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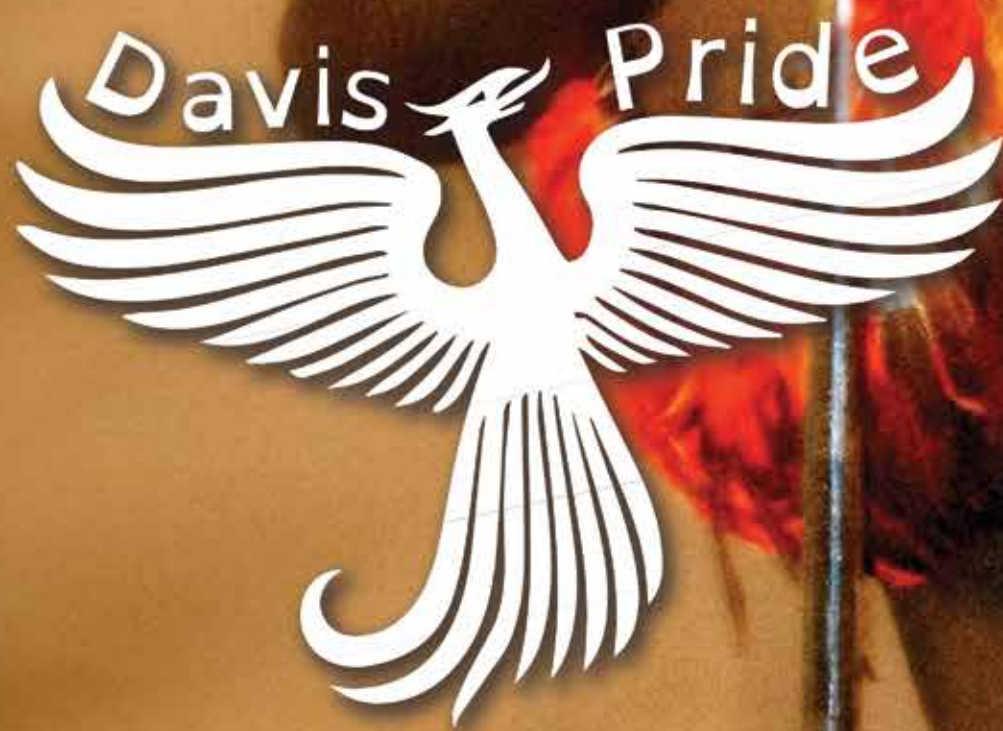
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Sacramento Pride and Pride Awards Are Almost Here

Sacramento Pride isn't just a celebration. It's a stark reminder of how our diverse community came together to fight for justice and equality in the face of oppression – a fight we continue today!

In fact, Pride commemorates the Stonewall Riots that ignited the modern LGBTQ rights movement. It also recognizes the achievements we have gained since then, from marriage equality to military equality to our continued struggle for trans equality.

"With each passing day, our rights are being eroded and the freedom to be recognized and equally valued that leaders of the Stonewall Era fought so hard for is under attack," said David Heitstuman, Executive Director of Sacramento's LGBT Community Center. "One day of Pride each year is not enough to combat this eminent threat and we believe more opportunities for visibility, advocacy, and community building, leading up to Pride and throughout the year, will help create a Sacramento Region where LGBTQ people are not only safe and welcome, but able to thrive."

Sacramento Pride is Sunday, June 10th, but you can kick off Sacramento Pride weekend with the Pride Awards! More than three decades ago, bold visionaries created a haven where LGBTQ people could build community and lead fulfilling lives at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center. In honor of their work, the Sacramento Pride Awards gala annually recognizes individuals

and is a great way for you to give back to your community and make new friends. Pride is on Sunday, June 10 and we, the committee will need to fill roughly 500 volunteer positions by then. Visit



Members of the Sacramento Pride Committee: From Left to Right Standing: Jay Hyde, Amado Hernandez, Barry White, Michael Crawford, Julie Strathedee, Tony Southworth, Rob Clemons, Tom Holley, Jeremy Fristoe, Dana Byrd-Stubblefield, Joshua Johnson, Aaron Faucher, Jerry Sloan. From Left to Right Seated: Judie Boots, Kaye Crawford, Jacquelyn Foust, Samantha Smith. Members not in photograph: Lanz Nalagan, David Heitstuman, Crystal Disho, Angel Bernardino.

and organizations who help further create a region where LGBTQ people thrive.

