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Dear Outword,
The SVL Charity Brunch is resuming at a NEW location, The Bolt, 2560 Boxwood St., and will now be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Sunday of the month, beginning on February 6.

The cost is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for SVL members. The Feb. 6 brunch will have a basic menu as shown in the calendar, and future brunches will have an expanded menu as we settle in and get used to the new location.

We would like to thank Kenny at The Bolt for donating the use of the bar for the brunches and for opening the bar so attendees may purchase cocktails if they wish.

All proceeds go into a charity fund to be distributed to selected local gay and HIV related charities at the end of the year. Charities wishing to apply for funds should submit an application proposal to SVL.

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For more information, visit SVLclub.org.

Robert Hamm, SVL

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Training will be held on Thursday, March 31, through Saturday at Napa Valley College Criminal Justice Training Center in

Napa.

Find out more information online at www.stophate.org.

Important Additions Made To CalComUI Web site

Dear Outword,

I wanted to let your readers know that we have added some important new tools to the California Communities United Institute web site.

First, we have added a calendar showing deadlines on getting California legislation through the legislative process. To see those deadlines, visit our web site at www.calcomui.org and then click on "Legislative Calendar 2011" on the left side of our home page.

This calendar will tell you the important deadlines which bills must meet in order to survive in the California legislature.

For example, the deadline for getting a bill approved by the policy committee in the bill's house of origin and the deadline for approval of a bill by the full house in which it was first introduced.

We have also added lists of all the bills introduced in the California Legislature in 2011 plus separate lists of the bills we are working on in each of the issue areas we work on.

The issue area lists include a list containing all the bills we are working and separate lists for each of the issue areas we work on.

Those issue areas are as follows: HIV/AIDS; Economic Justice Issues; LGBTI Issues; People of Color Issues; and Women's Issues

We invite you to see all these changes by visiting our web site.

Thank-you,

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LCR Continues DADT Fight at Ninth Circuit

Log Cabin Republicans have filed a response to the Obama administration's latest attempt to indefinitely delay arguments in *Log Cabin Republicans v. United States*, despite legislation enacted last month which removed DADT from U.S. code.

The military has emphasized that the policy remains in force and the Obama Department of Justice continues to defend the ban in court.

"Log Cabin Republicans are acutely aware President Obama and his administration desperately want our case to just go away. That is not going to happen," said Log Cabin Republicans Executive Director R. Clarke Cooper. "The Obama administration's continued defense of this failed and unconstitutional policy is a mystery. DADT was rejected by Congress, by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and most notably, by the American people. It is time for the President to stand by his commitment and end this

policy of discrimination, removing the threat and specter of discharge from thousands of patriotic servicemembers."

The repeal of DADT is not yet effective and DADT will likely remain the law of the land until the end of 2011. In the meantime, openly gay individuals are not free to enlist in the armed forces, current servicemembers must continue to live a lie and the government continues to investigate and discharge servicemembers under DADT.

"At the same time, the government is trying to delay the

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Camera Phone Photo of the Week



Outword's publisher Fred Palmer took a trip to SF to get away from the fog, and caught this shot of SF's fog blowing into the valley on Monday, Jan. 17. Want to share your pictures with Outword's readers? It's easy, just send one or two of your faves, full size, to Editor@outwordmagazine.com.

UCC Nominates First Out-Gay Pastor To Top Denominational Post

The United Church of Christ has nominated its first out-gay candidate to serve the 1.1-million-member denomination as one of its top elected national officers.

The Rev. J. Bennett Guess, 44, was selected by a search committee to serve as a member of the UCC's five-person Collegium of Officers and to head Local Church Ministries, one of the church's four national bodies.

Guess' selection must be affirmed by a board of directors in April, before his name is put forward for election by 1,000 delegates attending the UCC's biennial General Synod, July 1-5, in Tampa, FL.

Guess, who presently directs the UCC's publishing, identity and

communication ministry, has been a member of the denomination's national staff for more than a decade and has been active in LGBT activism throughout his ministry. As the UCC's lead communicator, he has been an active member of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.

In 1993, while a pastor in Henderson, Ky., a city of 27,000 near Evansville, Ind., Guess helped

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DOJ Files Brief Supporting DOMA

Attorneys for Obama's Justice Department have filed a court motion in support of the Defense of Marriage Act, despite the President's evolving view that the law should be repealed.

Saying that it is obligated to defend U.S. policy, regardless of the president's personal beliefs, the Department filed a brief on January 13 before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in defense of the law after a lower-court judge ruled it unconstitutional.

The filing of the brief drew immediate criticism from LGBT rights organizations, including Freedom to Marry.

"We regret that the Department of Justice continues to defend a law that President Obama has repeatedly said is discriminatory," said Evan Wolfson, Executive Director of Freedom to Marry, "a law that the Republican Congressman who sponsored it back in 1996, Bob Barr, and the Democratic President who signed it, Bill Clinton, now agree should be repudiated."

The Defense of Marriage Act defines marriage as a union between a man and woman. Despite the President's questioning of the law, and new national polls that show Americans no longer support it, the DOJ attorneys in their brief stated that the law was



"not unconstitutional under this court's binding precedent," and argued that the law "reflects Congress's reasonable response to this still-evolving debate among the states regarding same-sex marriage."

"Indeed, the president supports repeal of DOMA and has taken the position that Congress should extend federal benefits to individuals in same-sex marriages," attorneys said in the brief. "But a consensus behind that approach has not yet developed, and Congress could properly take notice of the divergent views regarding same-sex marriage across the states."

The brief was filed in the cases *Nancy Gill v. Office of Personnel Management*, brought by Gay & Lesbian Activists & Defenders (GLAD), and *Massachusetts v. Department of Health and Human Services*, brought by the state.

