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In order to highlight the concerns and challenges faced by LGBTQ elders and their caregivers, AARP is asking local artists to create a visual artwork (e.g. painting, sculpture, etc.) that illustrates one or more of the responses we received. Artworks will be evaluated by a panel of judges that will choose a winner, who will receive a *\$5,000 prize* and whose work will be widely publicized by AARP.

To view listening post answers, contest rules, and details about how to submit your artwork, go to www.aarp.org/ca. Listening post answers are also available to view at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center at 1927 L Street in Midtown Sacramento.

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World AIDS Day Is a Time to Reflect and Remember

World AIDS Day is recognized and celebrated every year on Dec. 1 as a community opportunity to remember those lost and empower those living with HIV and AIDS.



With the diversity of the Capital City, HIV/AIDS touches every life in some way. As new infections are on the rise, disproportionately in youth and people over 50, we are coming together to reach out to our communities.

World AIDS Day Sacramento is a

collaborative event with Sacramento HIV/AIDS service organizations, agencies, support groups and entities and will serve as a symbol of unity and continued commitment to achieving our goal: reducing stigma, increasing awareness and remembering the lives lost to this disease.

"We invite you to join us, leading up to and on Dec. 1, by supporting this effort" said Chris Packey, coordinator for this year's World AIDS Day. "There are many ways you can be involved, including monetary donations, in-kind donations, advocacy by wearing a red ribbon, illuminating your building with red lights and sharing your personal experiences."

The World AIDS Day event in Sacramento will start with a candle light vigil at the steps of the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, 1927 L Street, at 5:30 p.m. Participants will then march in unity to remember the lives lost to HIV/AIDS down K street and end at the United Methodist Church, 2100 J Street.

Following the Candle light Vigil, marchers will enter the church where artists of all backgrounds will share how HIV/AIDS has impacted them through various forms of artistry.

The event will wrap up around 6:45 with a performance by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus. for more information, visit www.facebook.com/SacWorldAIDSDay/

Why The Red Ribbon Has A Piece of My Heart

by Joyce Mitchell

Always and forever, the red ribbon and what it represents will have a piece of my heart. Another World AIDS Day comes and goes, and still, there is no cure for HIV/AIDS. Arguments ensue about treatments and the community remains divided over PrEP and whether to use a condom or not.

What I know is that I have few answers. I was born during a time when AIDS didn't exist. All of these decades later, since I started working in the HIV/AIDS community, I'm still amazed that people are dying from complications related to AIDS and that people living with the virus are left searching for state-of-the-art treatments in Sacramento.

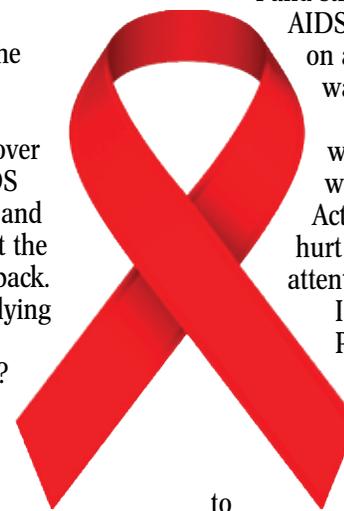
And sadly, I'm hearing from HIV+ people feeling displaced by a clinic they at one time almost called "home."

We know San Francisco provides medications not available to everyone here. I don't understand any of this, why people are losing passion over HIV/AIDS and no longer advocating as they once did. I'm still here.

And I'm not on a payroll.

Since 1986, I've been on the forefront of the pandemic in Sacramento. Having been assigned as a journalist to cover a series of stories about AIDS while working in television, and once I started learning about the virus, there was no turning back. Especially as people began dying in my arms.

Where has everyone gone? People are getting sick, experiencing side-effects from medications, and new infections are continuing to happen. I'm not all that



special. Still, I can't throw in the towel.

As president of Capital City AIDS Fund (CCAF), I volunteer to raise money to provide scholarships to young HIV+ people to attend college. It's an investment in the future and in reducing stigma. MAC AIDS

Fund still cares. The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation still cares. However, on a grassroots level, we've lost our warriors.

If I would have been younger when I started as a volunteer, I would have loved to have joined Act Up. A little irreverence never hurt anyone. And it sure got people's attention.

I remember during Governor Pete Wilson's inauguration that Act Up slipped into the crowd.

When the Governor was giving his acceptance speech, members of Act Up dropped the ground – and took their pants off. Cops swooped in. Cameras turned. The story of the day changed.

I'm not advocating disrupting a gubernatorial address. However, I would like to see more concern in our community. Instead of only me writing an editorial, why aren't dozens of people doing the same thing? I don't understand.

Till my dying days, the red ribbon will have a piece of my heart. I'll retire from working someday. But I'll never stop advocating on behalf of the cause. People need me. And they need an infusion of passion.

Red Ribbon passion.

Joyce Mitchell is the cofounder and chairperson of the Capital City AIDS Fund (CCAF) and a frequent contributor to Outword. She can be reached at www.capcityaidsfund.org.

