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ACLU Calls Trump's Religious Freedom Executive Order "Fake News"

fter originally announcing that the ACLU would sue over President Trumps signing of the Religious Freedom Act on May 4th, the organization has decided it will in fact not file a law suit.

In a statement released hours after its original announcement, the ACLU said "After careful review of the executive order covering the Johnson Amendment signed by President Trump today, the American Civil Liberties Union has determined not to file a lawsuit at this time.

Today's executive order signing was an elaborate photo-op with no discernible policy outcome," said American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Anthony D. Romero in the statement: "After careful

review of the order's text we have determined that the order does not meaningfully alter the ability of religious institutions or individuals to intervene in the political process. The order portends but does not yet do harm to the provision of reproductive health services.

"President Trump's prior assertion that he wished to 'totally destroy' the Johnson Amendment with this order has proven to be a textbook case of 'fake news'.

The directive to federal agencies to

explore religious-based exceptions to healthcare does cue up a potential future battle, but as of now, the status quo has not changed.

"What President Trump did today was merely provide a faux sop to religious conservatives and kick the can down the road on religious exemptions on reproductive health care services.

We will continue our steadfast charge to defend Americans' right to exercise their religion and ensure their freedom from having others' beliefs forced upon them. The ACLU stands ready to sue the Trump administration and in the event that this order triggers any official government action at all, we will see Trump in court, again."



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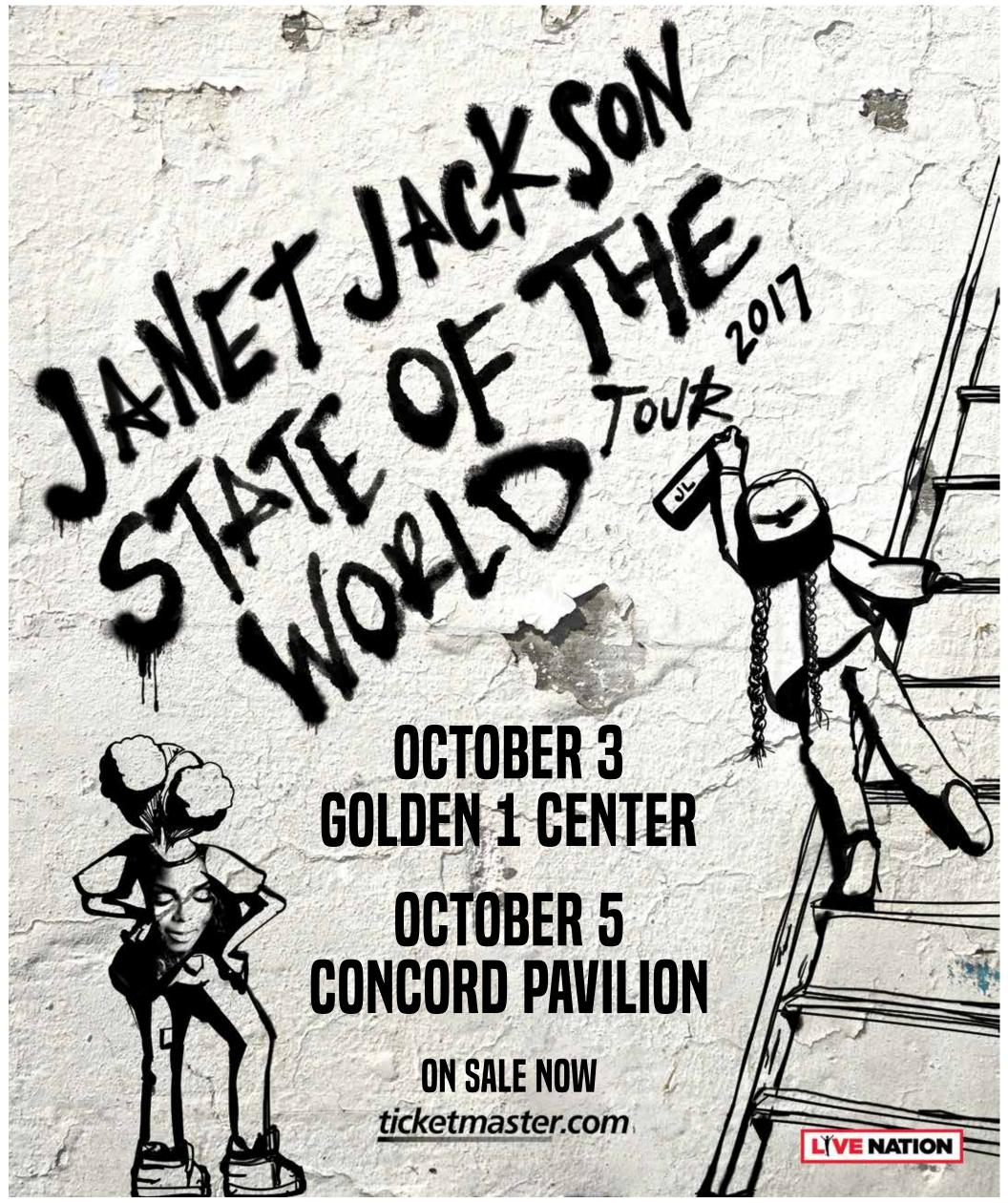
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In collbaoration with CSU Sacramento, The Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento has selected Vrindavani Avila as the first recipient of its scholarship named for lifelong activist and early champion of LGBTQ rights, Laurie McBride.

A newly established charitable organization. The Foundation issued funding for a university scholarship aimed at students seeking to increase LGBTQ equity and representation in civic and governmental affairs.

Avila is a senior, majoring in women and ethnic studies, and is working with the CSUS Women's Resource, Multi-Cultural and Pride Centers, helping to develop and facilitate workshops on social justice issues.

As a queer Latinx woman of color, much of Avila's work focuses on autonomous full spectrum reproductive health education, centering on experiences of the LGBTQ community and using gender inclusive language. Avila's research centers on decolonizing gender and sexuality with concentration on the imposition of patriarchy, heterosexuality, and the gender binary on indigenous peoples and other communities of color.

Avila also educates students on the importance of being an active bystander to incidences of violence and providing



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resources on preventing sexual violence. Goals include: 1) completing a Master's Degree; 2) educating outside and within academia on issues facing queer people of color; 3) helping establish community services that support people of color.

Laurie McBride was a leading advocate in California, pushing for statutory protections long before many activists considered doing so. She is a former legislative lobbyist who worked for decades in local, statewide and

national movements for civil rights and political access for LGBTQ individuals.

From 1990 to 1998, she was executive director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality, a state-wide coalition to advance gay rights across California. During this time she successfully led legislative efforts for employment protections, domestic partnerships, and HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention. She went on to work as a policy advisor and chief of staff in the legislature, and as Assistant Secretary of State. She also served as co-chair of National Stonewall Democrats for 10 years.

The scholarship was created by the Stonewall Foundation to cultivate advocates who, like McBride, understand that fighting for equality requires consensus building. commitment and resolve.

The Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento was conceived by members of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento to raise public awareness and increase LGBTQ civic engagement through anti-discrimination activities. Going forward, the non-profit Foundation will focus on outreach and education designed to educate Californians about advocacy and leadership to secure LGBTQ equality.

Republican-Led House Votes to Strip Health Care

he Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives on May 4th, 2017 passed the hastily concocted Trumpcare, the so-called American Health Care Act (AHCA), which seeks to repeal the landmark Affordable Care Act (ACA).

If enacted, the bill could eliminate quality affordable health care for millions of people.

In addition to the House's vote to repeal the ACA, May 3rd, the Department of Justice pursued a court order to suspend ACA section 1557 nondiscrimination protections.

The National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund (The Task Force) is joining lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) advocates in urging the U.S. Senate to reject Trumpcare.

Trumpcare poses a catastrophic threat to people all across the country," said the Task Force in a released statement. "Members of Congress were so hell bent on pushing this

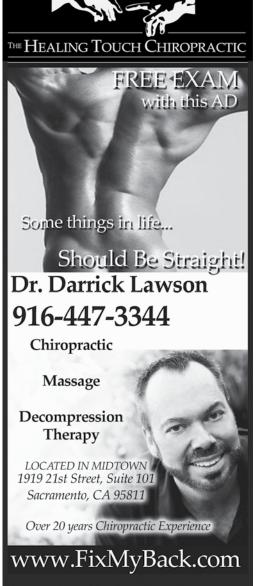
bill forward that it hasn't even been scored yet by the Congressional Budget Office. That means we don't actually know how many people this bill will impact or the cost implications for tax payers.

"Yet while we don't know all of Trumpcare's harmful consequences we do know it will disproportionately affect LGBTQ people, who are twice as likely to be uninsured as non-LGBTQ people. It will also take away health care from millions of people, gut Medicaid funding, and end Medicaid expansions. affecting 11 million families, children, people with disabilities, low-income people, and seniors.

"It will also undermine protections for people living with HIV or other chronic conditions and raise health care costs by thousands of dollars for millions of people, all while giving millionaires an average annual tax cut of \$50,000; deny access to affordable contraception and other forms of preventative care; and end insurance companies' lifetime cap on coverage benefits; and restricts federal funding for Planned Parenthood, putting care for 2.5 million patients nationwide at risk," said Rea Carey, Executive Director, National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund.