Led by Assistant Attorney General Tony West, the DOJ argues that U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Tauro in Boston erred last year in finding one section of the federal DOMA unconstitutional and that "back-and-forth changes" such as those experienced by California concerning the recognition of same-sex marriages "have the potential to cause inequities in the operation of federal programs, and could result in administrative difficulties across a variety of federal programs."

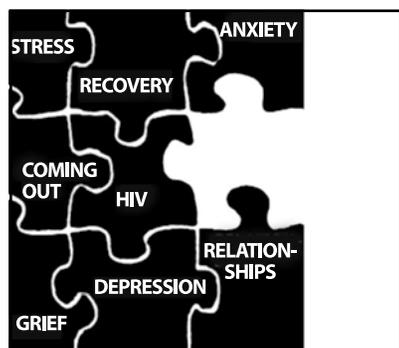
"It is disappointing that the Justice Department is urging the court to give this discriminatory law a presumption of constitutionality," said Wolfson. "At a minimum, laws that carve out Americans because of race, sex, religion or sexual orientation should be presumed unconstitutional, and should get heightened scrutiny by the courts. The Justice Department should be asking the courts to examine DOMA with skeptical eyes, not rubberstamping discrimination."

A three-judge panel of the First Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston will hear the cases later this year. Regardless of their decision, the cases are expected to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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What Famous Person Would You Most Want to Marry?

Asked at the Rainbow Chamber's monthly mixer. (Now, quick, visualize their children.)
Photos by Fred Palmer.



Chuck Edwards
Elke Sommer – She was an actress while I was growing up and I was enchanted by her.



Jason Russell
Bette Midler – She would have great parties, especially the younger version.



Debi Gaul
Brad Pitt – He is sexy and I love his dimples and he also has a lot of money, and a good heart.



Dell Richards
Opera Singer Cecilia Bartoli – So she could sing to me all the time.



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Brown's Budget Imposes Cost-Sharing on People with AIDS

According to analysis provided by Project Inform, Governor Brown's new budget proposal provides an additional \$77.2 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) to address growing need, but would institute cost-sharing for ADAP clients that may be burdensome.

ADAP provides access to lifesaving HIV medications for over 35,000 low-income Californians living with HIV/AIDS who are uninsured or underinsured.

The details regarding the amount of cost-sharing and how it will be imposed have not been decided, but research indicates that even nominal co-pays can present a real barrier to low-income people accessing their lifesaving medication.

"We thank Governor Brown for providing sufficient funding to ensure that California's ADAP continues to meet the needs of low-income people with HIV/AIDS during this unprecedented fiscal crisis," said Anne Donnelly, Director of Health Care Policy. "However, we are concerned about the impact of co-payments on ADAP clients. We know that cost-sharing can create real barriers to treatment access and could result in people not getting the medications they need to stay healthy and productive. We also know that the same people who depend on ADAP for a lifesaving but limited formulary of drugs have additional, substantial cost sharing in the rest of their medical care.

"Stable access to HIV treatment and care is vital to achieving the treatment and prevention goals of President Obama's National HIV/AIDS Strategy. We look forward to working with the Governor and the State Legislature to identify alternative ways of saving money in ADAP that do not disrupt people's ability to access their medications."

Project Inform also expressed concern about proposed cuts to Medi-Cal and other programs serving low-income Californians. Medi-Cal proposals to limit prescription drugs and doctors visits, impose cost sharing on low-income people and lower provider rates combined, would significantly erode California's health care safety net.

"Cutting payments through Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payments (SSI/SSP) from \$845 per month to \$830 per month will make choices between rent, food and medication even more difficult for some of the most vulnerable Californians," said Donnelly.

Finally, cuts to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) may result in fewer disabled people being able to stay in their homes.

Many people with HIV/AIDS rely on these programs for their health care and other needs. Medi-Cal plays a particularly important role for people with HIV, serving almost half of HIV positive Californians, with up to 70 percent of uninsured HIV positive individuals expected to become eligible for the program when health care reform is fully implemented in 2014.

"Due to severe budget deficits in the last couple of years, the Medi-Cal program has already suffered serious cuts, including adult dental services and vision services," continued Donnelly. "Further cutting the program seriously deteriorates this essential health safety net. This is the same program that as many as 70 percent of uninsured HIV positive Californians will depend on for comprehensive and quality health care coverage under health care reform in 2014.

Project Inform said that they will work with their advocacy partners, the State Legislature and the Brown Administration to develop proposals that recognize the state's severe fiscal crisis while ensuring that people with HIV/AIDS have full access to health care and treatment.

"Californians must take a stand that balancing the budget based on cuts to the most vulnerable among us is unacceptable and we must urge our elected officials to seek responsible revenue sources to maintain life-saving programs," said Donnelly.

LGBTs Targeted for National Suicide Prevention Efforts

The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention has added three new task forces to address suicide prevention efforts within high-risk populations: American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN); youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT); and military service members and veterans.

This brings to six the number of task forces formed by the Action Alliance, the public-private partnership forged in September to advance the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP) (www.actionallianceforsuicideprevention.org).

"I am heartened that we are focusing attention on communities hardest hit by suicide. By shining a

light on their struggles, I am optimistic we can help them identify solutions and bring hope for a better tomorrow," said Gordon H. Smith, co-chair of the Action Alliance. Smith, a former U.S. senator who championed passage of the 2004 Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act following the loss of his son to suicide, now serves as President and CEO of the National

Association of Broadcasters.

In the U.S., suicide claims over 34,000 lives annually – the equivalent of 94 suicides per day, or one suicide every 15 minutes.