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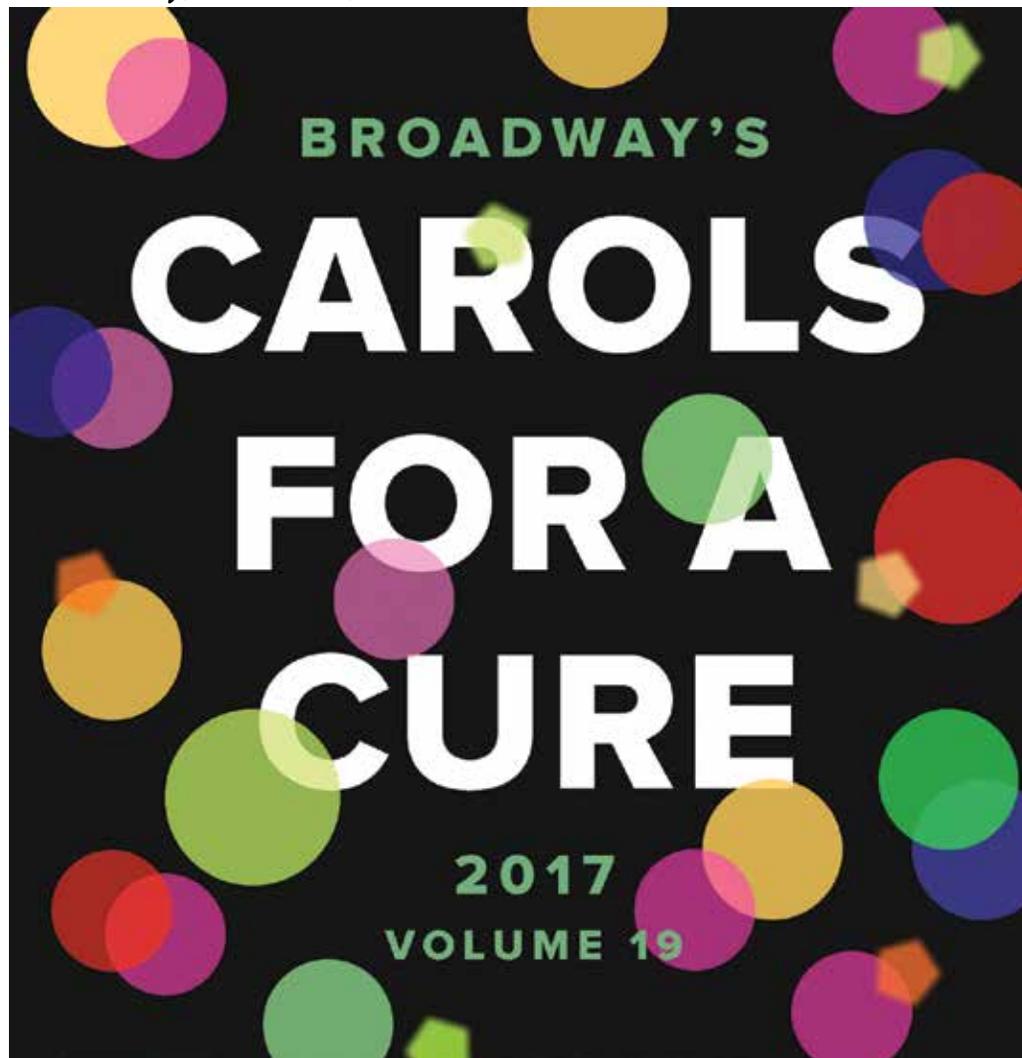
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Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS Releases Holiday Album

The Christmas season is in full show tune swing now that the 19th volume of *Broadway's Carols for a Cure* has arrived and it is full of spirited holiday favorites sung by stars from Broadway's leading musicals including *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Come From Away*, *Hamilton*, *Waitress* and *A Bronx Tale*.



The latest compilation from the beloved series continues Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS' tradition of pairing the casts with seasonal songs that are both classic and new. Once again, the result is pure magic and is sure to help make the 2017 holiday season shine brighter than ever before.

"These are all new, original recordings, creatively arranged and performed by the incredibly talented performers and musicians from the 2017 Broadway season," explains producer Lynn Pinto who, once again, collaborates with engineer Andros Rodriguez on the album.

Pinto allows each company a great deal of freedom in choosing the material and the style of the arrangement. She adds, "We record the musicians and singers in layers, utilizing isolation booths for a higher quality recording. It gives the album a unique sound from most cast albums and allows us to showcase some of the best voices and instrumentalists in the world."

The first Broadway's Carols for a Cure album debuted in 1999, making this year's album the 19th in the annual series. Highlights are copious but include Billy Porter and the cast of *Kinky Boots* singing an all-new, rockin' version of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and the cast of *A Bronx*

Tale performing "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day" in a New Yorker-style that will have listeners humming for days.

Additionally, Meghan Toohey (Sara Barielles' long-time guitarist) serves up a lovely 1960s-style original song, "Wonder What You Got For Me," featuring the talented Anastacia McCleskey and the rest of the company and band from *Waitress*; and Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, the composer/lyricist team behind *Anastasia* perform their original carol, "All Those Christmas Cliches," along with their award-winning cast.

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is a nonprofit organization that helps individuals with serious illnesses including AIDS receive the health care and support they need. In addition, they provide financial support in the form of grants to AIDS and family service organizations throughout the country.

"The 19th volume of Broadway's Carols for a Cure is the best yet," promises Lynn Pinto. "It exudes such warmth, like a cozy blanket on a snowy winter's day."

Broadway's Carols for a Cure 2-CD set is in the web store at BroadwayCares.org or by calling Broadway Cares at 212-840-0770.

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CA BOE Approves LGBTQ Inclusive Textbooks

The California State Board of Education on Nov. 9th adopted ten LGBTQ-inclusive history and social studies textbooks for K-8 classrooms and rejected two which failed to include LGBTQ people.

The state's subject matter frameworks require LGBTQ inclusion following the 2011 passage of the FAIR Education Act, authored by Senator Mark Leno, which modified the California education code to add the roles and contributions of LGBTQ people and people with disabilities to the list of ethnic and cultural groups to be included in history and social sciences curriculum.

"This long fought victory is the next step for California students to learn about the contributions and history of LGBTQ people" said Rick Zbur, Executive Director at Equality California. "Approval of these textbooks means that California schools will now have access to approved materials that accurately represent LGBTQ people, and

Equality California applauds the State Board of Education for this historic decision."

The State Board of Education's adoption of the approved textbooks makes California the first state in the nation to implement a K-8 curriculum that requires the inclusion of LGBTQ contributions."

The decision means that LGBTQ students, and those with LGBTQ families, will finally be able to see themselves and our history accurately reflected in textbooks in California" said Renata Moreira, Executive Director at Our Family Coalition. "We celebrate SBE's final vote and are more than ready to continue working with partners and educators on the next chapter as we move to district adoption across the state."

EQCAI Launches Safe and Supportive Schools Survey

On November 3, Equality California Institute (EQCAI) officially launched its Safe and Supportive Schools Index by distributing a survey to each of California's 330 unified school districts.

The survey is a collaborative effort led by EQCAI to measure, assess, and make public the efforts of unified school districts to implement laws that protect LGBTQ students; to develop programs to protect LGBTQ students from bullying and violence; and to serve at-risk LGBTQ students.

In 2015, the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN) found that 17 percent of LGBTQ students in California regularly heard staff at their schools make homophobic remarks and 34 percent regularly heard negative staff comments regarding someone's gender expression. GLSEN also found that 31.8 percent of LGBTQ students nationally missed school in the preceding month due to safety concerns, and 60.5 percent of LGBTQ students who were considering dropping out of high school cited hostile school climate as a factor.