We urge everyone to continue the resistance against this repeal effort and stand alongside so many who oppose what the Republican-led Congress is doing. There are a lot of reasons why we oppose this bill. It is worth noting that Trumpcare is so bad that members of Congress are exempting themselves from it," said Carey.

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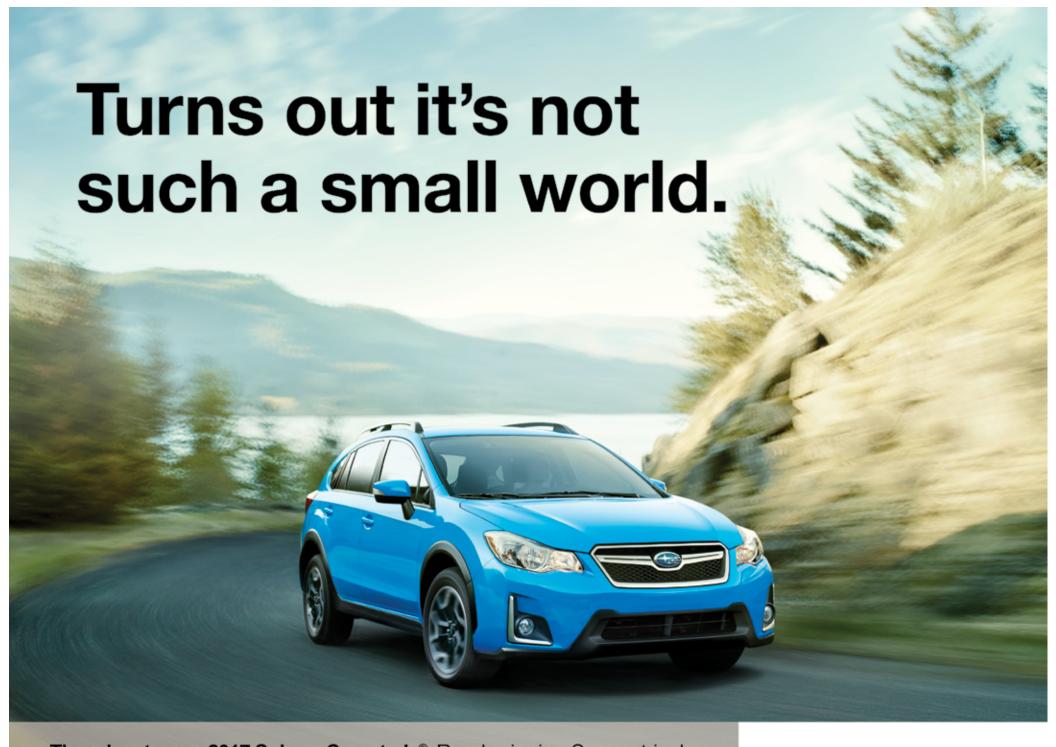


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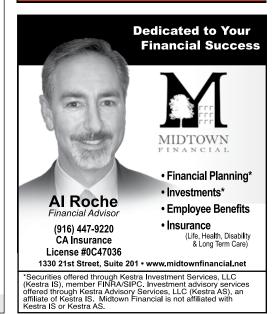
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Rainbow Railroad Announces Emergency Response Plan for LGBTQ People in Chechnya

Tith recent reports of abductions, detentions, enforced disappearances to the state of the state disappearances, torture and deaths targeting gay and bisexual men in Chechnya, a Canadian non-profit human rights organization has announced an emergency response plan to assist those in danger.

"Since we first received initial reports of gay concentration camps being established in Chechnya, Rainbow Railroad immediately re-classified Eastern Europe as a priority region," explains Executive Director, Kimahli Powell. "This means we're expanding our on-the-ground contacts as well as increasing our capacity to identify and assess new or alternative safe routes out of Chechnya."

The actions in Chechnya are drawing widespread sondemantion. "We are deeply disturbed by the reports of abuse, kidnapping and murder of LGBT people living in Chechnya," said The California Legislative LGBT Caucus in a released statement. "This brutality, coupled with Chechen officials' callous disregard for LGBT lives, is horrifying. We urge Russian authorities to condemn the violence, launch an investigation and hold the perpetrators accountable for their

Rainbow Railroad is working closely with the Russian LGBT Network, a non-governmental organization currently leading the campaign to rescue those facing danger in Chechnya. The two organizations will work together to identify individuals who need to be evacuated - with Rainbow Railroad providing direct travel assistance.

Powell says providing and expediting humanitarian visas, refugee resettlement, or any other legal entry is essential given the level of threat LGBTQ people face not only in Chechnya, but in many parts of the world currently. According to the 2016 International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association's (ILGA) State

Sponsored Homophobia report, 73 countries still criminalize homosexuality. The death penalty may be applied in 13 UN member states.

"The situation in Chechnya is part of a global pattern of ongoing state-enabled or state-sanctioned violence against LGBTQ people," Powell says, citing Indonesia,



Bangladesh and The Gambia as three recent examples. "This is why the number of people who reach out to us each year is growing."

Last year, Rainbow Railroad received 600 requests for assistance, and was able to help 81 individuals reach safety. To date, the organization has assisted more than 300 people escape to safe countries. Each case requires thousands of donation dollars to help just one person escape persecution in their home country.

To help support the efforts of the Rainbow Railroad, visit www.rainbowrailroad.ca/ donate.



Downtown Farmers' Markets Return For 2017 Season

owntown Sacramento's favorite seasonal lunchtime destinations, Downtown Certified Famers' Markets, return May 2017 and will run weekly through October.

Seasonal Farmers' Markets will be held at May 4 – Sept. 28 at Capitol Mall, 6th & Roosevelt and Fremont Parks on Tuesdays; Cesar Chavez Plaza on Wednesdays; and, Capitol Mall on Thursdays.

Market-goers can enjoy hot lunch options from an array of local food vendors while picking up their weekly groceries supplied by local farmers.

Hour for the markets are:

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., May 2 -Sept. 26 at Fremont Park, (16th & P streets) and Roosevelt Park, (10th & P streets);

Wednesdays: 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., May 3 Oct. 25 at Cesar Chavez Plaza, 9th & J streets; and Thursdays: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Capitol. There will be no Farmers' Markets on Tuesday, July 4.

Produced by Downtown Sacramento Partnership, in collaboration with Certified Farmers' Markets of Sacramento County, the Downtown Certified Farmers' Markets bring 31 food vendors, nearly 100 farmers and attracts 175,000 shoppers to downtown Sacramento, seasonally.

More information is available at GoDowntownSac.com. Keep up with the latest Downtown Certified Farmers' Market news by following Downtown Sac on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Experience the Flavor of Midtown at "Midtown Love"

esigned to celebrate Midtown's unique and eclectic vibe, Midtown Love is a new spirited indoor/outdoor event that will take place at Faces Nightclub (2000 K Street) as well as an adjacent "activated" alleyway.

Presented by the Midtown Association, the celebration will be on Thursday evening, May 18, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Complete with drag queens browsing about, the one-of-a-kind celebration will be highlighted by an iconic and lively lip sync battle featuring local individuals as they participate in a fierce but friendly

competition sure to entertain and delight the audience.

The event will also offer an incredible night of dancing and a visuallyenticing "Wall of Boom," a perfect backdrop for memorable photos.

Event guests will also have a chance to mix,

and network with many of Midtown's key influencers, business owners and involved community members while experiencing the flavor of Midtown.

"We're thrilled to present an exciting and new 'Midtown Love' celebration that replaces the annual gala we typically hold each year," said Emily Baime Michaels, executive director of the Midtown Association. "The event is a celebration that represents a sampling of what is amazing about Midtown. Plus, the event provides an opportunity to welcome our expanded Alhambra area community so we can

collectively continue to make Midtown the center for culture, creativity and vibrancy in Sacramento's most urban core."

"Midtown Love" event tickets cost \$70 per person and include amazing cocktails, bountiful sampling of some of Midtown's

popular restaurants and eating establishments along with exciting live entertainment. A limited number of tickets are available and guests are encouraged purchase them online in advance

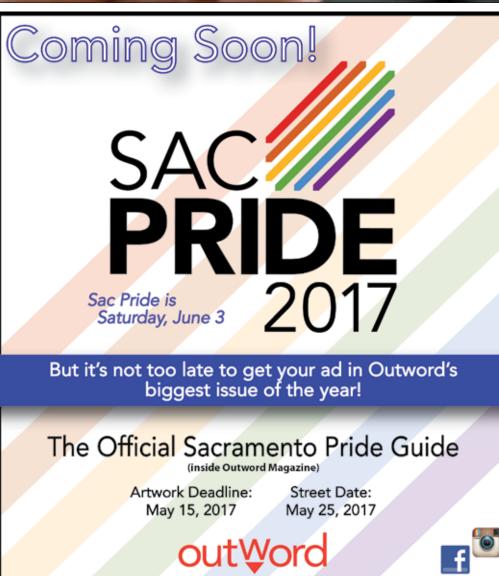
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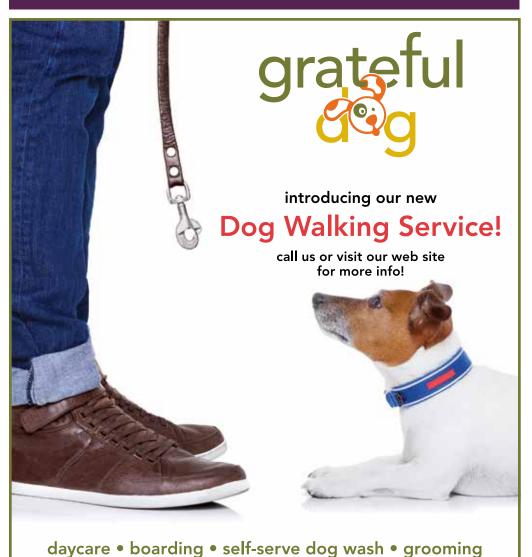


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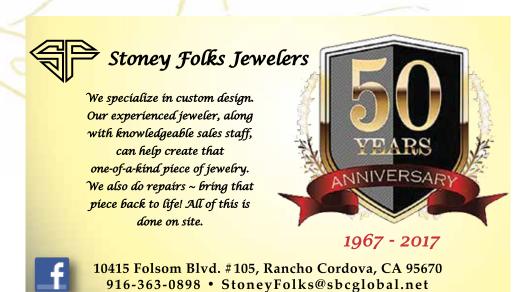


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Youth Take Lead in Drive to Build Davis LGBTQ+ Center

Tow in its third year, the focus of the 2017 Davis Pride Community Festival on Sunday, May 21, will be empowering the next generation of community leaders and launching a fundraising drive to build the first LGBT Community Center in Yolo County.