State and local prevention efforts are having a positive impact as rates of suicide have been falling among teenaged and elder males, two of the hardest hit groups. Suicides are increasing among other groups, however, such as AI/AN youth and military members.

Studies from organizations such as the Suicide Prevention Resource Center report that lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth are from 1.5 to

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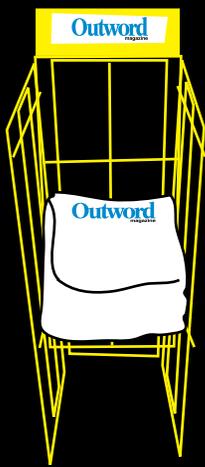
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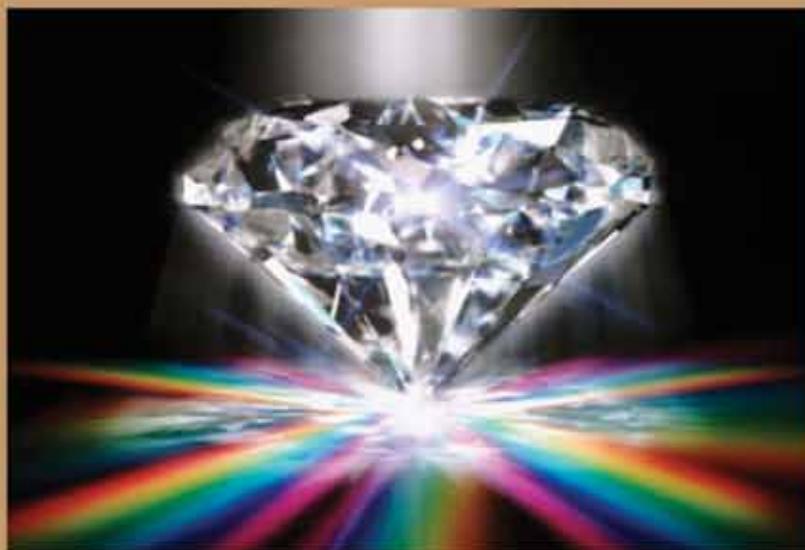
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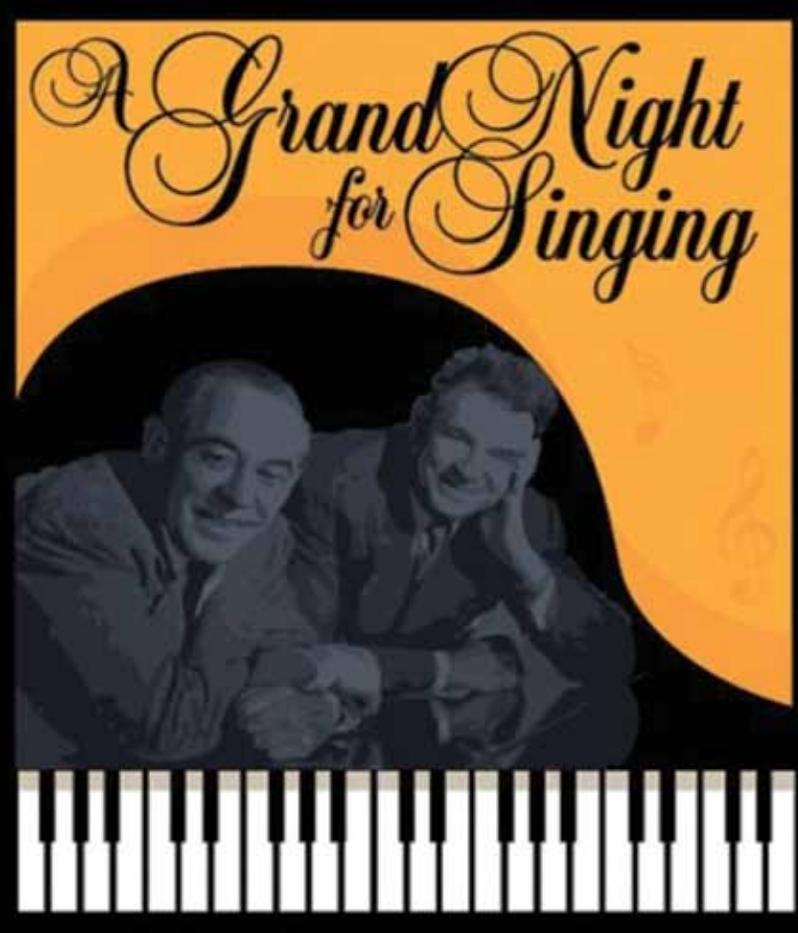
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theatrical version turns suspense into slapstick as four fearless actors play every part from the movie.

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The 39 Steps plays through February 20 at the B Street.

A Grand Night for Singing
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Shining City