The Pride Awards will be on Friday, June 8, at the Unity Center at the CA Museum, 1020 O Street.

Sacramento Pride depends on an army of volunteers to help The Pride Committee make it a successful event year after year,

sacmentopride.org/2018/01/30/volunteer/ It's a great way to give back to the community!

The official Pride Guide will be out soon, so keep your eyes peeled for Outword's May 31 issue, and watch for updates on entertainment and other events at sacmentopride.org

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The Sweet Same-Sex Sounds of *Universal Love*

by Chris Narloch

I never thought I would hear Bob Dylan crooning a same-sex love song, but America's troubadour said it best more than fifty years ago with his iconic folk song: "The Times They Are A-Changin'"



In 2018, times have changed to the extent that MGM Resorts recently released a stellar, six-song collection entitled *Universal Love* that re-imagines half a dozen iconic love songs to create the perfect soundtrack for gay weddings and same-sex love.

The collection's producers corralled such major artists as Dylan, St. Vincent, Kesha, and Valerie June to record new versions of well-known tunes that feature pronouns changed to reflect the modern world of LGBTQ relationships.

Thus, Noel Coward's "Mad About The Boy" becomes "Mad About The Girl" in Valerie June's capable hands, and Kesha channels her inner rock goddess on "I Need A Woman to Love," her twist on Janis Joplin's "I Need A Man to Love."

It's a clever (and successful) gimmick that gives gay men equal time, changing Paul McCartney's "And I Love Her" to "And I Love Him," which is beautifully sung by Ben Gibbard of Death Cab for Cutie, and giving the Temptations' classic "My Girl" a same-sex spin courtesy of Kele Okereke of Bloc Party;

he changes the lyric to "My Guy."

St. Vincent contributes a fun, trippy version of a hit from 1963 by The Crystals with "And Then She Kissed Me," but my favorite track has to be Dylan channeling his inner Frank Sinatra on the very sweet "He's Funny That Way."

The *Universal Love* music collection is a natural extension of MGM's two decades of advocacy work with the LGBTQ community and the company's desire to advance initiatives that unite humanity.

More than a decade before same-sex marriage was legalized, same-sex commitment ceremonies were performed at chapels at MGM Resorts' properties.

In 2004, MGM Resorts became the first company in the gaming and hospitality industry to offer same-sex health benefits to employees, and MGM was a founding partner of the Las Vegas chapter of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) in 2004.

Universal Love is currently available on all streaming platforms. For more information, visit www.universal-love.com.

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Out and About with Matt

by Matthew Burlingame

Summer is so close we can taste it – Pride season, invitations to pool parties, and the start of political ads for the California gubernatorial vote! But you’re already registered to vote, right? Because you can do it online now, so there are no excuses.

The top two primaries for California’s state executive offices, all 80 seats in the California State Assembly, 20 of the 40 seats in the California State Senate, all 53 of California’s seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, and California’s Class 1 seat in the U.S. Senate will be held on June 5, 2018.

Locally, the first Pride Festival is happening in Davis on May 20th. We’ve got that covered in this issue, so look for the info on what is one of my favorite Pride Festivals – low key, friendly folks and some great entertainment.

May is Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month – as if we needed to be reminded of that in the Sacramento Valley. But May also brings us National Women’s Health Week, Mental Health Month, Military Appreciation, and Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, not to mention Mother’s Day.

National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day is on May 18. In 1987, the first HIV vaccine clinical trial opened at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Thirty-one years later research continues to realize the promise of safe and effective HIV vaccines. This is an occasion to recognize and support the efforts of countless individuals and organizations – past and present – involved in HIV vaccine research.

On May 24 former assembly member, lobbyist, and activist Dennis Mangers will be receiving a Founders Award from SacLegal for his long and dedicated service to the LGBTQ community. The award will be presented by Mayor Darrell Steinberg during their annual event. Check out SacLegal.org for ticket information.

The Queen Mother Nicole I of the Imperial Court System graced Sacramento with her imperial presence for the Jose Honors event. Among the honored was Sacramento’s own Empress Do Me Moore.

