels of pioneers who faced unspeakable trials when trapped in the high Sierra Nevada in the winter of 1846 to 1847.

STC's closing production of the season, *The Donner Party* stars Michael RJ Campbell as James Reed, Vivienne Cleary as Margaret Reed, Maggie Hollinbeck as

Tamsen Donner, and Jerry Lee as George Donner.

The production is directed by Michael Laun and Margaret Rose and was written by Rose with Eric Rockwell.

Don't miss the world premiere of *The Donner Party* at STC's Mainstage Theatre, playing through May 14, 2017.

For more information, visit www.sactheatre.org.

Don't Miss This Sexy French Film

by Chris Narloch

Jaded movie critic that I am, it takes a lot to shock me, but I was surprised by the sexually explicit film *Paris 05:59 Theo & Hugo* when I saw it at last year's SIGLFF (Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival).

As a happy homosexual, I am of course familiar with gay porn, but serious, intelligent films with hardcore sex are few and far between. So unless you are a hopeless prude, I urge you to see this movie, which is incredibly moving and thoughtful considering it opens with an eye-popping, 18-minute orgy.

That sequence, set in a Paris gay sex club, puts you right in the middle of the action as two

handsome young French men lock eyes and then proceed to lock lips and legs and everything else.

Yet, just when you think that the movie only has sex on its mind, things shift and *Paris 05:59* turns into something closer to Richard Linklater's great trilogy of films in which Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke walk and talk and connect emotionally (*Before Sunrise*, *Before Sunset*, etc.)

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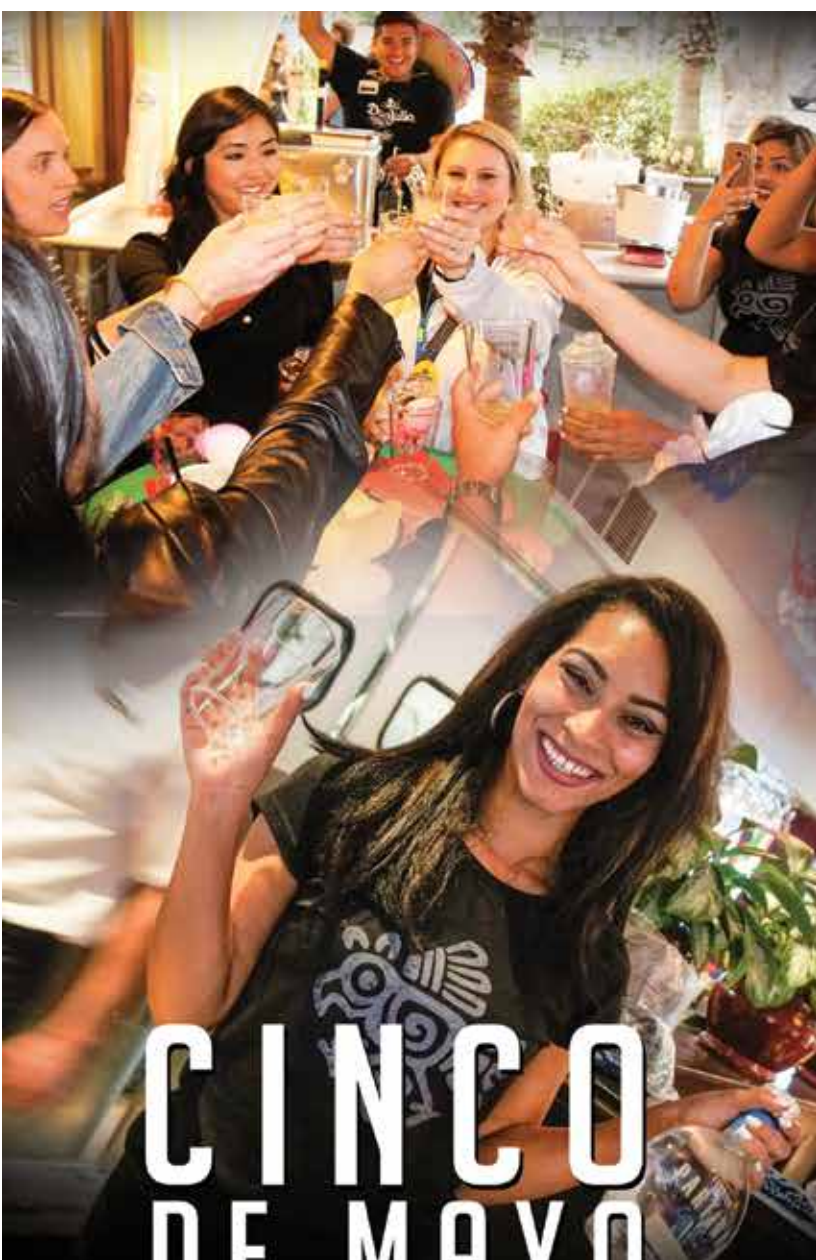
bodies in the club, Theo and Hugo explore the streets of Paris together and discover a different type of intimacy as they reveal themselves to each other through conversation.