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The 39 Steps

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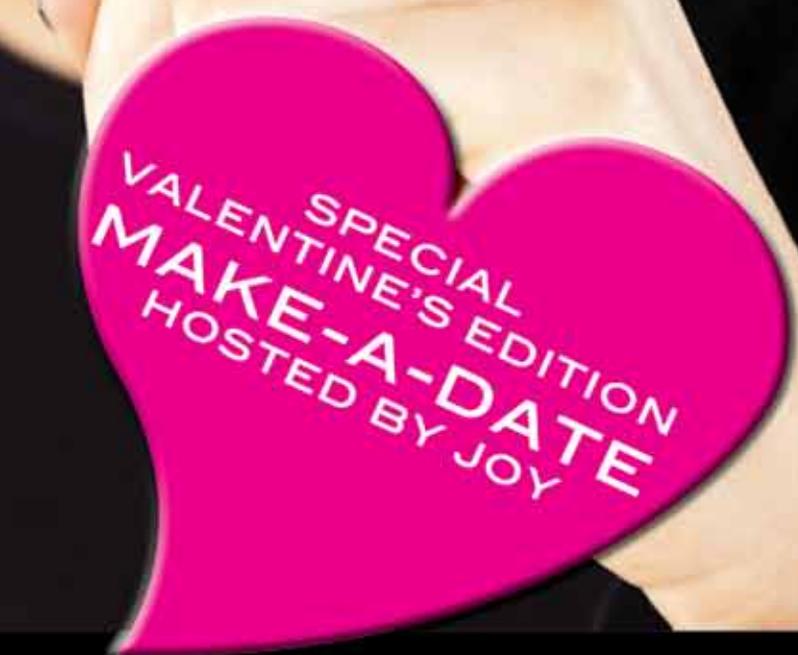
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The Sacramento Ballet will celebrate St. Valentine's Day weekend with four performances of Ron Cunningham's full-length production of *Romeo and Juliet*, Shakespeare's tale of love everlasting.

The timeless classic is brought to life to the music of Serge Prokofiev, with more than 100 beautiful costumes and a full stage set recently acquired from Ballet West in Salt Lake City.

Arguably, the best-known story in English literature, *Romeo and Juliet* has been read and re-read for more than 400 years, performed in plays, operas, ballets, musical theater productions and movies, and has become synonymous with first love, and with enduring love.

Both the narrative and the setting lend themselves perfectly to balletic interpretation, and Ron Cunningham's version has proven, over and over again, to be an audience favorite.

The dancers of the resident company will have the chance to show off their many talents in multiple roles – from the vibrancy and excitement of the street scenes and peasant dances, to the courtly elegance of the Capulets and Montagues, to the romance and

beauty of Juliet's pas de deux with Romeo. Each character and scene presents different demands and



Dancer Richard Smith learns the art of fencing from fight master Dexter Fidler, as he prepares for his role as Tybalt in the upcoming production of the Sacramento Ballet's *Romeo & Juliet*. Photo by Keith Sutter.

challenges.

In addition to the exquisite dancing, the production is full of pageantry and action, with

attention to every detail. The Company has even engaged a "fight master" specifically tasked with staging the sword fights throughout the story.

Oftentimes overlooked in other productions, realistic fight scenes have always been a hallmark of Cunningham's *Romeo* – with him wanting these dramatic elements to

be danced (and acted) as strongly as the rest of the story.

Performances are February 10 – 13, with shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m..

Individual tickets for all performances of the Sacramento Ballet's production of *Romeo & Juliet* are available at the Community Center Theater Box Office, 916-808-5181, or through Tickets.com, 800-225-2277 (additional convenience fees apply). Individual ticket prices range \$15 – \$63 for adults, and from \$15 – \$27 for children under 12.

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How a Gay Man Joined The Real Housewives

Cedric Martinez is an out and proud gay man, who is also a cast member of Bravo's latest hit series, *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*, which is now the sixth successful *Housewives* franchise airing on the Bravo network.

The first of the bunch, *The Real Housewives of Orange County*, began airing in 2006, followed by versions in New York, Atlanta, New Jersey, Washington, D.C. and finally Beverly Hills.

The *Housewives* shows center around five to six affluent women of a particular city and the friends and family in their lives.

Cedric has been friends with main Beverly Hills cast member Lisa Vanderpump for 15 years, and was living with her as her "permanent houseguest" during season one. (The season one finale aired Thursday, January 20 at 9 p.m., with a two-part reunion airing Thursday, January 27 at 9 p.m. and Tuesday, February 1 at 10 p.m.)

Most of Cedric's time on camera has been spent as Lisa's handsome and playful sidekick as the duo stirs up lighthearted fun - much of it with the very fit Cedric wearing nothing but a Speedo! However, things turned unexpectedly dark when Cedric opened up about his childhood in the 11th episode, revealing that his mother was a prostitute and as a young boy, he had once survived living on the streets in France eating nothing but cat food!

Now 37 and living in Los

Angeles, Cedric took some time out of his busy schedule to answer some questions for us.

How did you meet Lisa? (Briefly, not the whole 15-year backstory.)

I was hired as the front man for

their gay members club, The Shadow Lounge, in London. From the moment we met, we clicked.

You are French, but also worked for Lisa and Ken in England. How did you wind up moving to America and living with Lisa and Ken?

I lived in London for 17 years but always wanted to come to America and when Ken and Lisa invited me, I jumped at the opportunity.

When did you find out Lisa and her family might be on a reality show - were you always going to be a part of it?

I was involved from the get-go. We auditioned all together and I was part of the audition tape. I always knew I'd be involved.

Have you been on TV before?

Yes, as a model and actor in London, I did commercials and short films so I'm no stranger to cameras.

What was your experience like filming the show? Were you nervous? Did you like it?

I absolutely loved doing the RHBH and strangely enough I wasn't nervous at all. I felt very comfortable with a camera crew

following me, for some reason.

You and Lisa seemed to have a really good relationship. Very fun and full of joking. Is that the way it really is?

What you see on camera is the way it was. On camera we had great chemistry.

Is Lisa's house really as big and grand as it seems?

Lisa has many flaws but taste isn't one of them. She has impeccable flair for decorating and the house is as big and beautiful as you see.