"Equality California has sponsored a number of laws in California designed to protect LGBTQ students, but some school districts are not in compliance," said Rick Zbur, Executive Director at Equality California. "This survey will provide the information we need to evaluate the progress that school districts have made in California. The index and report will convey best practices to teachers and administrators on how to increase acceptance, prevent bullying and suicide, and give LGBTQ students the tools to succeed."

Over the past year and a half, EQCAI, with the pro bono assistance of Latham & Watkins LLP, consulted with the California



State Superintendent of Public Instruction and an advisory committee comprised of teachers' organizations, school districts, school board members, and LGBTQ and allied organizations to develop the survey.

Responses are due by January 15, 2018. EQCAI will consolidate results in a public index and report in mid-2018. Patterned after the Human Rights Campaign's equality indices, this public index will assess progress and incentivize respondents to comply with existing laws and adopt best practices to prevent bullying and support LGBTQ students. The index also will be a resource to parents, students, and community members engaged with their local school districts to advocate for inclusive programs and policies that benefit all students.

EQCAI plans to build on the results of the index by developing LGBTQ cultural competency and anti-bullying trainings tailored to youth-facing professionals. These trainings will give school districts the information and tools they need to better support their LGBTQ students and staff.

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Election Victories Make 2017 the Year of the Trans Candidate

Transgender candidates across the nation won historic races on Tuesday Nov. 7 – including Danica Roem, who will become the first openly trans person to win and serve in a state legislature.

Four trans candidates won their state and local elections, with one more possible as results trickle in, almost doubling the number of trans elected officials in the country and solidifying 2017 as the year of the trans candidate.

"Hostile political forces at every level of government are targeting the trans community with legislation and policies that deny their equality," said Aisha C. Moodie-Mills, President & CEO of Victory Fund. "Tonight was about fighting back – an unprecedented number of brilliant trans candidates asking for the votes of tens of thousands of Americans, and getting them. They are victorious because they focused on the local issues that matter most to their constituents – better schools, improved transportation and civil rights for all people."

Victory Fund invested heavily in its trans endorsed candidates this cycle, bundling hundreds of thousands of dollars in down-ballot races to dramatically increase the number of trans elected officials in the country. It sent staff to get out the vote for Danica Roem, Andrea Jenkins and Phillippe Cunningham, and provided regular campaign strategy sessions to help them target constituents and get out the vote.

Danica Roem, Virginia House of Delegates, District 13: Danica will become the first out trans person to win and serve in a state legislature, and will be the only out trans state legislator in the nation once she takes office.

Andrea Jenkins, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 8: Andrea is the first openly trans woman ever elected to the city council of a major U.S. city, and will be the only openly trans person of color currently serving in elected office anywhere in the nation. Andrea was featured at Victory Fund's national event in May and thousands of dollars were bundled on her behalf.

Lisa Middleton, Palm Springs City Council

(CA): Lisa is the first openly trans person to win a legislative seat in the state of California, and Victory Fund held a fundraiser on her behalf. Lisa is a former Victory Institute Empowerment Fellow and a graduate of Victory Institute's Candidate & Campaign Training – a four-day intensive training simulation aimed at building the skills necessary to run for office.

Tyler Titus, Erie School Board (PA): Tyler is the first openly trans person ever elected in Pennsylvania. Victory Fund provided national exposure to Tyler's race, securing articles in the Daily Beast and other publications.

Additionally, results are still coming in for Phillippe Cunningham, who ran for Minneapolis City Council's ward 4 seat. If he wins, Phillippe will join Andrea Jenkins as the only out trans people to be elected to the city council of a major U.S. city.



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As a Community and Society, We Must Listen and Act on Assault Claims

by Julie Seewald Bornhoeft, MA, CFRE

The *New York Times* article exposing Harvey Weinstein elevated the decade old “me too” campaign and triggered a national dialogue about sexual assault and harassment. The impact extends beyond the entertainment industry to political leaders from California to Alabama where Roy Moore now stands accused by six women of sexual assault.

Moore and his campaign team deny knowing the women despite evidence to the contrary. From the first accusation they have discredited the victims and worked to reframe the claims as being politically motivated. Even as the number of accusers increased, the response has been to reinforce the idea that the victim must be lying.

Moore’s case must be scrutinized, on multiple levels, outside of the broader discussion regarding sexual assault and sexual harassment.

First, five of the six victims who have come forward were minors at the time of the assaults – the youngest being 14 years old.

Second, Moore was in a position of power – Deputy District Attorney – when the assaults occurred. He is alleged to have used his position as a means of silencing his victims.

Finally, his behavior was widely known in his community yet there’s little evidence of intervention beyond barring him from locations where young girls gathered.

While some media sources continue to frame Moore’s actions as sexual harassment, they are sexual assault. He had unwanted physical and sexual contact with his victims. Furthermore, the majority of victims were children.

Use of the term harassment in place of what is obviously sexual assault of a minor is an attempt to minimize the severity of his actions. While the statute of limitations may have expired, it does not change the fact that he preyed upon children.

Furthermore, Moore was the person who would have been responsible for pursuing charges against those who assault children. His position of power, and abuse of it, cannot be understated.

A CNN report notes more than 30 individuals who acknowledge being aware of his behavior. This includes community members, those that worked with him, and others who had contact with him at locations where he pursued young girls including youth programs and malls.

Assuming all reports are accurate, this means that a man in his 30s who held a position of trust repeatedly pursued and sexually assaulted minors. His actions were overt and known to others in position of influence. Moore’s actions were abhorrent and the lack of intervention by colleagues and other community leaders is equally inexcusable.

Without intervention, he was able to not only assault more victims but also continue his career and secure positions of increasing power and influence.

Sexual violence and exploitation is never acceptable regardless of any factor and the weight of sexual violence must be bore by those who perpetrate it.

As a community and society, we must continue to listen when survivors of sexual violence come forward. When their stories are followed with “we believe you” rather than “why didn’t you” real progress will be made towards ending sexual violence and holding perpetrators accountable.

Finally, we must also demand perpetrators of sexual harm face consequences. While the time that has passed may prevent prosecution it does not mean we must continue to place assailants in positions of power and trust.