High school student Jesse Zablotsky, 17, is working with violence prevention

organization Davis Phoenix Coalition, producer of the annual Davis Pride Community Festival, to help develop the

Jesse Zablotsky

new LGBTQ+ center.

"I represent the Davis Community LGBTQ+ Center, a suborganization of the Phoenix Coalition," Zablotsky said. "The Davis Community LGBTQ+ Center is a nonprofit organization designed to support, educate and inspire members of the

community in Davis as well as those of the surrounding areas. We are currently in the initial planning stages.

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"Pride, and any LGBTQ+ events and organizations, are important to the LGBTQ+ community to allow us to come together and celebrate our unique

identities," Zablotsky said. "There is so much fear in being who you are – fear of judgment, hate and violence. There are so many people who don't have the opportunity to be themselves. Pride gives us the opportunity to love ourselves and our community, to stand up

for our rights, and celebrate our uniqueness and diversity."

Davis Pride Community Festival is a free, family-friendly celebration featuring 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.

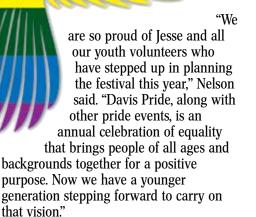
Singer-songwriter Jonathan Celestin ("Superman," "12 Steps") will be the headline entertainer on the Wells Fargo Main Stage, with performances by Ru

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 of Dance, among other local and regional talents.

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.



Zablotsky said events such as Davis Pride Festival offer opportunities for youth to get involved and develop leadership skills. "Youth participation is especially important to pride and other activism efforts because we are the future leaders of America," he said. "By getting involved as youth, we are becoming more educated and well rounded. We are developing the leadership skills we will need to advance equal rights and having our voices heard in the LGBTQ+ community empowers us to fight harder for what we believe in. In the fight for equality, every voice counts."



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Singer-Songwriter Johnathan Celestin Adds Davis Pride to 2017 World Tour

Pride will be openly queer singer-songwriter Johnathan Celestine, perhaps best known for the hit singles "Superman," "12 Steps" and "Best of Me."

Just a few years ago, Celestin says, he moved to New York City, \$200 in his pocket, to pursue his dream of a career in music. He had begun singing as a small child and started to think of music as a potential profession around age nine, when he began composing and writing songs on the piano.

His debut music video, "12 Steps," has accumulated more than 200,000 views on YouTube. He completed his East Coast Spring College Tour at the same time he was completing his studies at Columbia University.

Critics have described Celestin's breakout album, *And then the Rolling Stone Fell in Love*, as a no-holds-barred performance that is worthy of a Grammy. In 2017, Celestin recorded his latest single, "Quicksand," produced by Nicholas Wright, and will take this title, among others, on his 2017 World Tour this summer.

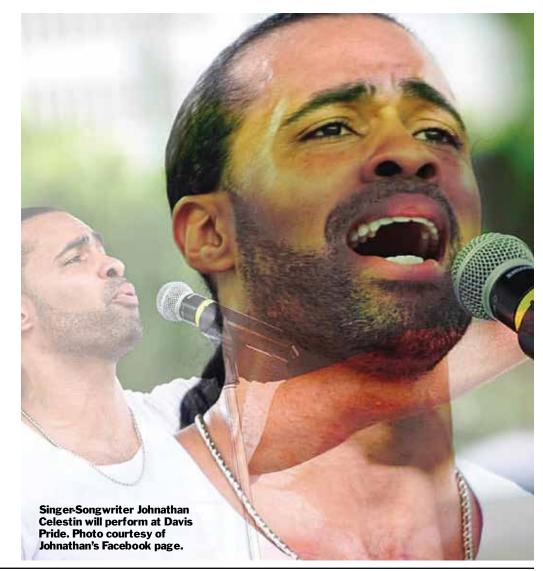
Celestin describes his eclectic musical style as "edgy, pop, rock, a little bit of everything," with influences from Lauryn Hill, Stevie Wonder, Donnie Hathaway, Sam Cooke, Allman Brothers, Eric Clapton, Bob Marley, among others. In addition to recording and touring, Celestin has performed on several Broadway tours and has written and sung for international recording artists and companies including McDonalds, Old Navy and Target.

Celestin says he works through his music to amplify marginalized voices. His live performance(s) are centered around love, love lost and, most importantly, empowerment.

"Within the LGBT community, where suicide and drug use are disproportionately high, Pride festivals are not only perfect opportunities for celebration, but also perfect spaces for uplifting and fortifying queer communities with self-worth, value and love," Celestin says.

Celestin said he looks forward to sharing his message with the LGBTQ communities of Davis, Sacramento and adjacent cities and to providing an exciting show. He will take the Wells Fargo Main Stage at Davis Pride at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 21. He also will perform Saturday, May 20, at the Davis Pride Community Bubbly Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center.

For more information about Davis Pride events, visit www.davispride.org.



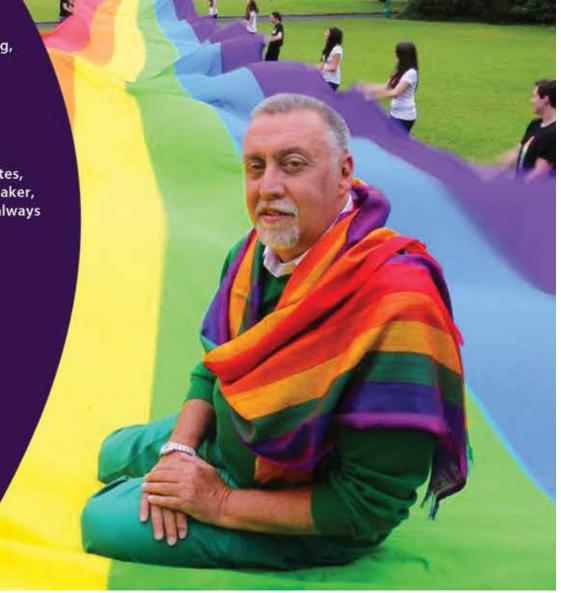
"Gilbert Baker, creator and proponent of the Rainbow Flag, Rainbow Pride, an activist and relentless advocate for Gay and Human Rights died of natural causes in New York City.

Jerry Goldstein, Tom Taylor, and the Diversity Foundation of San Francisco along with Cleve Jones respectfully request your participation in a memorial event for Gilbert Baker by searching everything in your possession including photographs, video, notes, email communications, discussions over the years with Gilbert Baker, memorabilia of Gilbert Baker without restriction as Gilbert was always of an opinion and action.

Please send anything you would like to jgoldstein@sfcrc.org. Feel free to contact us at diversitysf.org with any information, questions, or concerns.

Should you, your employer, or friends and family embrace the rainbow flag and its meaning with Pride a donation to the Gilbert Baker Fund at the Diversitysf web site would be most appreciated. We must emphasize that a flag does not have inherent copyright or patent rights and all of Gilbert Baker's gifts to the world through the Rainbow Projects were without significant financial reward.

Give consideration to the clear cut fact that almost all agencies and lgbtq efforts have a limited life span but THE RAINBOW FLAG WILL ENDURE FOREVER"





Highlights

Run/Walk for Equality



The sun will be shining, the air will be fresh and People will be OUT. Join us two hours community prior to the start of the festival for a brisk 5K/10K run/walk for the entire family

through picturesque Davis' renowned greenbelts.

This year's event is sponsored by Cares Community Health and under the direction of On Your Mark Events to assist with the planning and execution.

Davis Food Co-Op Teen Zone

Sponsored by the Davis Food Co-Op, this year's Teen Zone will be the best ever, as it is developed and run by our teen volunteers and youth committee members. Learn more about the LGBTQ+ center that is currently under development in Yolo County.



Bring the little ones out also. We will have bounce houses and other fun activities for young ones age 12 and under.

Hot Italian Pet Zone



Davis Pride is for all members of the family EVEN the four legged ones. We will have a pet grooming service, resting, cooling and water stations for the little ones.

Looking for a pet? Yolo County SPCA will be onsite to discuss adoption services.