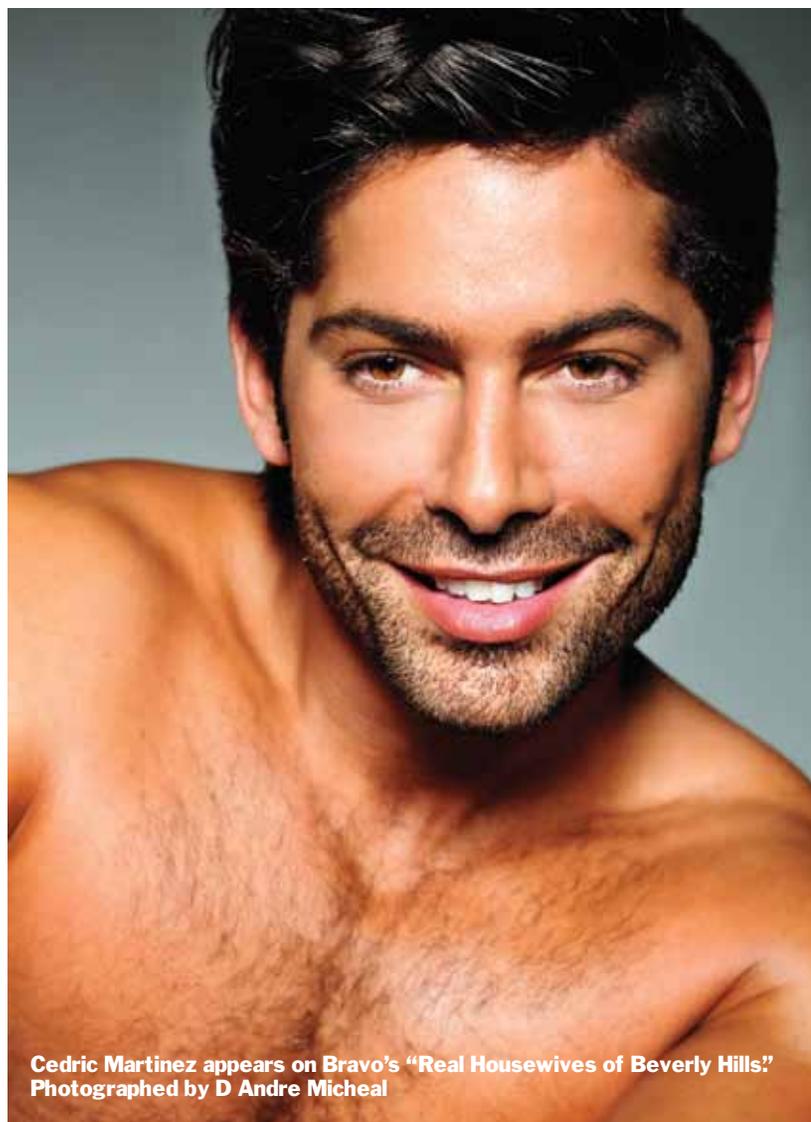
Sometimes Giggy seems adorable, and sometimes half-asleep. What's he like in person?

Half-asleep.

I know you can't talk about the end of season one, but there seems to be more discussion of you moving out of Lisa and Ken's. If there is going to be a season two, are you going to be part of it?

I've heard there's going to be a season two and as far as me being a part of it you'll have to tune in.

The episode where you told



Cedric Martinez appears on Bravo's "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills." Photographed by D Andre Micheal

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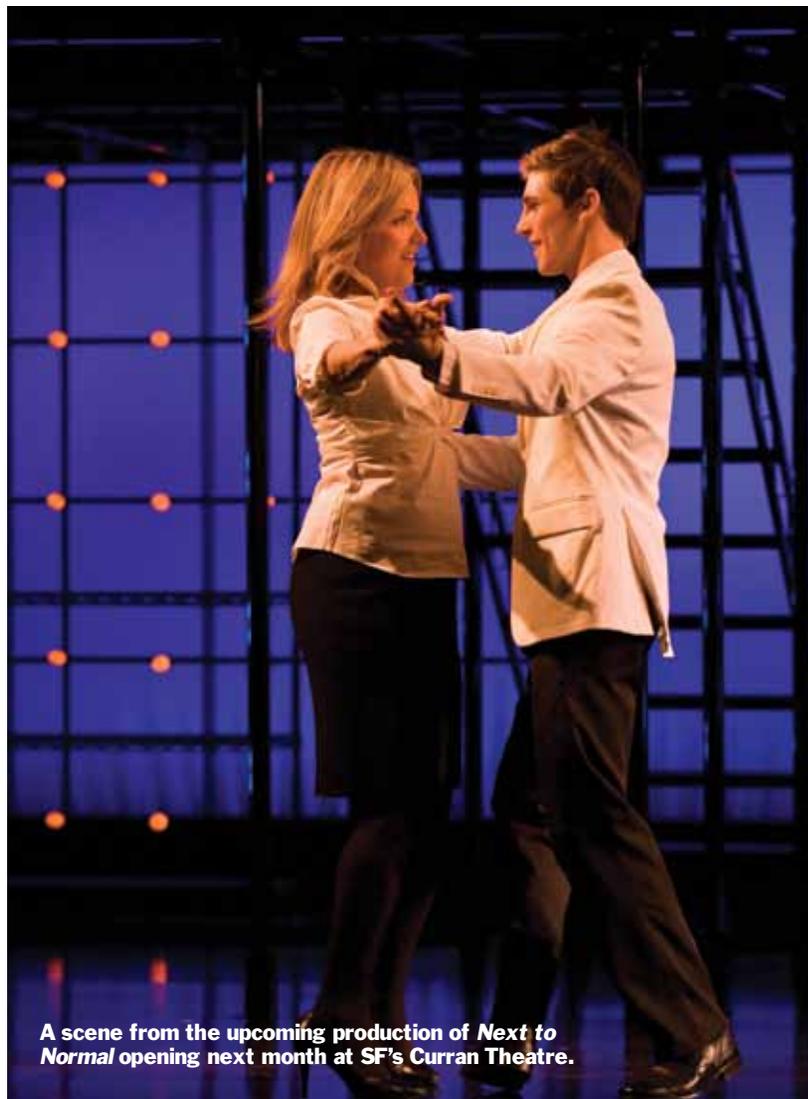
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Next to Normal Plays the Curran Plus Clybourne Park at A.C.T.