Congratulations are in order to the new Emperor and Empress of the Court of The Great Northwestern Empire (CGNIE), Sacramento’s chapter of the Imperial Court. May Empress Jene Un Dunt and Emperor Devon have a prosperous reign. God save the

queens. CGNIE also presented several prestigious awards to local advocates and activists including Sunburst Project which serves children and youth living with HIV/AIDS, and the Golden Rule Services founder and CEO Clarmundo Sullivan who was presented with the International Cleve Jones Leadership award.

Don’t miss the Rainbow Chamber’s annual Pride Month Kickoff Networking Mixer on May 15, from 6-8 p.m. The event is hosted by Wells Fargo and the catering will be by Il Fornaio which is reason enough to go! Go to RainbowChamber.com for more information.

Second Saturday is in full swing and several art galleries have some of their largest shows of the year coming up. Artspace1616 at 1616 Del Paso Blvd. will feature works by Julian Faulkner, Aaron Petersen, Mark Foster and David Mayhew at a Second Saturday reception on May 12 and running until the end of June. Kennedy Gallery’s signature 20/20 show features rare collections from numerous artists and will be running through May at 1931 L St.

Who got a pretty cool profile in the California School Board Association magazine? Roseville City School District board member Gary Miller, of course! The profile touches on some important current issues as well as some personal topics. The full profile is available at blog.csba.org/gary-miller.

Happy birthday to JoAnna Michaels, DJ Wainwright, Miguel Diaz, Daryl Clark, Kati Garner, Sean Wade, Robert Brooks, Bruce Balderson, LGBT Center executive director David Heitstuman, Johnathan Cameron a.k.a. Taryn Thru-U, *Outword* publisher Fred Palmer, author Mike Lopez and all the other May birthdayites!

Got events, birthdays, anniversaries, or did something awesome happen to you recently? Let Matt know at matthew.burlingame@gmail.com. And check out his new audiobook over at JustKissTheGuy.com

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Davis Pride's Fourth Annual Festival Is *Unique Like You!*

The Davis Pride Festival returns for its fourth year on Sunday, May 20. The multi-faceted weekend includes a Saturday mimosa brunch and a Sunday fun run/walk, culminating with a festival of music, food and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

The Davis Phoenix Coalition (DPC) produces the festival – a pride celebration like no other in Yolo County. Voted “Best of 2017” by *Outword* readers, the free, family-friendly all-inclusive daylong event at Central Park, 401 C St., features live entertainment, vendors and community resources, fun zones for children, food trucks and dance parties.

The pride committee chose this year's theme of *Unique Like You!* to show that Davis Pride

The highly successful Run/Walk for Equality, starting at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 20. Walk or run a 5K or 10K course through Davis' greenbelts. Proceeds go to the Davis Phoenix Coalition's education and advocacy programs to build a safer, more inclusive community in Davis and surrounding cities. Discounted registration is \$45 through May 16. There's also a 1k for \$22 and a children's Rainbow Dash for \$5.

After that, there's the Music Festival and Community Fair, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's Wells Fargo Main Stage headliner is Thea Austin, the voice of

stages are members of The Davis Live Music Collective, Cheer Sacramento and the Gay Men's Chorus along with local Davis artist to help take this year's party to a new level.

The weekend kicks off on Saturday, May 19, when the Cal Aggie Lambda Alumni Association hosts its third annual Davis Pride Community Brunch, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the UC Davis Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center. Proceeds from the \$35 tickets support its alumni scholarship fund. Visit brunch.davispride.org for more information, or to sponsor an LGBTQIA-identified student.

Davis Pride is able to offer free admission thanks to the generosity of its sponsors, including Lasher's Elk Grove Subaru/JEEP/Dodge, CBS Radio, *Outword*, Hewlett Packard Enterprises, Badland Sacramento, to name a few, as well as the scores of businesses and non-profit organizations that participate in the festival, said Gloria Partida, executive director of the Davis Phoenix Coalition.

“Thanks to the generous support of our partners, exhibitors and sponsors, we're thrilled to be able to keep festival admission free, so that all families and individuals can participate in this

empowering celebration,” Partida said.

For complete information about Davis Pride and other Pride-week events, visit davispride.org.

Davis Pride is produced by Davis Phoenix Coalition, a nonprofit that works to foster diversity, eliminate intolerance, prevent hate-motivated violence and support LGBTQ+ youths. The coalition was founded in the aftermath of a 2013 anti-gay attack on Davis resident “Mikey” Partida. Proceeds from Davis Pride support the coalition's anti-bullying campaigns, and outreach with area police departments, churches and schools.



festival is not like other pride events. It has that unique style and feel that the Davis community is known for.