Beer and Wine Garden

Always a hit, don't forget to stop by the beer and wine garden to try some amazing local wines from Barefoot Wine and Bubbly, and, back by popular demand, \$2 mimosas. Local Davis brewery Sudwerk will once again be on site pouring some of their award winning beers, including a special blend called "Drink With Pride" only made for Davis Pride.





The Davis Pride Run and Community Festival is a safe space event for all that attend. We will have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for discrimination, fighting, illegal activities, and unauthorized solicitors. Violators will be escorted out of the festival.

WELLS Main Stage FARGO Line Up

10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Run/Walk for Equality Awards

Festival Opening Ceremonies

11:15 a.m.

Cal Aggie Alumni Band-Uh!

11:40 a.m.

Nathan Temby

12:15 p.m.

Nitty Dupree Studio of Dance

12:25 p.m.

Team Davis Singers

12:45 p.m.

Cathy Speck

12:50 p.m.

Cheer Sacramento and **Nitty Dupree Studio of Dance**

1:00 p.m.

Johnathan Celestin

1:45 p.m.

Cheer Sacramento

2:00 p.m.

Trinity Taylor and friends along with the Romeo Whispers Fashion Show

2:40 p.m.

Sacramento Women's Chorus

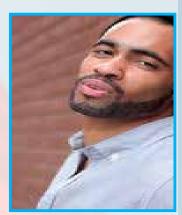
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Deuces and Diamonds



Nathan Temby





Headline Artist. Johnathan Celestin



Davis Phoenix Coalition



Davis Pride is produced by Davis Phoenix Coalition, a California non-profit organization with a mission to foster diversity, eliminate intolerance, prevent hate-motivated violence and support LGBTQ youth. The coalition was founded in the aftermath of a violent 2013 anti-gay attack on Lawrence "Mikey" Partida, a then 32-year-old long-distance runner and Davis resident. Proceeds from Davis Pride will support the Coalition's year-round work, which includes anti-bullying campaigns, workshops and outreach with area police departments, churches and schools. The group has a long-term goal of building a Phoenix Center in Davis to support LGBTQ+ and allied community members.

For more information or to find out ways to support the coalition, please visit: www.davisphoenixco.org.

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Foundation Wields Harvey Milk's Model of Collaboration, Conversation for Global Rights

by Bonnie Osborn

Tarvey Milk is a name that opens doors. A San Francisco Castro-district camera-store proprietor, Milk first gained notoriety as an openly gay political candidate at a time when those were a rarity in the United States, running unsuccessfully for San Francisco supervisor in 1973 and for State Assembly in 1975 before winning election as supervisor in 1977. He was the first openly gay man in U.S. history to be elected to prominent political office.

In his brief time in office, Milk became known for his coalition-building skills, authoring a gay rights ordinance in San Francisco and helping defeat Proposition 6, or the Briggs Initiative, which would have prevented lesbian or gay people from teaching in California public schools.

When a troubled former supervisor shot and killed Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone in November 1978, Harvey Milk's name became known worldwide. Thousands turned out for candlelight vigils to mourn the deaths. When the former supervisor who shot him was sentenced to fewer than eight years, San Francisco's LGBTQ community erupted in what became known as the "White Night Riots" in protest of the verdict.

Since then, Harvey Milk's legacy has only grown. He was named one of Time magazine's most influential people of the 20th century. In 2008, the story of his rise as the U.S.'s first openly gay elected official of a major city was immortalized in the Oscarwinning motion picture Milk, with Sean Penn in the lead role.

In 2009, at a ceremony at the California Museum in Sacramento, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver inducted Milk into California's Hall of Fame. In the same year, Gov.





Harvey Milk and campaign manager Anne Kronenberg (1977)

Schwarzenegger signed into law a bill, carried by Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), designating May 22 as Harvey Milk Day. In 2010, the Harvey Milk Foundation hosted a series of Harvey Milk Day events, including one in Sacramento. The U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp commemorating him in 2014, and the U.S. Navy has named a ship for him, the USNS Harvey Milk (T-AO-206).

But to Stuart Milk, just 17, in his first year in college, and still working out his own orientation when Milk was killed, Harvey Milk was simply "Uncle Harvey." They talked every week, long conversations about life and about the fact Harvey was gay. "Later people told me he knew I was gay," Stuart says today, "but he never brought it up with me."

Stuart was just 14 the first time Harvey ran for office, in 1974. "At the time it was brutally homophobic," he recalls of the era. "There was still psychological and psychiatric treatment for being gay; it was in many parts of country still criminal to be gay. That was clearly difficult for any person to deal with, let alone someone with the name Milk."

He debated with his uncle over the wisdom of encouraging gay people to come out. "As was typical of Harvey, he would say, I agree with you, then spend the next three hours convincing me why his position was better and that it was vital that everyone

come out.

"Harvey was my touchstone," Stuart says. In 2009, Stuart Milk and Anne Kronenberg, Harvey's campaign manager and aide, founded the Harvey Milk Foundation, with the mission of educating, fostering dialogue and inspiring communities and organizations to carry on Harvey Milk's human rights work. Stuart and Kronenberg have traveled the globe, met with world leaders, testified before parliaments.

Today, 75 percent of the Foundation's focus is global, Stuart says, noting that while the past few years have seen extraordinary advances in LGBTQ rights in some places, most of the LGBTQ people in the world remain vulnerable, even as nationalist and right-wing movements gain strength.

In 14 countries homosexuality is punishable by death. In India, the world's largest democracy, the Supreme Court recently re-criminalized homosexuality, something observers said would never happen. "We try to remind people of the work we still have to do," Stuart says.

The Foundation works directly with discriminatory governments and institutions, just as Harvey might have done, often behind the scenes, to foster dialogue between diverse communities, educate officials and the public, and above all, to encourage LGBTQ people to be visible. They

have organized events, met privately with officials, and spoken at schools in places such as Vietnam, Hungary, Italy, Brunei, Latvia, and Lithuania, a member of the European Union where it is illegal to publish any information about LGBTQ people that can be viewed by anyone under age 18. The Foundation works on the ground with local LGBT and human rights groups-never without them.

The power of the name "Harvey Milk" to open doors is a key to the Foundation's success, as are its willingness to meet with anyone, regardless of stance on LGBTQ rights, and its willingness to do so without publicity if need be.

The Milk Foundation helped organize the first LGBTQ event involving a U.S. military base located in Italy in 2015. The goal of the event was to reach the estimated thousand openly LGBTQ soldiers stationed there as well as the LGBTQ population of the conservative Northern Italy region. "The military has not approved of an on-base Pride event in Europe," Stuart says. "That will happen this year because of our work on the ground in Italy with the U.S. Consulate in Milan."

The organization co-hosted an event at the U.S. Embassy in Hungary in 2014 with several minority communities, including the Roma community, which, as do LGBT Hungarians, faces brutal discrimination. The event included a former U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, a Harvey Milk Foundation board member, and was carried on Hungarian TV, a historic first.

"We are willing to have constructive conversations with everyone, including those who are pretty atrocious," Stuart says.

He recalls a letter he got from his uncle when he was 15. Harvey wrote that he had gone into a church to debate an anti-gay pastor, where 1,000 people hated him when he got there, and 998 hated him when he left. "Those two will become four; those four will become eight," Harvey explained.

Increasingly the Milk Foundation has embraced alliances with global corporations, such as the 2016 and 2017 global Levi's

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Stuart Milk at the Sacramento LGBT Center.

Pride collections, which will launch in the Americas and Europe in May, available at levis.com. A portion of proceeds will support the Foundation.

Stuart believes corporations can be important allies in the quest for human rights, because many of them have figured out it is in their best interest to do so. "They believe that inclusion and diversity is good for the bottom line, good for economic prosperity," he says. "It's important that we embrace that."

People vote for laws that discriminate, he believes, because they don't believe they know anyone in the targeted group. "They think they don't know them; they think they are not them, and we have to change that." That's where Harvey's philosophy of education, conversation and visibility comes into play.

While it is part of the Foundation's mission to spotlight the global struggle for

LGBTQ equality and human rights, activism at the local level is still critical, Stuart says. He believes the way to forestall the tide of far-right nationalism is for marginalized communities to unite. "All these nationalist movements are tied in with anti-immigrant, anti-women's rights, anti-gay. You can't say you are protecting the LGBTQ community from discrimination, because we also are immigrant, women, Mexican. We are represented everywhere. If for no other reason, we should stand up with minority communities.

"It doesn't take huge activism; it can be a couple of school kids, or speaking up in a corporate boardroom, where there are plenty of anti-LGBT or anti-immigrant jokes. We need people willing to stand up to that. That's where change happens; change doesn't happen from the talking heads on TV. They are important, but real change happens by everyday people standing up."

Our Community Remembers Harvey Milk compiled by Justin Knighten

n commemoration of Harvey Milk Day, May 22, marking San Francisco Supervisor Milk's birthday, we went out to some of our community members and asked what Harvey meant to them and how he influnced their lives.