Fans of edgy modern theater take note. Two highly acclaimed new productions, one a play and one a musical, are now running in the Bay Area.



A scene from the upcoming production of *Next to Normal* opening next month at SF's Curran Theatre.

Next to Normal

If you think you might not care to see a musical that touches on the subject of mental illness, think again. *Next to Normal* is one of the most ambitious and thrilling new musicals to come along in ages.

Winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Drama (a rare feat for a musical), and three Tony Awards, including Best Score and Best Actress in a Musical, *Next to Normal* is an emotional powerhouse of a musical about a family trying to take care of themselves and each other.

The brilliant Alice Ripley is re-creating her Tony Award-winning performance for the National Tour of this groundbreaking new musical, which features a contemporary pop/rock score.

Next to Normal plays through February 20 at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco. Visit www.shnsf.com.

Clybourne Park

A.C.T. snags the West Coast premiere of this play, which cleverly spins the events of *A Raisin in the Sun* to tell an unforgettable new story about race and real estate in America.

Described by *The Washington Post* as a "buzz saw sharp new comedy," Bruce Norris's *Clybourne Park* won the prestigious London Evening Standard Award for Best New Play in 2010 and enjoyed critically-acclaimed runs in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Act I opens in 1959, as a white couple sells their home to a black family, causing an uproar in their middle-class Chicago neighborhood. Act II transports us to the same house in 2009, when the stakes are different, but the debate is strikingly familiar.

Clybourne Park plays through February 13 at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. Visit www.act-sf.org.



Valentine's Day Cheese and Chocolate

Taylor's Cheesemonger Felicia Johnson is presenting a class for Valentine's Day cheese and Chocolate pairings. Each participant will taste 3 cheeses and 3 chocolate truffles with Champagne and Port.

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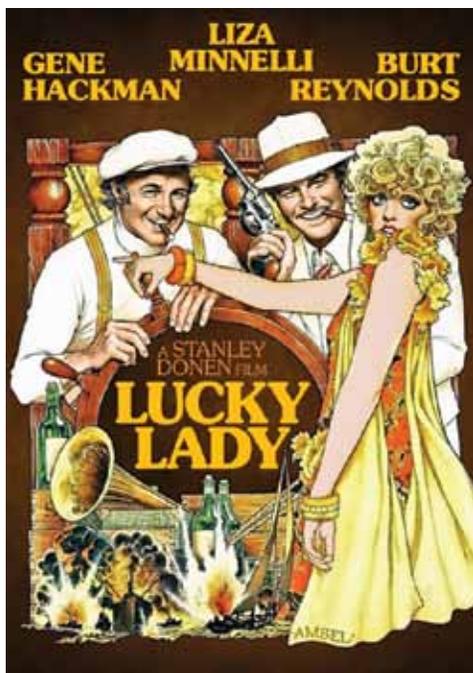
Lucky Lady comes to DVD Plus Conviction and Catfish

Two very different but equally intriguing titles make their way to DVD on February 1. A third film was released on DVD in early January, but I still can't get it out of my head.

Lucky Lady

This all-star comedy from 1975 stars Liza Minnelli, Gene Hackman and Burt Reynolds at the height of their stardom in an homage to the screwball comedies of the 1930s. This type of humor is difficult to pull off, and *Lucky Lady* was a notorious bomb for director Stanley Donen, the genius behind *Singin' in the Rain*.

Thirty-five years later, in 2010, *Lucky Lady* looks like a classic compared to most of what passes for comedy these days. It's not Shakespeare, but the three leads make a unique ménage a trois of bootleggers in this prohibition-era story by the writers of *American Graffiti*. Available February 1.



Gene Hackman, Liza Minnelli and Burt Reynolds in a publicity shot for the 1975 comedy, *Lucky Lady*.

Conviction

This Oscar-bait drama from last fall didn't do well at the box office,

but it deserves a second look, especially for its talented cast.

Hillary Swank, Sam Rockwell, Minnie Driver, Juliette Lewis and Peter Gallagher turn in top-notch performances in this "based on a true story" tale of a courageous woman (Swank) whose 18-year quest sought to clear the name of her wrongly-accused brother.

The real-life heroine even put herself through law school in an effort to set the record straight. Available February 1.

Catfish

This gripping film arrived on DVD on January 4, and it's billed as a reality thriller, which isn't far off.

A true-life tale of online intrigue and deception fuels this surprisingly suspenseful cinematic story by filmmakers Ariel Schulman and Henry Joost that was inspired by the life of Schulman's brother, Nev.

I don't want to give anything away, but if you are a fan of "stranger than fiction" films, this movie is definitely for you.