“It is definably Davis!” Pride Director Sandré Nelson states. “That is something that the DPC board and pride committee continue to strive for.”

“Based on community feedback over the past four years, we wanted to make sure that all positive members of the community felt welcome and represented,” Nelson added.

Activities include:

SNAP's hit “Rhythm is a Dancer.” Joining Austin are “American Idol” season seven alum David Hernandez and current season top 20 stand out, Modesto native, Effie Passero along with diva Dida Ritz from season four of “RuPaul's Drag

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Run/Walk for Equality



The sun will be shining, the air will be fresh and People will be OUT. Join us two hours 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 Yolo Federal Credit Union and under the direction of On Your Mark Events to assist with the planning and execution.

Teen Zone

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 Davis LGBTQ+ Youth Center that is currently up and running for youth members of Yolo County and surrounding areas.

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

Libation Station

Always a hit, don't forget to stop by the Libation Station (beer and wine garden) to try some amazing local wines from Barefoot Wine and Bubbly, and a crowd favorite the \$2 mimosas. Local Davis brewery Sudwerk will once again be on site pouring some of their award winning beers.



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.

Entertainment

Once again we will have a top tier all star line up presented on two stages. For the complete schedule, please visit www.davispride.org.

**Davis Pride 2018
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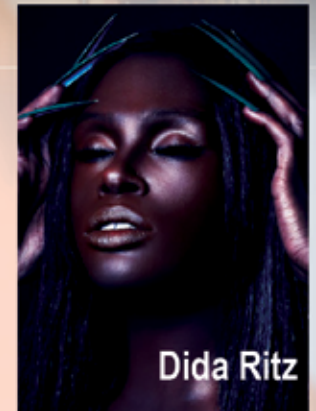
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For more information or to find out ways to support the coalition, please visit: www.davisphoenixco.org.

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From the Ashes of Hate – A Phoenix Was Born

On March 10, 2013 Lawrence “Mikey” Partida, was assaulted by a 19-year-old Davis resident in a hate crime that left Mikey with a fractured skull and brain bleed.

Prosecutors said the assailant targeted Partida because of his sexual orientation, and the assailant ultimately pleaded no contest to assault, battery and hate-crime charges.

Gloria Partida, Lawrence’s mother, said a friend sent her a photo of Garzon shortly after the attack and she was struck by his youth.

“He looked so young and I felt really, really terrible that somehow the system had failed him,” Gloria Partida said.

She had a 7-year-old grandson and she recalls looking at him and thinking, “how do you get from age seven to that?” she says “I had teenagers. ... I felt for his parents. It could have been me.”

The response from the Davis community to the news of the hate crime was phenomenal

About 300 people gathered in Central Park for a candlelit vigil in Mikey’s honor and donations were collected for his medical care.

“There was an outpouring of kindness in the city,” Mikey Partida recalls. “I don’t know what we would have done without that”

Mikey had always felt safe growing up in Davis, he said. He came out while in high school and felt supported, but still, Partida said, there weren’t really any resources for LGBT kids like him in the community. His mother recalls him searching for resources when he came out and after this incident decided it was time to establish an organization to advocate for inclusion and tolerance.

So out of the ashes of a violent hate crime, with Mikey Partida still in the midst of a long and slow recovery, rose the Davis Phoenix Coalition.

The effort was guided not just by Gloria Partida, but by some like-minded community members who stepped up to help, creating a coalition that would focus on anti-bullying efforts as well as serving as an advocate and resource for marginalized communities.

Almost five years later, the Phoenix Coalition remains the community’s only LGBT resource center aside from the one on campus, Gloria Partida said, serving people of all ages and from all walks of life.

The coalition also has focused on anti-bullying efforts, including the annual Upstander Carnival where elementary school-aged children learn techniques to fight bullying; hosted forums with the Davis Police Department to address community concerns around policing, immigration and more; and organized the Davis Pride Festival, an annual celebration of LGBT equality, inclusion and pride.

Most recently the coalition has hosted a parent support group “Yolo Rainbow Families” Coordinated by Anoosh Jorjorian which is putting together a summer family camp for LGBT+ families with a focus on families with gender creative kids. Also up and running is an LGBT+ youth group for young people in 7th through 12th grade.

For information contact davisphoenixco@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page or website davisphoenixco.org.