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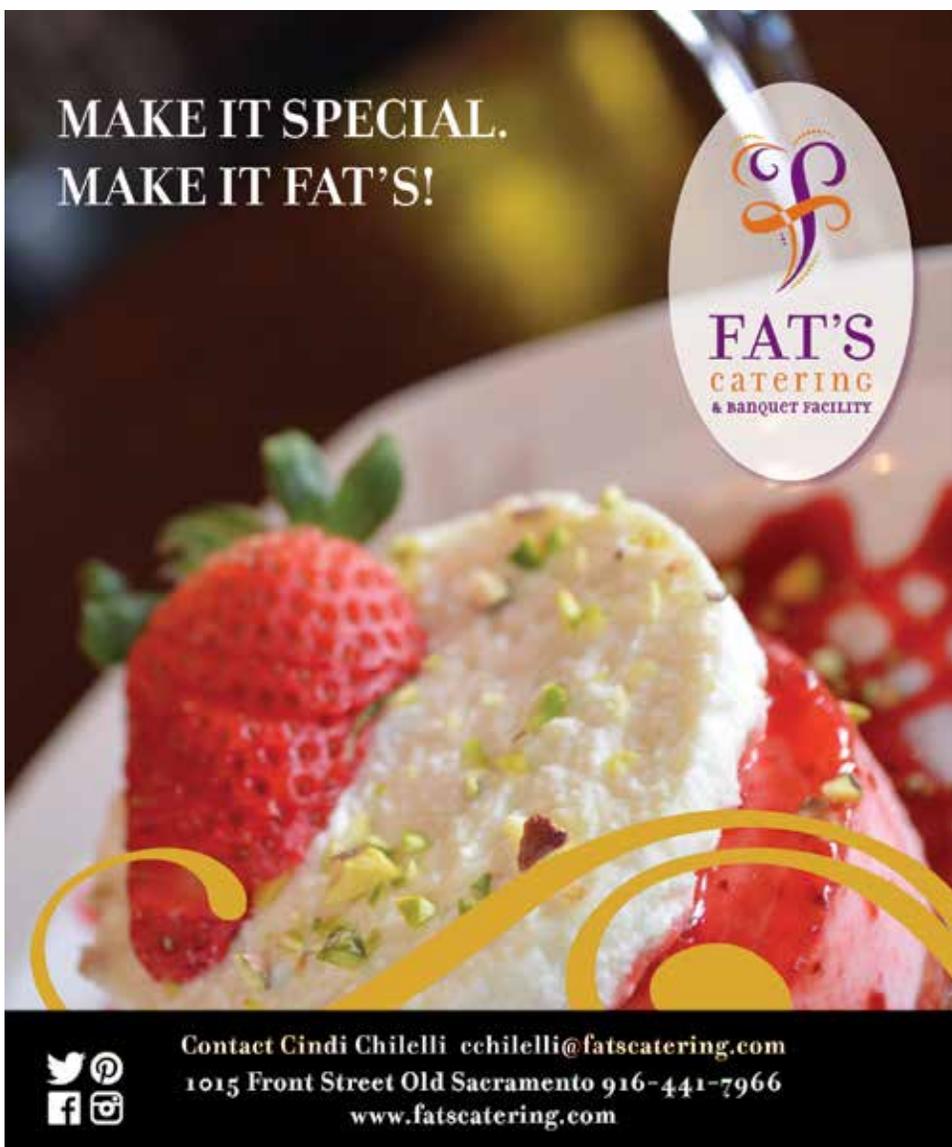
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California Is Now a Plaintiff in Lawsuit Against Trump's Transgender Military Ban

In a significant development in the legal challenge to President Trump's transgender military ban, on Nov. 16th the U.S. District Court for Central California granted Attorney General Xavier Becerra's motion to intervene on behalf of the State of California in *Stockman v. Trump*, a case brought by Equality California and seven individual plaintiffs challenging the ban.

"Our state is home to more than 130,000 active duty military personnel, in addition to more than 56,000 members of the National Guard and Reserves," said Attorney General Becerra. "We are ready to get to work to defend the rights of transgender service members and those who seek to enlist in our armed forces. In California, we stand together against discrimination and inequality. We look forward to joining as a co-plaintiff in this critically important lawsuit to defend the rights of Californians against President Trump's prejudicial and discriminatory agenda."

Attorney General Becerra's motion to intervene was based on several arguments, including that implementing Trump's transgender military ban would: Impede the California National Guard's ability to recruit and retain members that would protect the State's natural resources in times of need, Force California to violate anti-discrimination laws and discriminate against its own residents in staffing the California National Guard, and Threaten the State's ability to safeguard public institutions of higher learning from discrimination in ROTC programs.

Australians Approve Same-sex Marriage in Landslide Victory

In a national Australian postal survey, 61.6 percent of respondents voted for equal marriage rights for same-sex couples. The postal survey had a high response rates, with 79.5 percent of eligible voters returning the poll.

On September 10, 2017, in a speech for the Yes campaign for same-sex marriage, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said: "If a majority votes yes, then we will ensure a private members' bill is presented to the parliament which will legalize same-sex marriage and our expectation is that should be accomplished by the end of the year. It will sail through the parliament."

UN Member States Maintain Non-Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation in Olympic Truce Resolution

All 193 United Nations Member States have adopted the Olympic Truce Resolution maintaining language protecting against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The resolution, which passed by consensus, included the contested reference to non-discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation in the Olympic Charter. The non-discrimination clause is housed in Principle 6 and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation at the Olympic Games.

The Truce is negotiated every two years ahead of the Olympics, and promotes "civility among nations" during the Olympics and the one week preceding and one week following the game. This year, a reference to Principle 6 came under attack, with Egypt and Russia trying to remove reference to the Principle in the Truce. These efforts however failed, due to cross regional State support for the inclusion of Principle 6 in the Truce.