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Thursday, 27

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Friday, 28

OSCAR PREVIEW PARTY
Come and find out who's getting the nods for this year's Oscars, as the Absolut Models give the monitors the Vanna White treatment at this party hosted by Cap City AIDS Fund. No Cover. 5:30 p.m. Badlands, 2003 K St. Info: CapCityAIDS Fund

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Saturday, 29

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months of the year. Free. 9 a.m. - noon. SMUD, 6301 S St. RSVP: 916-732-6738 smud.org

Sunday, 30

CLASSICAL CONCERT
The Walden Chamber Players perform works by Mozart, Halvorsen, Beethoven, Bach and Handel. \$12. 7 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Info: 916-808-7000 CrockerArtMuseum.org

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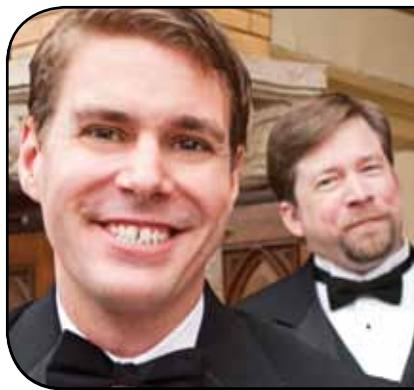
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Marry Me a Little

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might even be a chance for you to get in a touché or two. Through Thurs, Feb. 3. \$25, 6:30 p.m. Sacramento Ballet Studios, 1631 K St. Info: 916-552-5800, ext. 2, SacBallet.org

Thursday, 3

LEATHER 101

The Sacramento Valley Leathercorps hosts a class on Making Long Term BDSM Relationships Work, led by Brian Williams and girl mel. 18+ open to all. \$5 suggested donation. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The Geery Theater, 2130 L St. Info: svlclub.com

FILM FRAME

Three short films in the Crocker's film series with live appearances by directors. \$12. 6 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. RSVP: 916-808-7000 CrockerArtMuseum.org

Friday, 4

HUSH LADIES NIGHT

A special Valentine's Edition of this night for women with Make-A-Date hosted by Joy, games & prizes and DJ Ms. Nic-Nak spinning the newest dance hits for you and the sexy girl dancers. Luscious lesbian bartenders will be serving Butch& Femme drink specials - we'll let you decide who gets which! The Depot, 2001 K St. Info: 916-441-6823

Saturday, 5

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A free tree care workshop to learn about caring for the trees of McKinley Park, with Master Arborist Susan Sims discussing plant biology and offering a prescription for park canopy health and well-being. Free. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Clunie Center, 601 Alhambra Blvd. RSVP: 916-924-8733 SacTree.com

Sunday, 6

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Ride around this section of the American River, and possibly have something to eat in Old Folsom. The distance is 12 miles. Rain cancels. Meet at the park-in-ride on Hazel Avenue, near the CSUS Aquatic Center. 10:30 a.m. G&L Sierrans. Info: 916-359-8076

SVL CHARITY BRUNCH

The Sacramento Valley Leathercorps hosts its charity brunch in a new location - The Bolt! Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy and fun are on the menu, so don't miss it. \$10. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Bolt, 2560 Boxwood. Info: svlclub.com 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com

Tuesday, 8

OSCAR PREVIEW PARTY

Come and find out who's getting the nods for this year's Oscars, and meet the folks of the Cap City AIDS Fund. No Cover. 5:30 p.m. Hoppy Brew Pub, 6300 Folsom Blvd. Info: CapCityAIDS Fund

Wednesday, 9

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Thursday, 10

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considered being a model? What are your future career goals?

I've been a model internationally for 15 years. I love reality TV and would love to get more involved in acting and would love to play an openly gay character on a soap opera.

You appeared in a Speedo several times during the season and obviously have a great body.

It's always been hard for me to find anyone suitable and now I have to be more careful of their intentions.

What do you look for in a special someone?

For my future husband I need someone who wants to build a family, which is very important to me because of the childhood I had. I want a family man. Someone who can help me give my children

Kyle about your childhood was so sad! Do you think being on this show might lead you to find your biological parents? (Do you even want to?)

I'd love to know who my father is, but I have no desire to be in

the Real Housewives OF BEVERLY HILLS



touch with my mother. She abandoned me.

Are you getting recognized a lot from being on the show? What's a typical fan encounter like?

Since the show aired I get recognized wherever I go. For the most part, people have been very kind to me. They express their love and want to see more of me in Speedos.

Many of our readers want to see more of you. Have you

What's your fitness secret?

Once I knew we had the show I went to the gym twice a day, then would see Dr. Simon Ourian in Beverly Hills for upkeep on my skin looking flawless. And I drink a glass of expensive red wine a day.

A couple of times on the show, there are mentions that you are looking to find someone special in your life. Now that you're becoming famous, is it harder to date?

everything I never had.

What's next for you?

I have a couple of projects in the pipeline I can't discuss right now. But as soon as I can, you'll be the first to know.

Finally, are you glad you were a part of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*?

I am definitely very glad. Bravo has been amazing to me. It has opened doors for me and I'm very excited about 2011.