Everyone On the Bus for the Return of *Priscilla Queen of the Desert - The Musical* at Theatre Rhinoceros



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Davis Pride Features Brunch, Fun Runs and Entertainment!

The Davis Pride Festival returns for its fourth year on Sunday, May 20. The multi-faceted weekend includes a Saturday brunch and a Sunday fun run, culminating with a festival of music, food and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

The Davis Phoenix Coalition produces the festival – a pride celebration like no other in Yolo County. The free, daylong event at Central Park, 301 C St., features live entertainment, vendors and community resources, fun zones for children, food trucks and dance parties.

The weekend kicks off on Saturday, May 19, when the Cal Aggie Lambda Alumni Association hosts its third annual Davis Pride Community Brunch, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the UC Davis Buehler Alumni Center. Proceeds from the \$30 tickets support its alumni scholarship fund. Visit brunch.davispride.org for more information, or to sponsor an LGBTQIA-identified student.

The Run/Walk for Equality, starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 20. Walk or run a 5K or 10K course through Davis’ greenbelts. Proceeds go to the Davis Phoenix Coalition’s education and advocacy programs to build a safer, more inclusive community in Davis and surrounding cities. Discounted registration is \$40 through April 30. There’s also a 1k for \$20 and a children’s Rainbow Dash for \$5.

After that, there’s the Music Festival and Community Fair, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free, family-friendly all-inclusive event will have the latest resources for the regional

LGBTQ+ community and all who support it.

This year’s Wells Fargo Main Stage headliners is Thea Austin, former lead singer with SNAP!, known for the hit “Rhythm is a Dancer” and “(I’ve Got the) Power.”

“I am humble and grateful to be accepted and supported by the LGBTQ family” Austin said in an interview for *Bilboard*. “I’ve been told by thousands at LGBTQ Festivals how my songs ‘Rhythm Is A Dancer’ and ‘I’m Addicted, (You’re The Worst Thing For Me)’ changed their lives from suicidal tendencies to high times dancing away the blues. That is the best!”

Co-headliners are *American Idol* season seven alum David Hernandez and diva Dida Ritz from season four of *RuPaul’s Drag Race*. The Davis Live Music Collective joins this year’s party, raising the festival’s entertainment to a new level.

For more information about Davis Pride activities, or to become a volunteer, sponsor or vendor, visit davispride.org or visit the Davis Pride Facebook page at www.facebook.com/davislgbtpride/.

Davis Pride is produced by Davis Phoenix Coalition, a nonprofit that works to foster diversity, eliminate intolerance, prevent

hate-motivated violence and support LGBTQ+ youths. The coalition was founded in the aftermath of a 2013 anti-gay attack on Davis resident “Mikey” Partida. Proceeds

from Davis Pride support the coalition’s anti-bullying campaigns, and outreach with area police departments, churches and schools.



Thea Austin of SNSAP! will headline the entertainment at this year’s Davis Pride

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The Ghost Of Maria Callas Will Perform At Mondavi

by Chris Narloch

I don't tend to believe in the supernatural, but I may change my mind after hearing (and seeing!) the late Maria Callas, considered by many to be the finest opera singer ever, perform "live" at Mondavi Center this September 28th.

Since Callas has been dead for forty years, the "seeing" part will be tricky, but according to those who have witnessed it, the cutting edge technology that brings the ultimate diva back to life is truly remarkable.

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The Callas event – and it is an "event" – will likely sell out so don't wait too long before buying tickets. Better yet, buy a new subscription, if you haven't already renewed, since the Mondavi's entire 17th season is another winner.

Among the other acts recently announced



for the 2018-19 season are a Nov. 14 concert by the great folk icon Joan Baez, on what she has announced will be her final tour, plus evenings featuring an eclectic array of talent including flutist James Galway, on Oct. 14, as well as a season-opening performance by Wynton Marsalis with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, on Sept. 22.

New Mondavi subscriptions go on sale June 1. For more information, visit www.mondaviarts.org.

Modern Masters Dances in to The Sofia

by Chris Narloch

The Sofia Tsakopoulos Center for the Arts ("The Sofia"), at 27th and Capitol in midtown, is quickly becoming a hub for a variety of exciting cultural events in Sacramento.



In addition to providing the new home for B Street Theatre, The Sofia is also hosting concerts by everyone from Pete Escovedo to Shawn Colvin, courtesy of SBL Entertainment.