Assemblymember Evan Low, Chair of the California Legislative LGBT Caucus

"Harvey Milk was a visionary civil rights leader and a hero. He never backed down from his convictions in the face of tremendous resistance. Especially during these trying times, his tenacity, fearlessness, and hope serve as an inspiration for us all." Dylan Julia Cooper, Middle School

Student at Sutter Middle School

"Marching in my first Pride parade last year (Thank you Stuart Milk!) I realized just how important it is to make sure everyone knows that I stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community. Especially with the current threats to love and hope, I try to celebrate Harvey Milk's work by remembering how he lived his life. He taught us that no matter what the dark times look like, if we stand up together in solidarity, and in the name of love, we become a powerful, unstoppable force, building each other up faster than anyone can tear us down."

Mia Satya, Vice President of External Affairs, The Harvey Milk LGBT **Democratic club in San Francisco**

"Harvey Milk worked in collaboration with other oppressed groups because he realized that all our struggles are linked together. The Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic club in San Francisco is celebrating the spirit of Harvey with a day long, intergenerational series of events at the historic Castro Theatre. With the current administration's attack on virtually every minority group except the

1%, it's more important than ever for us to unite to fight for justice."

Samantha Tran, Senior Managing **Director of Education, Children Now**

"At this moment in our nation's history, when acts of discrimination and hate seem to be resurging in very public ways, Harvey Milk is a great reminder. He reminds us of what it looks like to stand up and find your voice, to see the humanity in us all, to connect neighbor to neighbor, and to serve, all the while embodying humor and hope. It is that resiliency, focus on inclusion and wiliness to advocate that we need to engender in ourselves, our communities and our democracy."

Sammy Nunez, Executive Director, Fathers and Families of San Joaquin

"Harvey Milk embodied the courage and conviction that is required in the current struggle that we find ourselves in. In this historic moment we need our "public officials" to speak truth that penetrates the rhetoric that's unfairly targeting our people and communities. So when our children and grandchildren ask what did you do and how did you respond to the misogyny, oppression and hate that Trump so clearly condones? We need the Harvey Milks of our generation to declare that we did not back down and run away; we did not take the suffering of our people and community lightly. We need for them to stand tall; stand together, and continue to stand for justice and love in the face of fear and hate."

Allison VanKuiken, Program Director, **Equality California**

"Harvey Milk once said, 'you got to give them hope' and he was good on his word. Through his persistence, he showed the world that no matter the size and scale of a victory, there is hope and with hope, the possibilities are endless. Looking at the world today, this is a particularly important message because our persistence will give hope to countless people and continue to move us in the direction of justice."

David Heitstuman, Executive Director, Sacramento LGBT Community Center

"Harvey Milk's gift to us all was that of hope and freedom. After the Stonewall Riots brought international attention to the struggle of LGBTQ people, Harvey's vision of liberty and equality for all of us motivated young LGBTQ activists and allies to fill the streets and fight for their rights as Americans. More than three decades later, the rights of women, immigrants, Muslims, LGBTQ people are at risk. I hope Harvey's legacy encourages a new generation of activists to stand up against the oppression of the Trump administration to protect our freedoms."

Senator Ricardo Lara, California State Senate

"California is a global leader in the fight to expand LGBT rights because of Harvey Milk and the generation that built on his legacy. If he were alive today to see the Trump Administration rolling back protections for

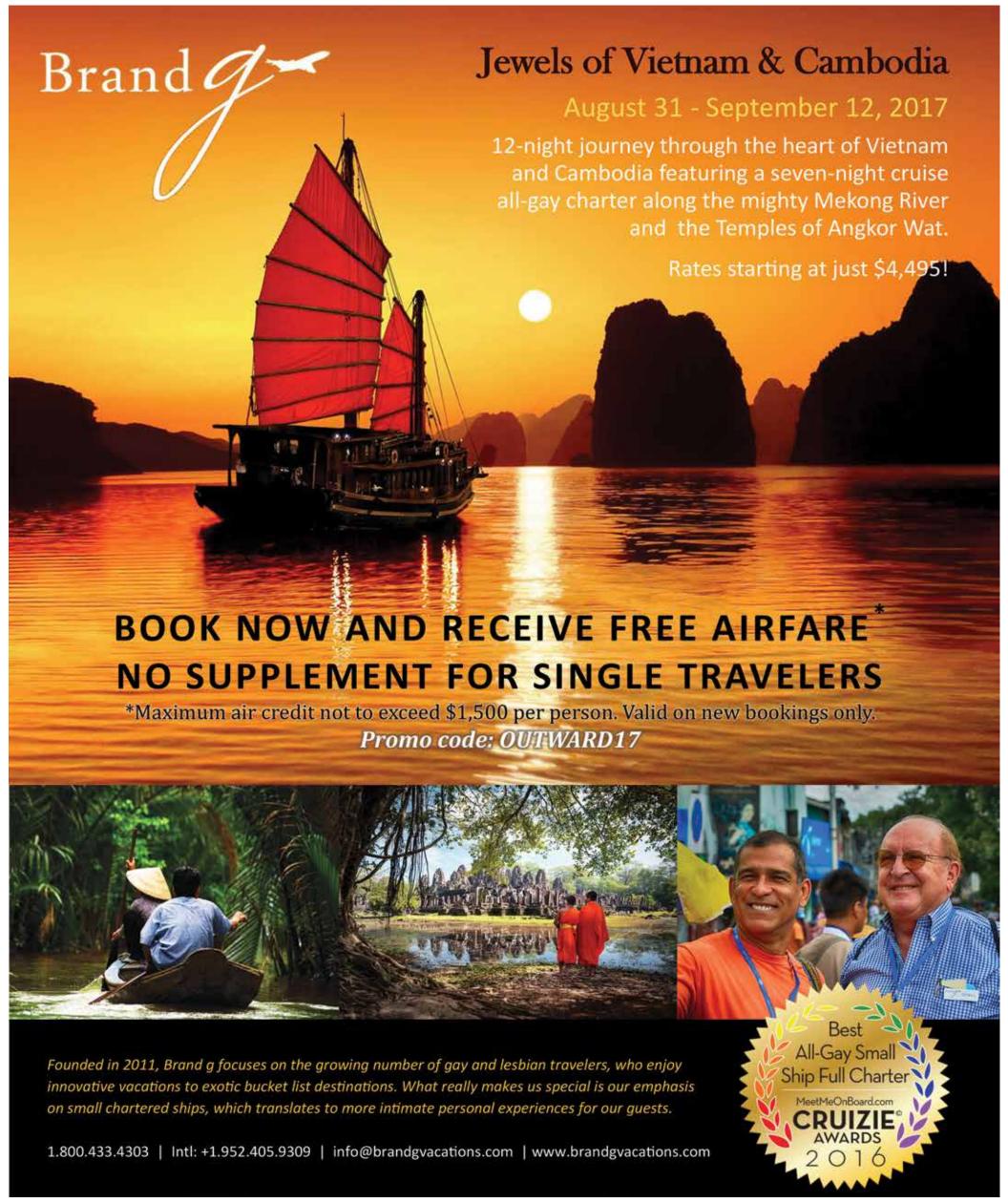
transgender students, he would be leading the charge for equality. With discrimination on the rise, California's role has never been more important."

Daniel Zingale Senior Vice President of Healthy California, The California **Endowment**

"Harvey Milk's famous words - 'hope will never be silent' - is essentially the rallying cry for Californians right now. We're experiencing an important moment in California that will show all communities - undocumented immigrants, trans youth, black and brown families - all coming together, resisting hate, and fighting for what's right. Leading the charge is a groundswell of loud voices, protests and marches, and specifically youth standing up in profound and dynamic ways to #StayLoud on the issues that impact them and their communities. We call it people power, and it's also the best example of Milk's legacy - the ultimate pursuit of equality and health and justice for all." George Raya, Chair, Board of

Directors, Latino Center of Art and Culture

"In 1977, I was a volunteer in Harvey Milk's successful campaign for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. I did so because he was the candidate who would be the voice for the voiceless in City Hall. I think, if he were alive today, Harvey would be leading the fight to protect immigrants and opposed to a ban against Muslims."



StayLoud During Sac Pride for #Health4All

commentary by Oscar Alarcon

acramento's upcoming Pride festival on June 3 offers the region not only an occasion to celebrate our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) culture and community; but also an opportunity to get involved, #StayLoud, and mobilize on the issues that we care about which could be a matter of life or death.

Specifically, Pride will offer many projects and movements for young advocates to join and support. We are becoming more engaged and using our voices to call attention to what matters most; however, for me this wasn't always the case. It took an urgent health concern to propel me into action.

As an undocumented queer man, I experienced what it's like to be excluded and to feel powerless. I lived in the margins and tried my best to go unnoticed. I believed that I didn't have a right to voice my opinions or to get involved. I sat on the sidelines and let others make decisions that directly impacted me and other undocumented and LGBTQ people.

All of this changed when I discovered that I had type 2 diabetes a few years ago. Sadly, being undocumented prohibited me from accessing the medicine that I needed to manage my illness. With elevated blood sugar levels, I ran the risk of falling ill, ending up in the emergency room, or worse.

This reality motivated me to find my voice and embrace my identity. I began to advocate for both undocumented and LGBTQ rights.

During this time, I marched hand-in-hand in our state capitol for #Health4All, a campaign that advocates for equal access to affordable health coverage for everyone, regardless of immigration status. Recently, I have joined many local discussions about LGBTQ rights and efforts to

#HEALTH4ALL



ensure health, justice and equality for all.

I fully recognize the power that being engaged and civically active can have in changing the collective reality for everyone, especially right now with undocumented and LGBTQ populations navigating real issues and immediate concerns regarding their health and safety.