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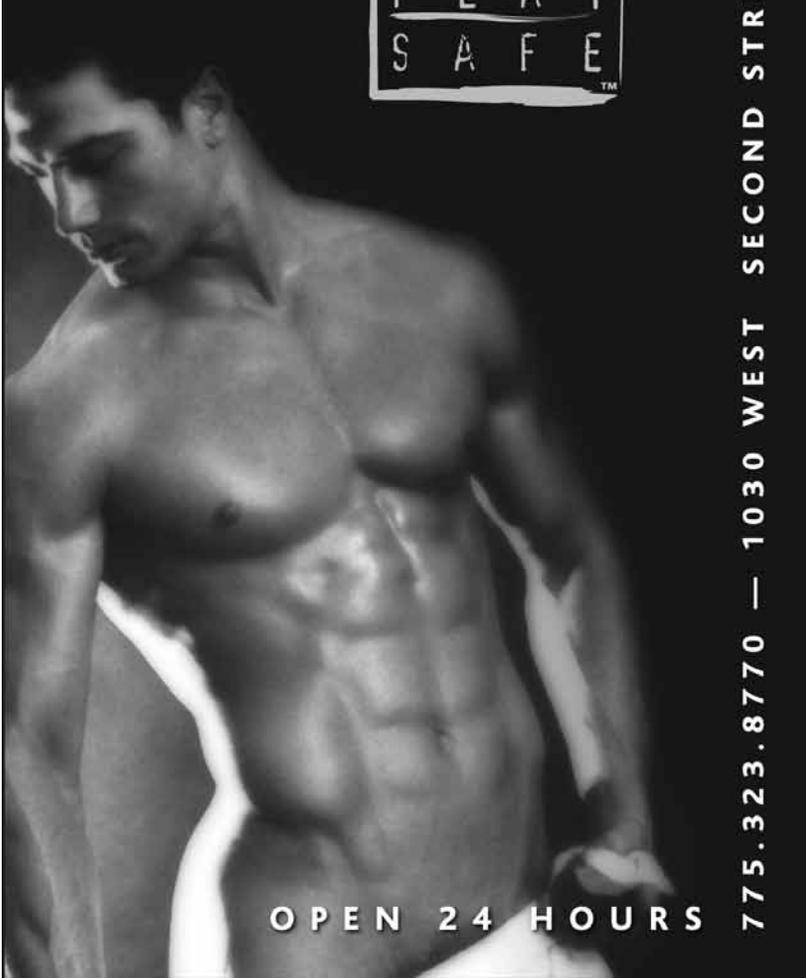
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Drag Queen Bingo for Sac Gay Men's Chorus

Drag Queen Bingo kicked off 2011 in grand style on Wed. Jan. 12, with Rusty Nails hosting a sold-out house at Hamburger Patties to benefit the Sacramento Gay Mens Chorus. Thanks to you wonderful Bingo Players, we raised \$1,306.13 for the Chorus, and to date have raised \$27,189.16 for local charities and non-profits. Join us for the next Drag Queen Bingo, Feb. 2, to benefit the Capital City Volleyball League!



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briefing and argument on its appeal from the judgment and injunction obtained by Log Cabin Republicans," said Dan Woods, partner at White and Case who filed the law suit. "The government asked us to agree to the delay and we were willing to do so, on one condition: that the government halts all pending investigations and discharges during the period of delay.

"The government refused and its attorneys said that investigations and discharges will continue. For these reasons, Log Cabin Republicans' case is still alive and kicking."

LCR is opposing the government's motion to delay the appeal and asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in the alternative, to stay all investigations and discharges in the event it is

prepared to grant the government's request for delay."

Log Cabin Republicans have maintained a three-front strategy against DADT, lobbying for repeal in Congress, consulting with the Department of Defense, and filing suit in federal court. The case went to trial in July of 2010, and Judge Virginia Phillips ruled on September 9, 2010 that the policy violated the First and Fifth Amendments of the Constitution.

Pastor

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co-founded the Kentucky Fairness Alliance, the state's LGBT advocacy organization which he co-chaired for five years.

In 1996, Guess' congregation formed Matthew 25 AIDS Services, a comprehensive federally-funded HIV/AIDS clinic that continues to serve clients throughout southern Indiana and western Kentucky.

In 1999, Guess successfully led a grassroots campaign to add sexual orientation to the city of Henderson's non-discrimination policy, a measure adopted then repealed by the city's commissioners just three years later.

While Guess would be the first out-gay person to lead the liberal

denomination, the UCC, with 5,300 churches nationwide and the largest Protestant church in New England, is well known for its support of gay rights.

The church was the first to ordain an openly gay pastor in 1972 and the first to affirm same-gender marriage equality in 2005.

Momix, Mark Morris at the Mondavi Center

Two of the hottest modern dance troupes around are both scheduled to appear in Davis soon, almost back to back at the Mondavi Center for Performing Arts.



MOMIX Botanica

Known internationally for presenting work of exceptional physical beauty, MOMIX is a company of dancer-illusionists under the direction of Moses Pendleton.

Their new work *Botanica* - which traces the beautiful unfolding of the earth's four seasons - continues a long tradition of athletic dance, riveting music, outrageous costumes, inventive props and pure talent to create an entertaining multimedia experience.

MOMIX Botanica plays Saturday, January 29 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 30 at 3 p.m.

Mark Morris Dance Group

Seattle native Mark Morris has been pronounced America's "Mozart of modern dance" by the *The Washington Post*, and rightly so. He has changed the way audiences experience modern dance by animating his profound and sophisticated love of music through movement.

His longtime use of live musicians whenever possible is emblematic of his commitment to a perfect blend of sound and movement, all happening in the moment.

Mark Morris Dance Group will appear on Wednesday, February 2 at 8 p.m.

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Suicide

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seven times more likely to report having attempted suicide than their non-LGBT peers, while transgender youth are believed to have higher rates of suicidal behavior as well.

Co-leading the LGBT Youth Task Force are Kevin Jennings, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, U.S. Department of Education, and Charles Robbins, Executive Director of The Trevor Project, the leading national organization focused on crisis and suicide prevention efforts

among LGBT youth.

"This task force will bring together the best minds in the country to combat suicide and make sure that every LGBT youth has the opportunity to grow up in a supportive, accepting community and to enter adulthood safely," Robbins said.

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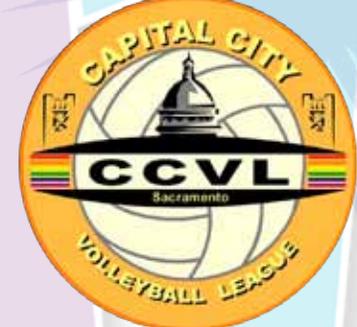
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