The latest local arts organization to join The Sofia family is Sacramento Ballet, which will present two separate programs, *Modern Masters* and *The Genius of Balanchine*, at The Sofia this May and June, respectively.

Modern Masters features three highly acclaimed choreographers: Ma Cong ("Blood Rush"), Ron Cunningham ("Bolero")

and Septime Webre ("Fluctuating Hemlines").

Ma Cong's visceral "Blood Rush" is set to the sizzling music of Latin composer Astor Piazzola, while Ron Cunningham's "Bolero" perfectly captures the relentless drive of Ravel's pulsating music.

In the witty, urbane, sophisticated, and deliciously irreverent "Fluctuating Hemlines," 1960s fashion collides with 21st century morés.

Modern Masters will be performed four times at The Sofia, May 25-27. Single tickets are on sale now at 916-443-5300 ext. 1. For more information, visit www.sacballet.org.

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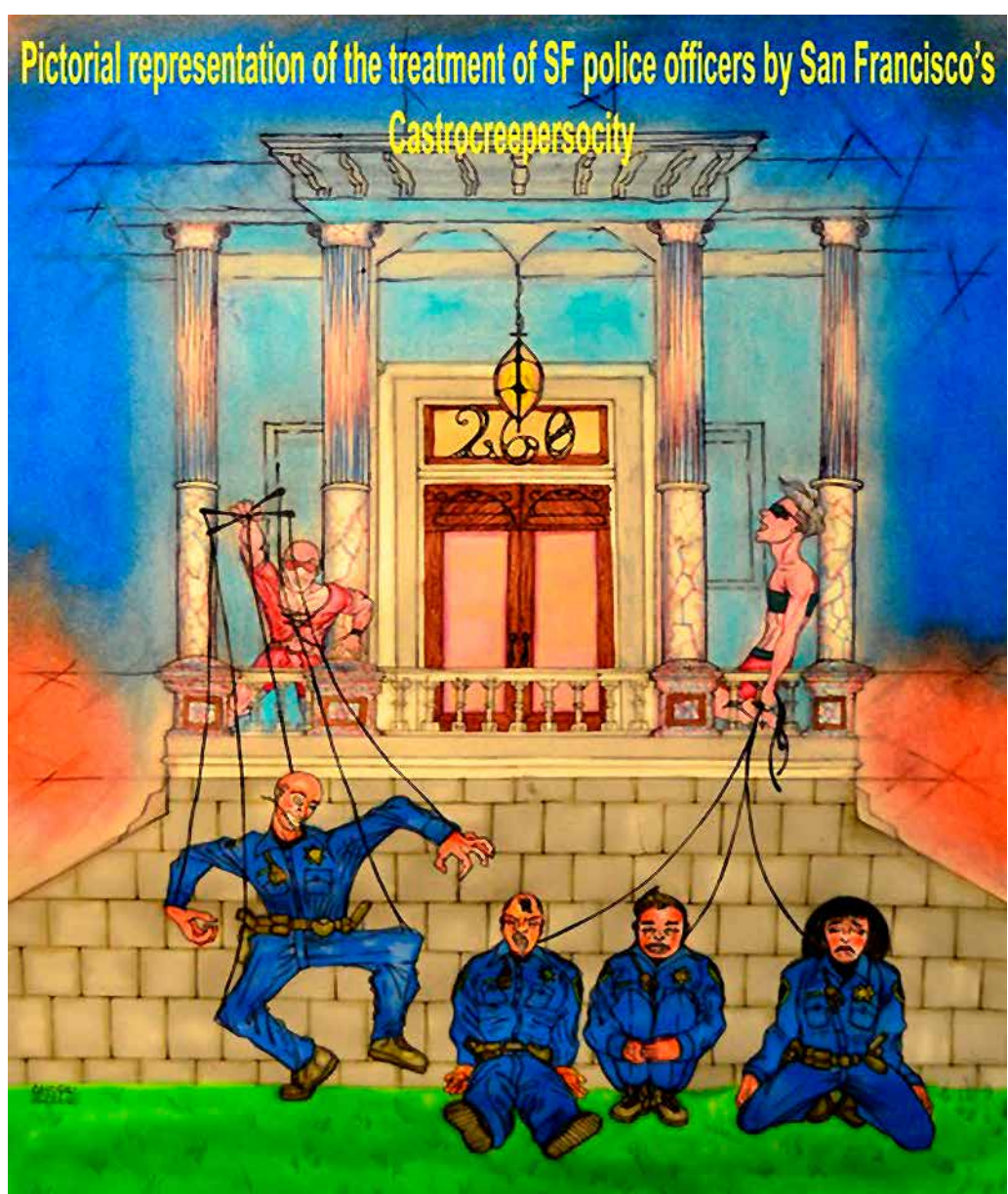
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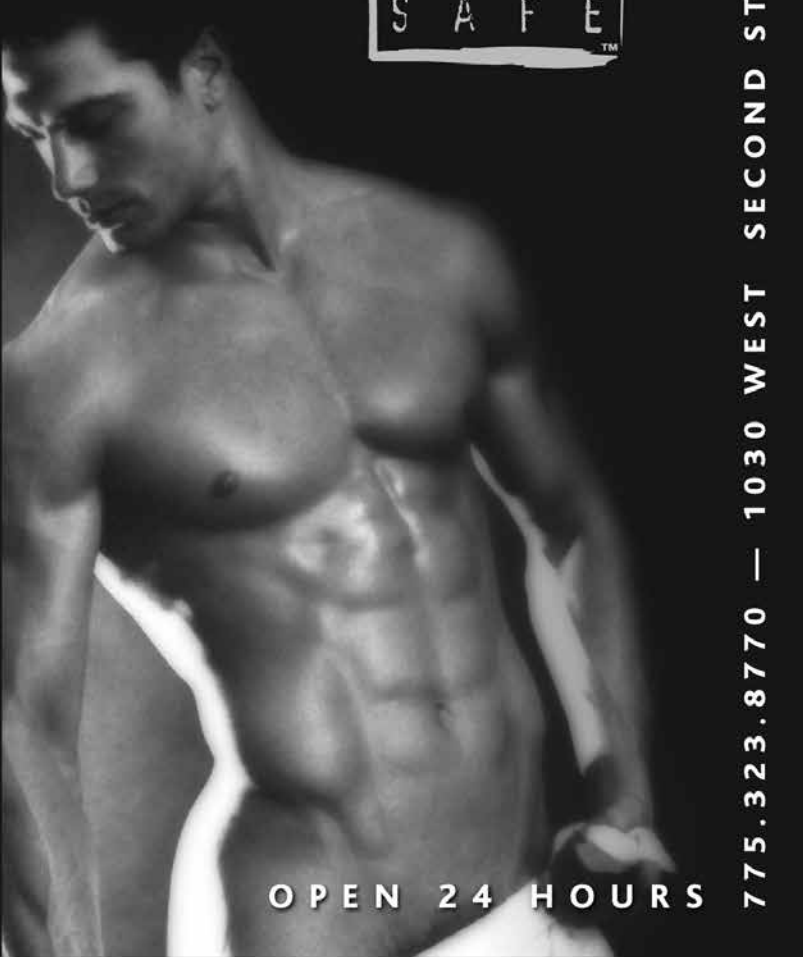
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Monk started LuVandus four years ago. As a child, he created bath oils to sell in the local markets. As an adult, he worked in, managed, and helped create several Sacramento restaurants.