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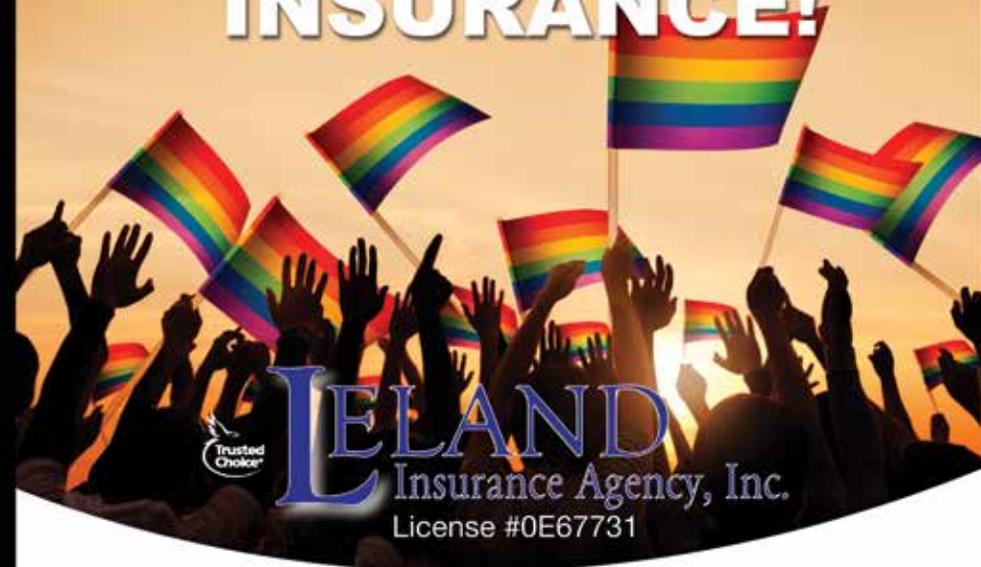
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Take a Step Back in Time at Billy's Tree Farm

Sacramento has a little treat for the holiday season., a way to slow down and experience Christmas the way many of our parents did, thanks to our own local Choose and Cut Christmas Tree Farm known as Billy's Farm, just 20 minutes east of Sacramento.



Since 2003 Billy's Farm has been growing certified organic Christmas Trees and sharing a farm experience with the Sacramento region. This is a family farm that has been farmed by the Weubbe family since the early 70s. It was once the home of sheep and cattle, then walnuts orchards and now Christmas Trees.

In 1999 when William "Billy" Weubbe passed away unexpectedly his wife Starlita wanted to remain on the farm where they raised seven children, hundreds of animals and hosted a variety of 4-H projects, his youngest son Paul, formed a business partnership with Starlita and started Billy's Farm.

The dream was to sell locally grown Christmas trees while providing a farm experience to the community, because in our fast paced society we have grown disconnected from our agricultural roots. A visit to Billy's Farm has been built around the idea of slowing down and experiencing a part of a day at the farm.

"We have baby pigs, baby lambs, goats, chickens, ducks and rabbits, provided by the local 4-H families for you to experience up close," said Paul. "Come out and pet the pigs, ride on the hay ride pulled by a Ford 4000 rebuilt tractor, climb on the haystack, wonder through the forest of trees, see nature in the wild and if you are quiet you might spot a red fox or a silver coyote that live in our berry bramble creek."

Over the past 14 years the farm has added new features. Along with the farm animals there are hay rides, a climbing hay stack, a sand box with toys, and a nice variety of mountain grown firs to round out the locally grown pines, cedars, cypress and redwoods.

"The firs were added to meet the demands of our customers," says Paul. "First we started with the Fraser Fir, the traditional Noble Fir and have added Grand Fir, Douglas Fir and Nordman Fir. This year we will also be offering a select

group of Silver Tip Firs, grown in the high Sierra Mountains."

A sister farm in Oregon provides a nice selection of Firs, Noble, Fraser, Nordman, Grand and Douglas Firs. Those are not choose and cut as they don't grow in the Sacramento heat, but rather hand selected and pre-cut for your Christmas made easy experience. All of the pre-cut trees are kept in water from the moment they arrive at Billy's Farm.

The farm also features handmade wreaths made from seven varieties of evergreens right in front of your eyes. The wreaths come in sizes starting with a 12" ring and go up to a 46" ring, ideal for the large door or mantel. "All of the wreaths are hand dipped in tree fresh preserve to last the season beautifully on your entry door, says Paul. "They makes a wonderful gift and can be shipped or brought to a special destination."

Billy's Farm has been a member of the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce since 2005 and the now married Paul Villaluz Weubbe, served as the Rainbow Chamber President from 2014-2016 and has been actively involved with the Sacramento LGBT Community.

The entire Weubbe family has worked on the farm over years in a variety of roles. "This has been a wonderful way to bring our family together - siblings, cousins and distant relatives over the holiday season," Weubbe says, "and with our picnic area and outdoor stage this makes for a wonderful location for a private event"

The farm has been routinely hired high school students providing them with their first real job, and works with many non-profit groups for fundraising activities. NCAC has been an active partner and co-hosts the "Santa's Elf Ride" each December. This is an easy 28 mile bike ride in East Sacramento County departing Billy's Farm at 10 a.m. on December 3.

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The SGMC and Santa's Elves Present A Holiday Mix Tape!

Plan to join the festivities as the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus presents A Holiday Mix Tape! Both the A&B sides unveil familiar favorites that are entangled with new twists for a night of musical merriment, a little mayhem, and sheer holiday delight.



Twinkles and Binx, two very devoted Elves, discover a cassette tape while sprucing up the sleigh. Though dismayed by Santa's technological deficits, Twinkles and Binx scurry back to the workshop to play the tape on their long forgotten cassette player. To their delight, Mr. Claus enjoys an eclectic array of holiday music that undoubtedly had an influence in shaping his musical tastes!

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus will dazzle you with beautiful harmonies, comedy, and signature "choralography" like only they can do, under the musical direction of Artistic Director Steven Johnson. There will be classics of course, but some with a twist including a unique version of "12 Days Of Christmas," "Hallelujah from Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration," a premier of "Opera Takes the Holiday" by Eric Lane Barnes, and a "Boogie Woogie Hanukkah."

SGMC's Boy Howdy will add some mirth with their antics and there will also be soloists, including singers from the Green Valley Theatre Company and chorus members shining in the toy shop. All the holiday magic is thanks to Production Manager Chris Cook

Performances will be held on December 1st, 2nd and 5th at 8 p.m. and on December 3rd at 3p.m. at the First United Methodist Church located at 2100 J St. in Midtown.