I want to encourage you to go to Sacramento Pride and have as much fun as possible, but I also want to encourage you to think about the threats we are all facing. Talk to people working day in and out to fight against these injustices and learn about how we can create an inclusive and empowered community.

We, as LGBTQ people, come from different racial, ethnic, immigrant, and economic backgrounds. If you truly care about people who are LGBTQ and the future of Sacramento, please keep people like me with different experiences and backgrounds, in mind. It's a time for solidarity. It's a time to organize, protest and demand access to what we need to thrive.

Oscar Alarcon, is a Central Valley-based 27 year-old who is undocumented and queer.

Say "Thank-you" on National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day

he challenges, struggles and triumphs of older LGBT adults will be commemorated on May 16 during the second annual National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day.

The day of recognition, inaugurated by The LGBT Health Resource Center of Chase Brexton Health Care in Baltimore in 2016, will pay tribute to the sacrifices and successes of LGBT older adults and thank them for leading the fight to expand LGBT rights.

There are an estimated three million LGBT adults over the age of 55 throughout the U.S.

"Whether they fought quietly or stepped into the spotlight, LGBT elders have made a difference for all LGBT people," said Nate Sweeney, executive director of The LGBT Health Resource Center of Chase Brexton Health Care. "We're proud to offer a chance for LGBT communities across the country to thank these individuals for what they've given us."

National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day was added to the National Day registry in 2016 by The LGBT Health Resource Center. For more information about National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day, including resources for planning a celebration and a social media toolkit, visit elder.lgbt.

"The gains made in recent years toward LGBT equality are a direct result of those who came before us," Sweeney said. "More than ever, it's important that our community hear their stories, learn from their experiences, and carry their example forward as we continue the fight for equality."

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Jaw-Dropping Itineraries: Gay River Cruises Go Where Ocean Cruises Can't by Eric Poole

ost of us have done a gay ocean cruise or two, hitting the finest port cities you can park a giant, 18-story ship in front of. And those cruises are great for experiencing all the diversions a big cruise ship has to offer, like casinos and water slides and drunken art auctions you regret the next day.

But sightseeing? Not so much.

Large cruise ships are limited to the cities on the coastline – which means industrial port cities, or being bused for hours into the city you actually want to see. And many of the world's coolest cities aren't accessible on an ocean cruise at all.

But taking an all-gay river cruise gives you the opportunity to see all the places only stop in Vietnam, an amazing country whose tourism is exploding? (Ho Chi Minh also requires a 2.5 hour drive each way from the ocean port.) On a Mekong River cruise, you can also see My Tho, Cai Be, Sa Dec, Tan Chau – towns and villages that show you the extraordinary cultures and traditions Vietnam has maintained for centuries.



inside a country. And those are most often the gems. The ones with great sightseeing. And culture. And traditions.

And photo ops.

Imagine visiting the ancient villages along the Mekong Delta in Vietnam, where life exists as it has for hundreds of years.

Or the lush rainforest of the Amazon, bursting with species of animals you've only seen in a grade school textbook.

Imagine touring grand European cities like Vienna and Salzburg (where *The Sound of Music* was shot) on the incredibly scenic waters of the Danube.

You can't see these on an ocean cruise. Because river cruises ply the interior waters of a country, the stops are almost unlimited. Why take an ocean cruise that offers Berlin as its only German port (a fabulous city, but one which requires a three hour bus or train ride – each way – to reach it from the port)? On a river cruise, you can also see cities like Cologne, Passau, and Nuremberg – which, one and all, look like they fell out of a storybook.

Why take an ocean cruise that offers Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) as your Best of all, on a river cruise, the ship parks "downtown." So when you walk off the ship, you're THERE. No touring days cut short by travel time. You just stroll off and start taking pictures.

So you could take an ocean cruise to India and visit the modern resort town of Goa – or see the amazing, historical ruins of the cities inside India on the Ganges.

You could take a Mediterranean ocean cruise and be bused into Paris – or take a river cruise that visits the French Wine Country's insanely charming towns like Avignon and Lyon (considered the gastronomic capital of the world) – and still end up in Paris.

You could take a South American ocean cruise that stops in Rio and some forgettable port cities like Buzios and Ilha Grande – or a river cruise that winds its way through the heart of the Amazon.

Hey – whatever floats your boat.

Eric Poole is Director of Marketing for Brand g Vacations, which offers all-LGBT river cruises to the Amazon, Europe, Asia, India and much more. Visit www. Brandg Vacations.com.



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Celebrate Your Artistic Side at Crocker's ArtMix Pride

elish how far LGBTQ rights have come, at the Crocker's annual celebration of Pride Month at two events, the Rainbow Families Pre-Parade Party and ArtMix Pride.

The Crocker Art Museum invites ALL families to come "rainbow up" for the Sacramento Pride Parade, which kicks off nearby at 11 a.m. on June 3.

From 9:30 - to 10:30 a.m., streamers, bells, crowns, face paints, and a variety of supplies will be available to decorate babies, kids, mommies, mamas, daddies, papas, allies, and friends – not to mention strollers, bikes, and wagons.

Presented in partnership with Sacramento Rainbow Families, you can walk in the parade with the Crocker's group, or just be a colorful spectator! Light refreshments provided to help fuel the fun. Meet at Crocker Park, across the street from the Crocker Art Museum.

ArtMix Pride, on Thursday, June 8, from 6 – 9:30 p.m., will feature Sacramento-based electronic duo Rituals of Mine (formerly Sister Crayon) leading the entertainment line-up, with other local LGBTQ artists, creatives, and makers including Century Got Bars, The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Activism Articulated, SIGLFF and more keeping the party going.

On the get involved with art side,



Dani Fernandez and Terra Lopez of Rituals of Mine. Give them a listen at www.ritualsofmine.com/#Album

you can create your own Pride flag at the pop-up print shop, and mix with local groups to learn how you can get involved, be an active ally, and connect with the strong, brave, bold, and beautiful members of Sacramento's LGBTQ community.

There will be \$5 drink specials

all night. ArtMix Pride is free for Museum members, \$10 for nonmembers. Tickets may be purchased at crockerart.org or at the Museum admission desk. ArtMix is for guests 21+, and ArtMix takes place every second Thursday of each month.

Twin Peaks Returns on Showtime

by Chris Narloch

ne of the strangest shows in the history of the small screen returns this month on Showtime, more than 25 years after *Twin Peaks* changed television forever over two amazing seasons.



The cult hit is back with all new episodes and most of the original cast, including Kyle MacLachlan and David Duchovny, who reprise their roles as FBI agent Dale Cooper and transgender DEA agent Denise Bryson, respectively.

That's enough to get me to tune

in, especially since showrunner David Lynch directed all 18 episodes himself, and new characters will be played by the likes of Laura Dern, Trent Reznor, Michael Cera, Jim Belushi, Amanda Seyfried and Eddie Vedder.

Created by Lynch and Mark

Frost, the original *Twin Peaks* told a mysterious story about a shocking murder that rocks a quaint Northwestern town. Finding out "who killed Laura Palmer?" became must-see TV on ABC in 1990 and 1991.

See the long awaited third season on Showtime beginning May 21st.



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Entertainment by Chris Narloch Sacramento's California Museum Goes to the Movies

Tf you've never been to the California Museum, the last two weeks in May of this year would be the perfect time to check out three terrific exhibits there, all on display during that time frame.

Those installations include an exciting new exhibit that highlights the history of émigrés in the American film industry; a fascinating survey of Sacramento's historic former Japantown; and an important holdover from Black History Month that celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the California Legislative Black Caucus.

Light & Noir

Organized by the Skirball Cultural Center in association with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Light & Noir: Exiles & Émigrés in Hollywood, 1933-1950, highlights the history of émigrés who fled Europe as refugees of Nazi persecution and their legacy in American cinema and culture through achievements in the film noir genre and classic movies such as Casablanca, Double Indemnity, Mildred Pierce, Sunset Boulevard and more.

Highlights include posters, costumes and concept drawings, scripts, musical scores, lobby cards and props from the set of Rick's Café in Casablanca, storyboards and set drawings from The Killers starring Burt Lancaster & Ava Gardner, dresses worn by Marlene Dietrich in *A Foreign Affair* and



Paul Henreid, Ingrid Bergman and Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca (1942)

Joan Crawford in Mildred Pierce, and the Oscar won by acclaimed director Billy Wilder for Sunset Boulevard.

Light & Noir: Exiles & Émigrés in Hollywood, 1933-1950 exhibits from May 16 - Oct. 15, 2017.

the early 20th century.

Featuring rare family photographs drawn from the personal collections of community members never before publicly displayed, the exhibit documents the memories at the heart of a once-thriving downtown

Kokoro: The Story of Sacramento's Lost *Japantown* is an exhibit surveying the

experience of local Japanese Americans in

community devastated first by forced removal during WWII and again by redevelopment in the 1950s.

Developed in partnership with former residents of Sacramento's Japantown, author of Sacramento's Historic Japantown: Legacy of a Lost Neighborhood Kevin Wildie and others, the exhibit commemorates the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, the presidential decree that led to the unconstitutional incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans.

Kokoro continues through May 28, 2017.

CLBC 50

This exhibit highlights California's place at the forefront of African American political participation.

Highlights include photographs, art, artifacts and ephemera chronicling the Caucus' notable members, activities and accomplishments, and its leadership role in the state's civil rights history.