It was his passion for food and experience that led him back to his early love of blending fragrance. He began by making candles, but

creating fragrances soon became his primary drive.

LuVandus began in Monk's home lab, with all products created in the lab and sold through his website and pop-up shows at venues from Nordstrom to the Nevada City Craft Fair and the upcoming Los Feliz Open Air Market in Los Angeles.

Over time, the LuVandus line has been picked up by such notable perfumeries as Tiger Lily in San Francisco, Fragrance Vault in South Lake Tahoe, and several other retail shops within Northern California.

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Airness & An American in Paris Plus Marjorie Prime At Cap Stage

by Chris Narloch

See a play in the month of May! Lucky for you, there is an embarrassment of riches on Sacramento stages this month, including a hilarious comedy about air guitarists, a highly acclaimed, futuristic play about memory, and a romantic musical masterpiece.

An American in Paris

You don't want to miss the final show of the Broadway Sacramento season, which concludes this May with one of my favorite new musicals of the last ten years, *An American in Paris*.

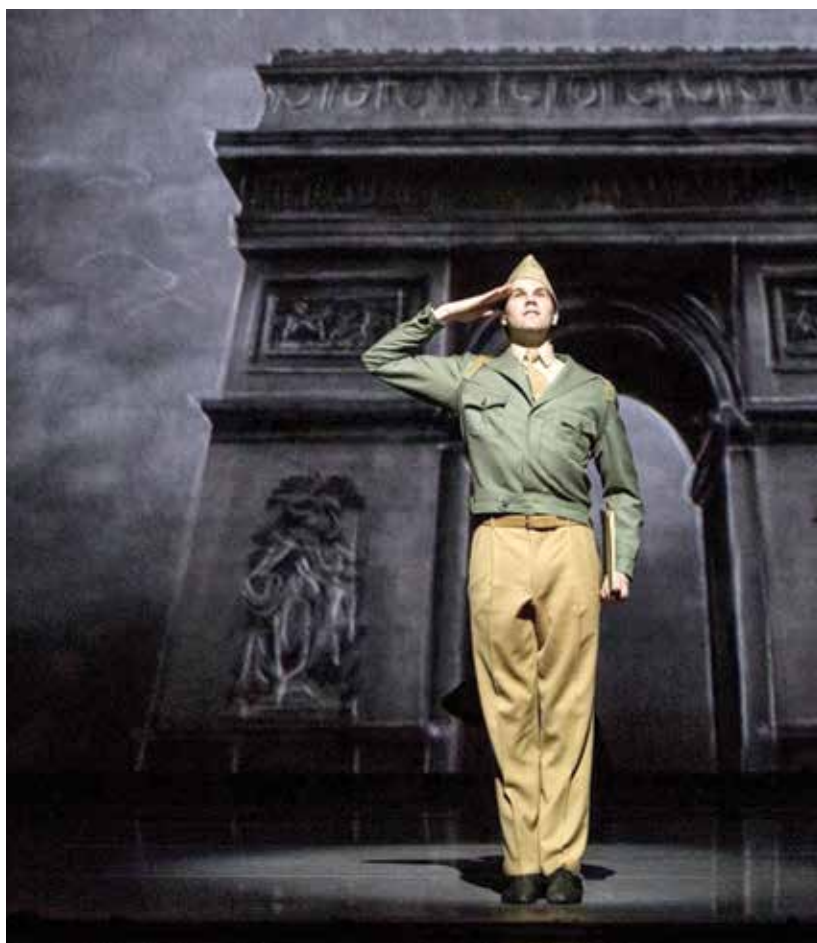
If that title sounds familiar, you may have seen the classic 1951 movie musical of the same name with Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron that inspired this spectacular show.

An American in Paris is the Tony Award-winning musical about an American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and an indomitable European city, each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war.

Acclaimed director/choreographer and 2015 Tony Award-winner Christopher Wheeldon brings the magic and romance of Paris into perfect harmony, with amazing dancing and unforgettable songs from George and Ira Gershwin.

This is the show that earned more awards than any other musical in the 2015 Broadway season, and it is the finest show in this Broadway Sacramento season.

An American in Paris plays May 16-27 at Sacramento's Community Center Theater. Please visit www.broadwaysacramento.com.



"An American in Paris" will be playing at Sacramento's Community Center Theater

competitions.

Airness, which premiered at the prestigious Humana Festival, features a marvelous cast of

plays through June 10 at The Sofia, courtesy of B Street Theatre. For more information, visit bstreettheatre.org.

Marjorie Prime

It's the age of artificial intelligence, and 85-year-old Marjorie – a jumble of disparate, fading memories – has a handsome new companion who's programmed to feed the story of her life back to her.

What would we remember, and what would we forget, if given the chance? That is the intriguing premise of *Marjorie Prime*, a new play by Jordan Harrison that explores the mysteries of human identity and the limits – if any – of what technology can replace.

A co-production with American Stage in Florida, this 2015 Pulitzer Prize finalist is directed by Stephanie Gulate and stars two local favorites, the multi-talented Jamie Jones and Janis Stevens.

Marjorie Prime will play through June 3 at Sacramento's Capital Stage. For more information, go to www.capstage.org.



Brock D. Vickers and Janis Stevens in "Marjorie Prime" at Cap Stage. Photos by Kara Goldberg.

Airness

Prepare to have your face melted by the likes of Shreddy Eddy, Golden Thunder and the reigning champ, D Vicious, in the joyful comedy that takes on the wild world of professional Air Guitar

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