Tickets are \$25, \$15 for students, and you can treat yourself to the VIP reception for \$40. that include upfront seating, a reception at Badlands prior to the shows on Dec1, 2, and 5 and after the show on Dec 3. Tickets are available at www.sacgaymenschorus.org.

SCC Hosts Free Screening of The Rosemary Metrailler Story

Dr. Norman Lorenz and the Sacramento City College Cultural Awareness Center will host a free screening of the documentary film, *The Story of Rosemary Metrailler*, on Friday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Sacramento City College Performing Arts Center, Room 201, 3835 Freeport Blvd. in Sacramento.

The film offers viewers a look at the early years of Sacramento's vibrant LGBT community through the story of pioneering civil rights attorney Rosemary Metrailler, whose successful case against televangelist Jerry Falwell provided seed money for the founding of a Sacramento LGBT community center.

The screening features video interviews with many local LGBT activists and three former Sacramento mayors. "Rosy" always used the law to seek social justice, not only for the LGBT community, but for women,

African Americans, and all people, with far-reaching national implications," said retired Assemblymember Mariko Yamada of West Sacramento.

The film was produced by Legends of Courage, in association with Lavender Library, Archives and Cultural Exchange, and with support from California Humanities (www.calhum.org). For more information about the Legends of Courage project, visit www.lavenderlibrary.com/legends_of_courage.html and follow their Facebook page, facebook.com/LegendsofCourage.

What's Been Happening at the Lavender Library?

by Chris Kent

The short answer is: a lot! The Lavender Library, Archives, and Cultural Exchange (LLACE) has been busy with events, outreach, training new volunteers, and processing donated materials – and a good time was had by all while doing it!



Lavender Library and Cultural Exchange Board members Cindy Baudoin, Nancy McKernan, Chris Kent, Dr. Richard Zamora, Kay Temple Kirk, Trevor Neeley and Elena Carrillo.

LLACE was present at Davis and Sacramento Pride, the Rainbow Festival, Women Take Back the Night, Art Mix at the Crocker, the Gender Health Center's Gender Bender Ball, and many other staple events in Sacramento.

LLACE's own most recent events were: a discussion of transgender literature and a discussion on gay erotic magazines; a workshop on how to make the best of your job; a discussion of Dr. Gayle Pitman's newest book and the conservative challenges at libraries in Chicago and Texas; and a community feedback forum.

The long answer is that there's always something going on at LLACE. We are Sacramento's nearly 20-year old LGBTQIA+ library. We have books and movies available for checkout and special collections of books, periodicals, and archival materials available for research.

LLACE also hosts events like history discussions, panels, and workshops. There are several groups and organizations that have used LLACE's community space for meetings, like Ambi, a prisoner letter writing group, Sacramento Take Back the Night, and an FtM group.

In 2017, during these troubling times for LGBTQIA communities, LLACE is still a vital resource. For patrons, LLACE provides a large collection of materials, both old and new; the new children's and young adult section gives families and youth easy access

to books like *When You Look Out The Window* and *I Am Jazz*.

LLACE also provides basic needs to community members like heat, air conditioning, a gender inclusive restroom, and snacks and refreshments at its frequent events. For volunteers, LLACE provides an opportunity to find affirmation, empowerment, and purpose. One volunteer shared that while their existence is erased in many other spaces and areas of their life, in the Library they feel seen for who they are.

If you are looking for a way to spend your free time, consider LLACE! We are always looking for new members, volunteers, and event audience members.

Membership rates run from \$12.50 to \$60. We regularly train new volunteers. And we have upcoming events! A book sale is scheduled for Saturday December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd, during open hours from noon to 6 p.m.. Most paperback and hardback books will be on sale for \$1, and coffee table books will be discounted.

Events for later in December and in February are currently being planned. Stay updated by checking lavenderlibrary.com or by following one or more of our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Chris Kent, is Board President of LLACE. He can be reached at president@lavenderlibrary.com.



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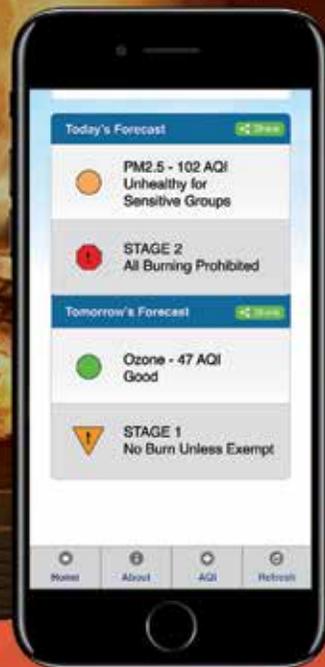
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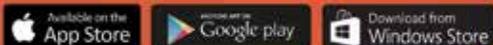
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SGLT League Celebrates Its Players and Champions

The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Tennis League finished up their Fall 2017 season with a tournament held the weekend of Nov. 11-12. at Mckinley Park in Midtown Sacramento.



Nathan Bewley and Cliff Hagstedt hoisting one in celebration of their A Division Doubles Championship win.

This Fall season began play on August 22, and ran for 11 weeks at the McKinley Park Tennis courts with 18 Doubles teams and 27 singles players. A celebratory banquet was held on the Nov. 12th at The New Old Spaghetti Factory, and trophies were presented to:

Upper Singles: Winner - Xavion Gorham; Runner-up - J.R. Ramirez; Consolation Winner - Cliff Hagstedt

Lower Singles: Winner - Tiger Lee; Runner-up - Melodi Randolph, Consolation Winner - Brian Geary

A Doubles: Winner - Cliff Hagstedt/Nathan Bewley; Runner-up - Jeff Jeffrey Bedell/Xavion Gorham; Consolation Winner - Joe Jernigan/Alejandro Camilo

B Doubles: Winner - Bryan Brian M Bayan/Mo Ulhaq; Runner-up - Martin Tapalla/Tiger Lee; Consolation Winner - Brian Geary/Brad Puckett

C Doubles: Winner Charlie Peer/Joe Kocurek; Runner-up - Micheal Darion Fontenott/Eddie Unutoas; Consolation Winner - Peter Tran/Eric Sayre

The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Tennis League is open to all players of all skill levels, The spring season will be begin with signups on February 27th and March 6th, with league play starting on March 13th through June 5th, with games set for Tuesday evening at Mckinly Park Tennis courts and usually, practice and coaching sessions on Thursday evenings at a location TBD. The Season Ending Tournament on June 9th & 10th

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The project will provide assistance to local HIV-negative African American and Hispanic/Latino MSM and newly HIV diagnosed African American and Hispanic/Latino MSM. The goals of the GRS-TLC project are simple: reduce new HIV and STD infections, increase access to HIV care and improve health outcomes, and reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequities.