The Legacy Continues: The California Legislative Black Caucus At 50 is on display through June 11, 2017.

For more information about these and other exhibits, visit www.californiamuseum.org.

The establishment's eccentric guests

final days living in luxury; a young,

include a fading prima ballerina; a fatally ill

Jewish bookkeeper, who wants to spend his

handsome, but destitute Baron; a cynical

doctor; an honest businessman gone bad;

and a typist dreaming of Hollywood success.

Grand Hotel plays through May 28. For

Phantom, Grand Hotel & Stupid F##cking Bird

In our late May issue, I'll have reviews of 'Dear Evan Hansen' and other hit shows currently wowing audiences on Broadway. ⚠ Of course, you don't have to fly to New York City to see amazing theater.

Check out one or more of these three must-see shows right here in River City, which include two Tony-winning musicals and a highly acclaimed play that offers a new twist on Chekhov.

Phantom of the Opera

Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's The *Phantom of the Opera* will come to Sacramento as part of a brand new North American Tour, this May 17-28, at the Community Center Theater.

Critics are raving that this breathtaking production is "bigger and better than ever before." It features a brilliant new scenic design by Paul Brown, Tony Award-winning original costume design by Maria Björnson, lighting design by Tony Award-winner Paule Constable, new choreography by Scott Ambler, and new staging by director Laurence Connor.

The production, overseen by famed choreographer Matthew Bourne and Cameron Mackintosh, boasts many exciting special effects, including, of course, the show's legendary chandelier.

The musical's beloved story and thrilling score – with songs like "Music of the Night," "All I Ask Of You," and "Masquerade" – will be performed by a cast and orchestra of 52, making this *Phantom* one of the largest productions now on tour.

For more information, visit www.broadwaysacramento.com.

Grand Hotel

It should be fun to see what Green Valley Theatre does with this big musical, which is a different sort of show than they usually bring to the appealingly intimate Grange Theater, on V Street in Sacramento.

The 1989 Broadway production of *Grand* Hotel garnered 12 Tony Award nominations, winning five, including best direction and choreography for Tommy Tune.

The musical is based on the 1929 Vicki Baum novel and play, Menschen im Hotel (People in a Hotel), and the subsequent 1932 MGM feature film that starred Greta Garbo and Joan Crawford. The story takes place over the course of a weekend in an elegant

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more information, visit www.

hotel in 1928 Berlin.

Stupid F##king Bird If musicals aren't your cup of tea, check out this ambitious new work, a Charles MacArthur Award winner for Outstanding

Štupid F##king Bird follows an aspiring young director who rages against the art created by his mother's generation and a nubile young actress who wrestles with an aging Hollywood star for the affections of a renowned novelist.

Everyone discovers just how disappointing love, art, and growing up can be in this irreverent, contemporary, and very funny remix of Anton Chekhov's classic play The Seagull.

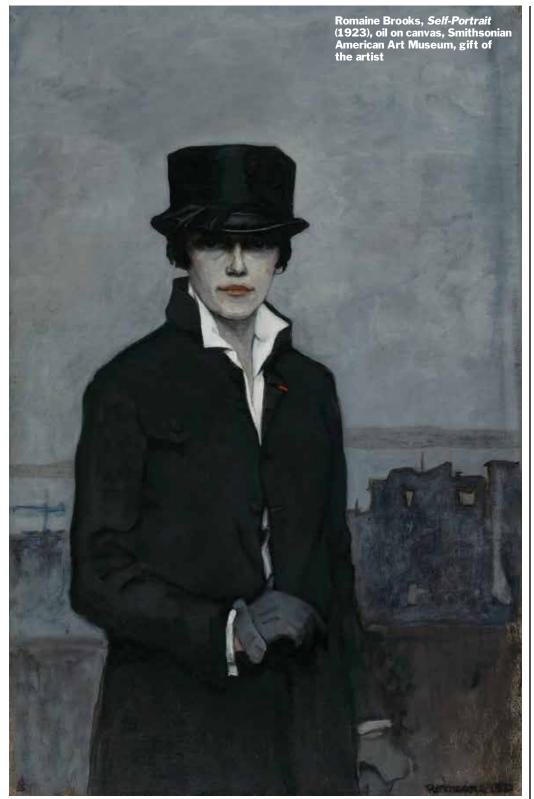
Playwright Aaron Posner stages a timeless battle between young and old and past and present, in search of the true meaning of it

Directed by Michael Stevenson, Stupid F##king Bird plays through June 4, courtesy of Sacramento's Capital Stage. Visit www.capstage.org.



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Discover the Art of Romaine Brooks at LLACE Discussion

Therie Gordon, who travelled to Italy and Washington D.C., to view the works of artist Romaine Brooks at recent ✓ exhibitions, will present a short talk on Brooks and her work at the Lavender Library.

The two hour art showing and talk will be centered around 12 oil reproductions on canvas and 12 copies of Symbolist drawings on graphite paper by Brooks (1874-1970), an American painter who worked mostly in Paris and Capri.

Brooks specialized in portraiture, using a subdued tonal palette keyed to the color gray, ignoring contemporary artistic trends such as Cubism and Fauvism, and drawing on her own original aesthetic inspired by the works of Charles Conder, Walter Sickert and James McNeill Whistler.

Her subjects ranged from anonymous models to titled aristocrats. She is best

known for her images of women in androgynous or masculine dress, including her self-portrait of 1923, which is her most widely reproduced work.

She often painted people close to her, such as the Italian writer and politician Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Russian dancer Ida Rubinstein, and her partner of more than 50 years, the writer Natalie Barney.

This event will take place on Saturday, May 27 from 6-8 p.m. and is free, donations requested. Non-alcoholic beverages, wine and appetizers will be provided. For more information, Please contact Cherie at pucks. den@gmail.com or Lavender Library at info@lavenderlibrary.com.



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You Can Never Have Enough LGBTQI Pride Celebrations

Te have already included in this issue some of the major Pride Celebrations, and others that just struck our fancy, but wait, there are plenty more!

Here is a list of upcoming celebrations courtesy of CAPI and our own Pride Elves.

Amsterdam Pride: July 29 — August 6 Austin Pride: August 24 — 26 Atlanta Pride: October 13 — 15

Boston Pride: June 10 Chicago: June 25

Dallas Pride: September 17 Denver Pride: June 17 — 18

Desert Hot Springs Pride: November 18

El Paso Sun City Pride: June 1 — 4





London Pride: July 20 — 30 Long Beach Pride: May 20 -Madrid & World Pride: June 23 — July 2

Mexico City Pride: June 22 — 27 Modesto Pride: September TBD Montreal Pride: August 10 — 20 New York Pride: June 23 — 25 Palm Springs Pride: November 3 — 5

Paris Pride: June 24 — 26 Phoenix Pride: April 1 — 2 Pittsburgh Pride: June 2 — 11
Portland Pride: June 17 — 18 Oceanside, CA Pride: October 14



Reno Pride: July 22 Sacramento Pride: June 3 Salt Lake City Pride: May 31 — June 4 San Diego Pride, July 14 — 16 San Francisco Pride, June 24 — 25 SF Folsom Street: September 25 San Marcos TX Pride: September 9 Santa Fe Pride: September 15 — 17

Seattle Pride: June 25

Sonoma Pride, Guerneville: June 2 — 5

Taos Pride: August 11 — 12 Tijuana Pride: June 17

Tucson Pride: September 25 Vancouver Pride: August 6



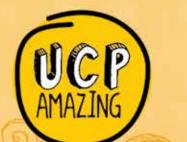
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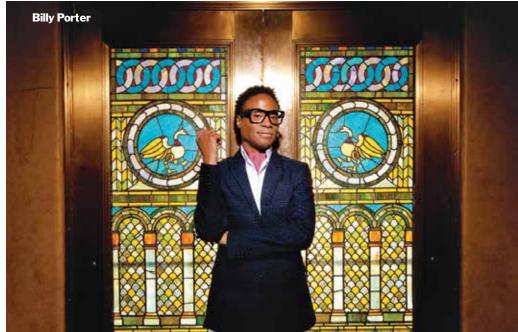
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Billy Porter Celebrates *The Soul of Richard Rodgers*

ony and Grammy-winner Billy Porter recently released a new studio album that celebrates the legacy of Richard Rodgers who, along with his musical partner Oscar Hammerstein, created some of the finest music ever made for the American theater.



The CD, The Soul of Richard Rodgers, which features new, soulful takes on classic Richard Rodgers songs, includes solos and duets from the following artists (in addition to Porter himself): Cynthia Errivo, Renee Elise Goldsberry, Leslie Odom Jr., Patina Miller, Pentatonix, India. Arie, Joshua Henry, Brandon Victor Dixon, Todrick Hall, Deborah Cox, Ledisi and Christopher Iackson.

The track listing for this essential release includes such timeless classics as 'My Romance' (Leslie Odom Jr.), 'I Have Dreamed' (Patina Miller), 'This Nearly Was Mine' (Deborah Cox), 'Carefully Taught' (India.Arie), and Tm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair' (Todrick Hall and Billy Porter).

Porter, who became famous as the openly gay star of Kinky Boots on Broadway, is to be commended both for honoring Richard Rodgers and for shining a spotlight on so many wonderful singers with talent equal to his own.