If you like edgy, artsy and unique filmmaking, *Paris 05:59 Theo & Hugo* is not to be missed. The movie was recently made available on DVD, Blu-ray and VOD.

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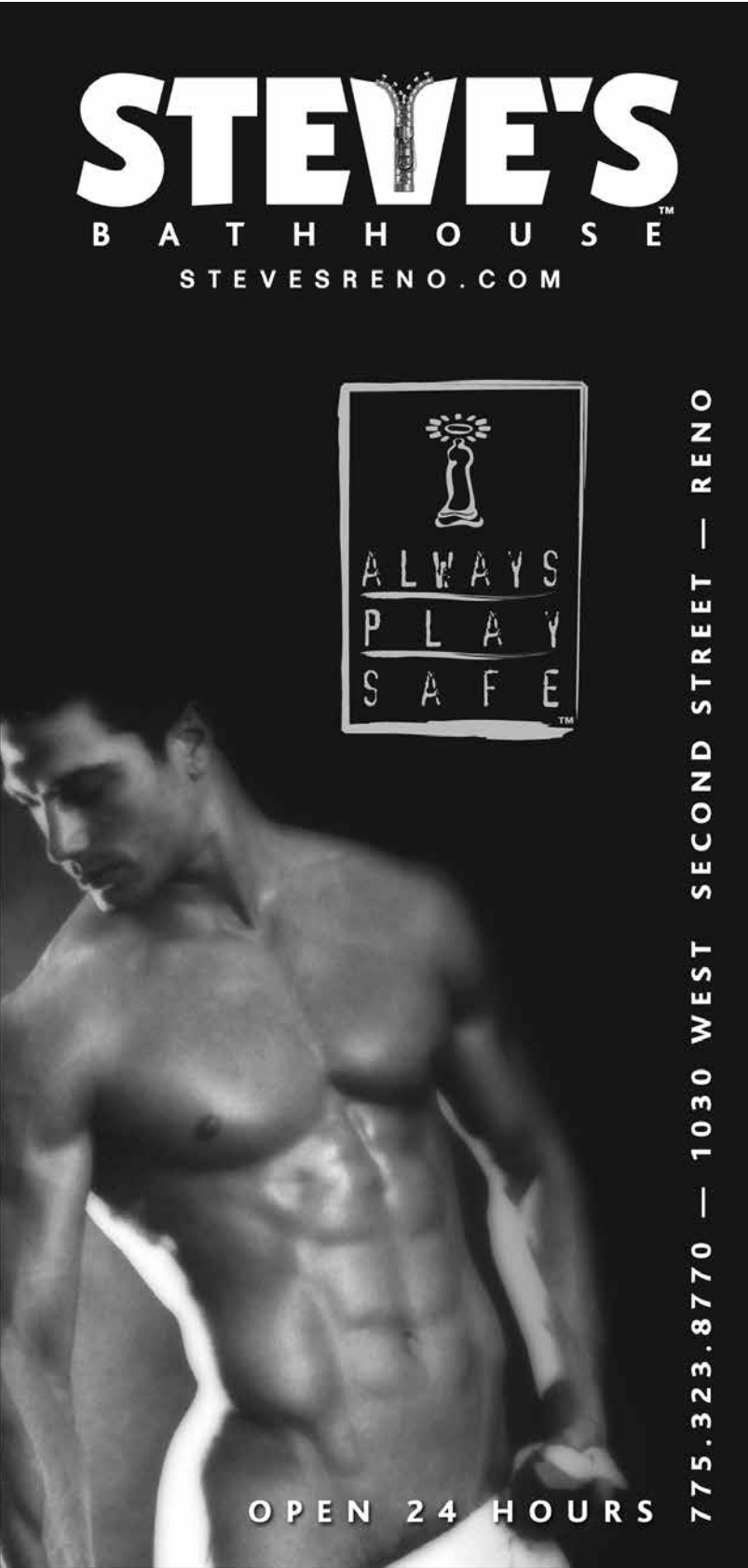
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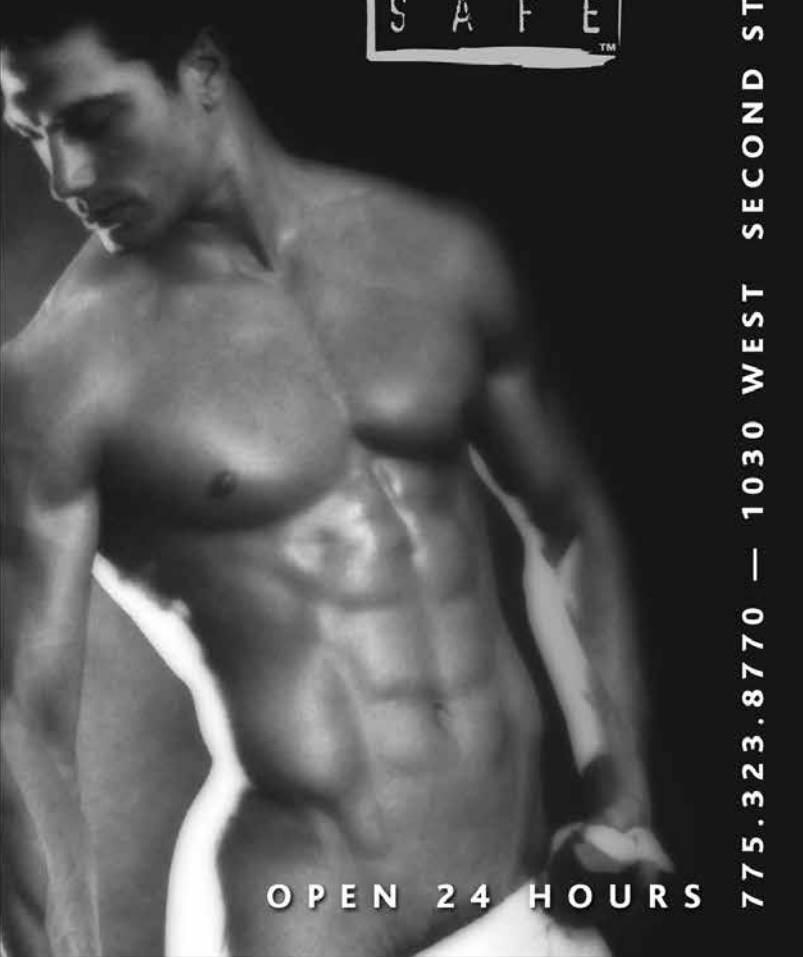
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This year's lineup includes Sol Peligro, The Diva Kings, Arden Park Roots, Joy and Madness, and many more.

For a complete list of this summer's bands, go to www.godowntownsac.com.



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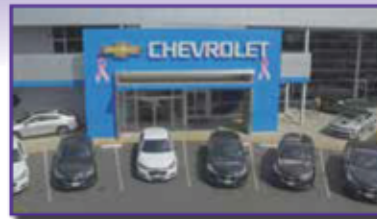


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