To achieve these goals, participants of the project will obtain free rapid HIV and HCV antibody testing, free STD screening, access to partner services, access to unlimited condoms and lubricants, culturally sensitive case management, linkage to HIV care services and incentive gift cards.

HIV-negative participants will be offered one-on-one HIV risk reduction counseling sessions on how to reduce the risk for HIV and STD infection, information on how to remain HIV-negative when dating HIV-positive partners, information and access to non-occupational Post Exposure Prophylaxis (n-PEP), information and access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PreP),

information about ways to get PrEP co-pays paid; access to free rapid HIV testing and STD screening, access to a variety of free condoms and lubricants, and free sterile syringes.

To be eligible for GRS-TLC services participants must be at least 18 years of age; a same-gender-loving man; a person of African and/or Latin descent; engaging in unprotected anal sex or intravenous drug use and/or newly diagnosed with HIV or living with HIV but have not seen a doctor or had labs completed for some time.

You can get to know the folks of GRS at a special event as they partner with Kennedy Gallery for *A Night of Elegance* featuring Master Violinist Kippy Marks on December 14. Tickets will be \$25.

Founded in 2000 by Executive Director Clarmundo Sullivan, GRS has moved to a larger, more welcoming space – right across the hall. The new office is located in the same building at 4433 Florin Rd., Ste. 860, in Sacramento.

To find out more about the GRS-TLC project, HIV/STD call 916-427-4653 or visit GoldenRuleServiceSacramento.org.

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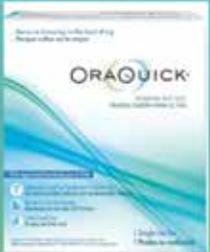
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by Mikey Rox

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Justice League: The IMAX Experience Brings On The Beefcake

by Chris Narloch

So far, the latest DC movie is getting mixed reviews, adding fuel to the fire of the rivalry between DC and Marvel, whose *Thor* film is a hit on the big screen and received mostly positive reviews when it was released several weeks before DC's *Justice League*.

Size-queen that I am, I plan to see *Justice League* in IMAX, if only to watch Jason Momoa's body on the biggest screen in town.

Momoa plays Aquaman, a new character in the film franchise, who will receive his own stand-alone movie in December of 2018.

Unfortunately, we have to endure Ben Affleck's Batman again in *Justice League*, but the good news is Gal Gadot is also on board for her second outing as Wonder Woman.

In addition to Aquaman, *Justice League* also introduces the wonderful Ezra Miller as The Flash and Ray Fisher as Cyborg.

Adding to the new film's beefcake quotient, the delicious Henry Cavill returns as Superman, who apparently survived that horribly misguided movie in which he and Batman fought each other.

Nobody dies for very long in a comic book movie, and it will be nice to see Cavill and his muscles again.

Check out *Justice League*, which is now playing, at the Esquire IMAX Theatre on K Street. Visit www.imax.com/imax-esquire-00.



Jason Momoa as Aquaman in *Justice League*

Bright Star Will Shine In SF

by Chris Narloch

During the height of *Hamilton* mania – when the original Broadway cast was still intact and tickets were going for hundreds if not thousands of dollars apiece – several deserving shows got ignored that had the misfortune to open during the same season.



One of my favorite recent new musicals is *Bright Star*, a theatrical collaboration between Steve Martin and Edie Brickell that closed on Broadway in June of 2016 after only four months.

The show could not compete with the hype surrounding *Hamilton*, and it never really found its audience, despite being nominated for five Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Luckily, *Bright Star* is receiving a second life in San Francisco, where the musical will play for three weeks at the Curran Theatre later this year.

A bittersweet story of love and redemption set in the American South during the 1920s and 1940s, the musical features a lovely bluegrass score by Martin and Brickell that is very unique for Broadway, where country music is rarely heard.

Take an uplifting theatrical journey when *Bright Star* makes its Bay Area premiere from Nov. 28 – Dec. 17, 2017. For more information, visit www.sfcurran.com.

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Thank-you all that came out to *Outword's Drag Queens on Ice*, we raised money for three great charities once again this year, for a grand total of \$2,327 (and counting as people continue to donate.)

Thank-you Johnathan Cameron, Paul Domemoore Crouch and Relent Lace for doing great and looking beautiful and thank-you Jolanne Hugs Tierney for spinning the tunes! And thank-you also to the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink for hosting us. All of the proceeds from ticket sales were donated to the charities.

You can still donate to one of our charities, the Rainbow Chamber Scholarship Fund(www.rainbowchamber.com), the NorCal AIDS Cycle(norcalaidscycle.org) and Davis Pride(davispride.org)

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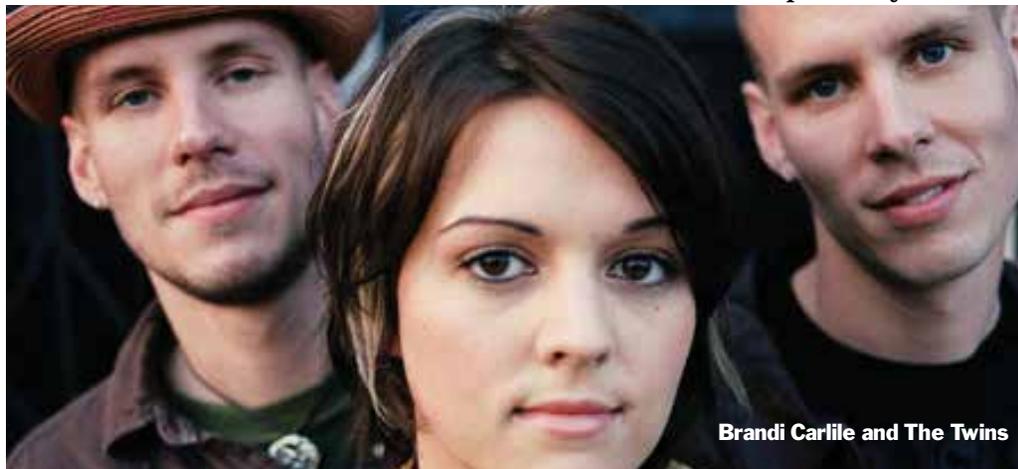
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Brandi Carlile Will Perform At The Mondavi Tanya Tucker Set To Play The Harris Center

by Chris Narloch

Two venues at opposite ends of our region will host a pair of popular performers this December, as Brandi Carlile and Tanya Tucker bring their music to the Mondavi and Harris Centers, respectively.