San Francisco Pride Celebrates Our Diversity

an Francisco Pride is one of the largest gatherings of the LBTQ Community and its allies in the nation with a theme this year of *A Celebration of Diversity*. In addition to the parade on Sunday, the two-day Celebration at Civic Center Plaza boasts more that one million attendees annually.

In San Francisco, it is hard to say when it all begins because there are so many events that lead up to the Celebration and Parade, with everything from a Trans March on June 23rd to the annual Frameline Film Festival that opens June 15th with *The Untold Tales* of Armistead Maupin.

The Pride Celebration is on June 24th (noon - 6 p.m.) and 25th (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at the steps of City Hall. The programming features local, national and international touring acts, community organizations, and engaging thought leaders.

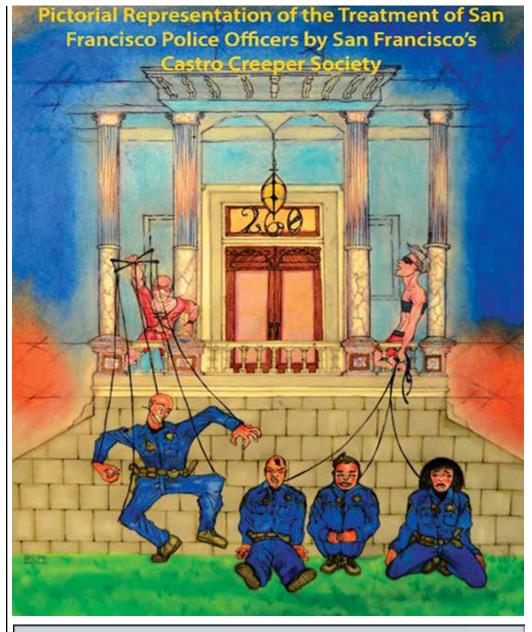
The Celebration and Rally is a free community event funded by donors, and they ask for a \$1 donation at the gate.

The main stage headline performer is Australian pop star Betty Who, on the heels of releasing her new album, The Valley. Maysam Sodagari, a legal immigrant from

Iran, and a PhD who was detained during the executive order that temporarily banned people from seven predominantly Muslim countries will be the featured speaker.

The Parade is on Sunday, June 25th beginning at 10:30 a.m. and with over 240 contingents scheduled, is pretty much an all day event, starting rrom Market/Beale to Market/8th Street. Long-time activist Cleve Jones and one of this year's Community Grand Marshals, Alex U. Inn, will lead this year's parade/march with a resistance contingent. If you can't make it into the city for the parade, it will be broadcast live on KOFY TV.

The rest of the entertainment line-up hasn't been officially announced, so check back at SFPride.org, where you will also find a listing of other events in the city.



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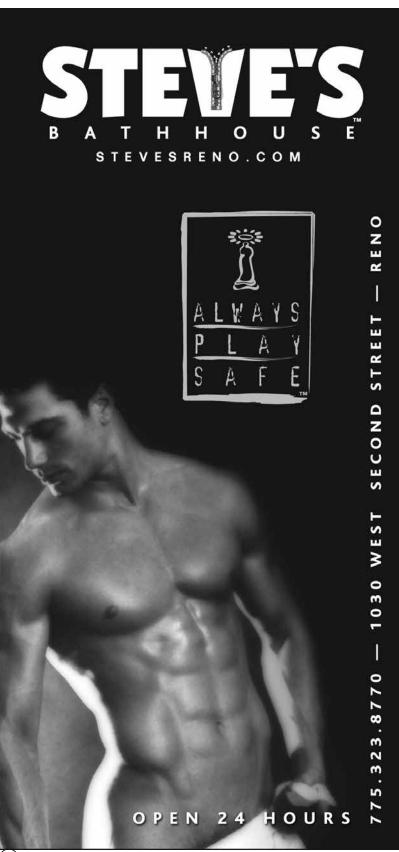


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Handsome Hunks & Funny Women On The Big Screen

by Chris Narloch

Bookbuster movie season is already upon us, and the month of May features several intriguing titles that put the spotlight on beautiful men and funny women. Check out one or more of these three films at a theater near you.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

Chris Pratt is so goofy and good at making fun of himself that you almost forget he is also very easy on the eyes.

The sequel to his breakout hit *Guardians* of the *Galaxy* is more of the hilarious same, with the familiar quirky cast of characters back on board – plus the addition of Kurt Russell as Peter Quill's dad – and an all-new soundtrack of hit songs from back in the day.

At 2 hours and 18 minutes, the self-reflexive fun goes on a tad too long for my taste, but other than that issue, this is a very solid sequel with plenty of the adorable Baby Groot to go around.

King Arthur: Legend of the Sword

I'm not a huge fan of director Guy Ritchie (*Snatch*), but this one has a hunk-filled dream cast that includes handsome Charlie Hunnam as the King, plus Jude Law, Djimon Hounsou, and Eric Bana.

Here's a synopsis I found online: When young Arthur's father is murdered, Vortigern (Law), Arthur's uncle, seizes the crown. Robbed of his birthright and with no idea who he truly is, Arthur (Hunnam) comes up

the hard way in the back alleys of the city. But once he pulls the sword from the stone, his life is turned upside down, and he is forced to acknowledge his true legacy – whether he likes it or not.

King Arthur opens wide on May 12.

Snatched

I was also unable to screen this one before our deadline, but I will be the first in line to see the great Goldie Hawn's return to the big screen for her first film in 15 years.

Paired with fellow funny ladies Amy Schumer, Wanda Sykes, and Joan Cusack, *Snatched* will at least have a comedy dream team going for it.

After her boyfriend dumps her on the eve of their exotic vacation, impetuous dreamer Emily Middleton (Schumer) persuades her ultra-cautious mother, Linda (Hawn), to travel with her to paradise.

Polar opposites, Emily and Linda realize that working through their differences as mother and daughter – in unpredictable, hilarious fashion – is the only way to escape the wildly outrageous jungle adventure they have fallen into.



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Jonathan Demme

As we were working on this issue, the sad news came that one of my favorite living directors had gone to the big cinema in the sky. The great Jonathan Demme (*Philadelphia, Silence of the Lambs*) succumbed to cancer at the age of 73 on April 26, 2017.

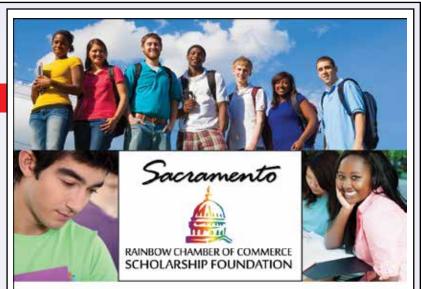
So I wanted to pay brief tribute to all the

hours of enjoyment his movies gave me over the years. Demme directed comedies, dramas, thrillers, documentaries, and concert films, often successfully mixing several genres within a single film.

If you ever have time to binge on his finest movies, I suggest having your own Jonathan Demme Film Festival that includes *Stop Making Sense*, *Something Wild*, *Swimming to Cambodia* and *Rachel Getting Married*.

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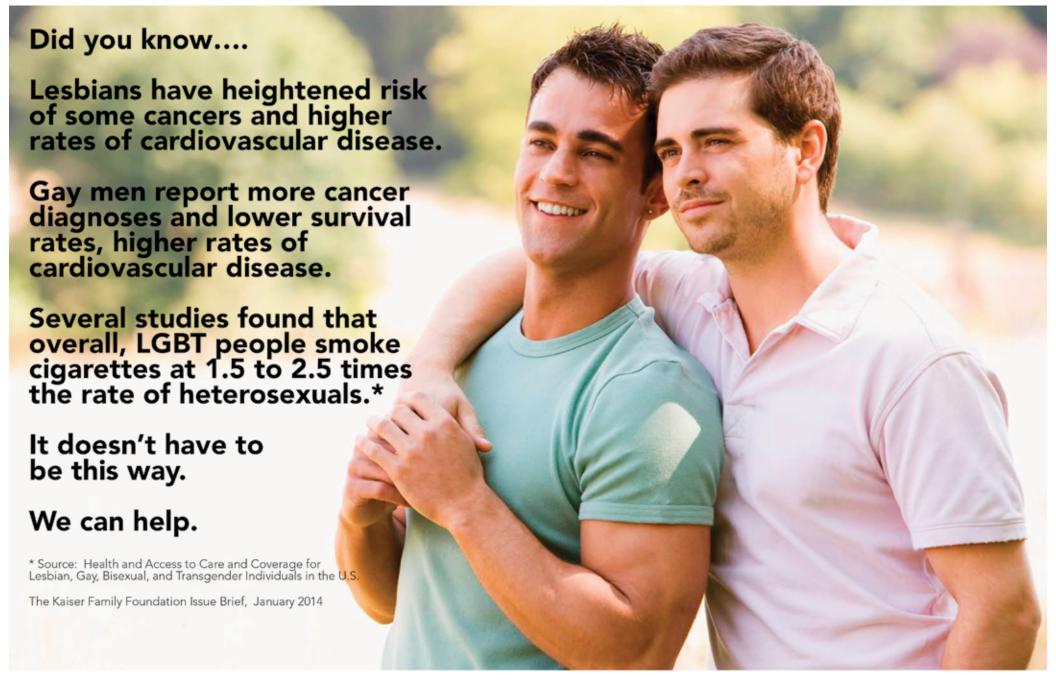
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