Brandi Carlile and The Twins

Brandi Carlile

The popular singer-songwriter brings her *Winter Acoustic Tour* to Davis for one night only this December.

Carlile and her indispensable collaborators, Tim and Phil Hanseroth (a.k.a. The Twins), will fill the Mondavi Center with their passionate blend of folk rock and Americana music.

The most well-known Brandi Carlile tunes, 2007's "The Story" and 2012's "That Wasn't Me," are dynamic journeys, encompassing myriad emotions and varied stylistic touches.

The Firewatcher's Daughter, her latest release, marks a triumphant return after a three-year recording hiatus, and it is her strongest, most rock & roll album to date.

Don't miss Brandi Carlile on Saturday evening, Dec. 16. Visit www.mondaviarts.org.

Tanya Tucker

Long before the success of Maren Morris and Miranda Lambert, this country queen was showing the cowboys of country music how to ride the charts with her fiery, bluesy brand of country rock.

For four decades, Tanya Tucker's sultry voice and ballsy attitude have helped make her one of the most respected female vocalists in country music.

Her 23 top 40 albums and 56 Top 40 singles include such memorable tunes as "Delta Dawn," "Blood Red and Goin' Down," "What's Your Mama's Name," and "Texas (When I Die)."

Check out Tucker's live show on Friday, Dec. 9 at Folsom's Harris Center. For more information, visit www.harriscenter.net.

Actor and Activist BD Wong Set To Speak In Sacramento

An award-winning actor and activist, winner of the GLAAD Davidson/Valenti Award, and advocate for the *It Gets Better* campaign, B. D. Wong will speak at St. Mark's United Methodist Church this December, as part of the Bob and Dorrie Moon Lecture Series.

Wong is an Asian-American actor whose performance as Song Liling in *M. Butterfly* on Broadway won him a Tony Award in 1988. In addition to his work on stage, the actor has shone on the big and small screens and can currently be seen as a series regular on *Mr. Robot*.

Wong also starred in the first and fourth *Jurassic Park* movies, and he was part of the ensemble casts of both *Oz* and *Law & Order: SVU*, where he portrayed an openly gay forensic psychiatrist and criminal profiler.

BD Wong will speak at St. Mark's UMC on Friday evening, Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The Bob and Dorrie Moon Lecture Series showcases contemporary insights from dynamic speakers and progressive Christian authors and community leaders.

For more information, visit www.stmarksumc.com.



BD Wong

Julia Roberts & Frances McDormand Come Back Strong

by Chris Narloch

From Gal Gadot kicking butt on the big screen in *Wonder Woman* and *Justice League* to Saoirse Ronan and Laurie Metcalf bringing me to tears and laughter in *Lady Bird*, 2017 has been a pretty good year for women in the movies.

This month, two Oscar-winning actresses, Julia Roberts and Frances McDormand, join the party, giving their best performances in recent memory in two very different new films.

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

If this odd title sounds like a play to you, you're not far off since the movie's director, Martin McDonagh, was (and still is) primarily a playwright, whose highly acclaimed work for the stage includes *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* and *The Cripple of Inishmaan*.

Three Billboards... is the director's third full-length feature, and it's something to see, although McDonagh still hasn't fully transformed from a great playwright into a great moviemaker.

McDonagh likes to use violence and dark humor to keep an audience off-kilter, and his plays and movies are filled with shocks and surprises, which can make viewers think that they are watching something akin to real life, with all its unpredictability.

Yet his plays -- and now his movies -- are filled with theatrical elements, and *Three*

Billboards... fits together too neatly, despite its outstanding performances and meaty premise.

McDormand plays a grieving mother who rents a trio of billboards outside her small town to goad the local police department into better investigating the murder of her teenaged daughter.

This is the juiciest role McDormand has had since she won the Oscar for *Fargo*, and she runs with it, playing every emotion from cruel anger to compassionate pity.

Equally good (and Oscar-worthy) are the performances by Sam Rockwell and Woody Harrelson as the local cops on the case, and by Sandy Martin as the tough-love mother of Rockwell's character.

Three Billboards... is a flawed but fascinating (and often very funny) portrait of grief and compassion, and a remarkably entertaining vehicle for half a dozen or more truly terrific actors.

Three Billboards... opened on Nov. 22 at Sacramento's Tower Theatre.

Wonder

Julia Roberts hasn't had a big hit in quite awhile, but this feel-good family film should



Woody Harrelson and Frances McDormand star in *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*

turn her unlucky streak at the box office around.

The actress plays the patient and positive mother of a young boy with a disfigured face who experiences bullying when he switches from home schooling to the classroom in fifth grade.

Jacob Tremblay (*Room*) is very good as Auggie, the kid in question, and Owen

Wilson also nails his role as Auggie's sarcastic dad, but it's Roberts who really holds the movie together.

The actress's 100-watt smile is undimmed, but she also gets to display her dramatic range in *Wonder*, registering palpable anxiety over her son's prospects for making friends and being happy at school.

Wonder is currently in wide release.

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A Christmas Story Live! by Chris Narloch

The next musical event to be televised live is FOX's update of the holiday classic *A Christmas Story*, an enormously popular 1983 movie that inspired the Broadway show upon which *A Christmas Story Live!* is based.

The Broadway production of *A Christmas Story: The Musical* received three Tony nominations in 2013, including Best Musical. The show featured an original score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (*Dear Evan Hansen, La La Land*), who will compose several new songs for the three-hour live television event.

Two-time Tony Award-winner Matthew Broderick will star as the narrator, a grown-up Ralphie Parker, who looks back with love and humor on his favorite childhood Christmas.

The new cast also features Maya Rudolph, Jane Krakowski, Chris Diamantopoulos, Ana Gasteyer, and newcomer Andy Walken as Ralphie.

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