

Pride Month Special Issue!

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The First of Three  
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LGBTQ+ Timeline - Part One

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CA Chrysler Capital 2019 Bonus Cash\*:.....\$500  
Chrysler Capital 2019 Bonus Cash\*:.....\$1,000  
Ram Bonus Cash Coupon May:.....\$1,000  
CA 2019 Retail Bonus Cash:.....\$750  
2019 Returning Lessee:.....\$500  
CA 2019 Bonus Cash:.....\$2,500  
CA Sacramento Bonus Cash:.....\$2,000  
CA BC Engine Bonus Cash:.....\$500  
RAM LD Diesel Bonus Cash:.....\$2,000  
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**\$26,125**

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**\$20,000**  
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Dealer Discount:.....\$10,500  
Sale Price:.....\$44,260  
FCA Conquest Bonus Cash:.....\$500

**\$43,760**

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### New 2019 Journey SE FWD



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MSRP:.....\$24,740  
Dealer Discount:.....\$2,000  
Sale Price:.....\$22,740  
CA BC Retail Consumer Cash:.....\$1,500  
Chrysler Capital 2019 Bonus Cash\*:.....\$1,000  
CA 2019 Retail Bonus Cash:.....\$1,000  
2019 Returning Lessee:.....\$500

**\$6,000**  
Net Savings!

**\$18,740**

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MSRP:.....\$29,785  
Dealer Discount:.....\$2,500  
Sale Price:.....\$27,285  
CA BC Retail Consumer Cash:.....\$3,050  
2019 Returning Lessee:.....\$500  
CA 2019 Retail Bonus Cash:.....\$2,000

**\$8,050**  
Net Savings!

**\$21,735**

STK/VIN#: 58585D-744603, 58619D-744592, 59064D-750905, 59224D-750895

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### New 2020 Cherokee Limited FWD



Engine: 2.4L I4 Zero Evap M-Air Engine  
w/ESS, 9-Speed Automatic Transmission  
Remote-Start System, All-Speed Traction  
Control, Electronic Stability Control,  
Electronic Roll Mitigation  
Anti-Lock 4-Wheel-Dis Brakes, Heated  
Front Seats, 18-Inch x 7.0-Inch Polished /  
Painted Aluminum Wheels and so much more.

MSRP:.....\$33,040  
Dealer Discount:.....\$3,000  
Sale Price:.....\$30,040  
2020 National Retail Consumer Cash:.....\$1,750  
Chrysler Capital 2020 Bonus Cash\*:.....\$750  
2020 Returning Lessee:.....\$500

**\$6,000**  
Net Savings!

**\$27,040**

STK/VIN#: 58806D-557899, 58829D-557897, 59056D-565320, 59057D-565319

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### New 2020 1500 Bighorn Lonestar Crew



Engine: 5.7L V8 HEMI® MDS VVT Engine,  
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Damping, Hill Start Assist, Speed Control  
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Steering Wheel Mounted Shift Control, 18-Inch x  
8.0-Inch Wheels and so much more.

MSRP:.....\$44,025  
Dealer Discount:.....\$5,000  
Sale Price:.....\$39,025  
2020 National Retail Consumer Cash:.....\$2,000  
Chrysler Capital 2020 Bonus Cash\*:.....\$500  
National 2020 Retail Bonus Cash:.....\$2,000  
Truck Owner Conquest Retail Bonus Cash:.....\$1,000  
Engine Retail Bonus Cash:.....\$1,000  
CA BC Trade Assist Bonus Cash:.....\$1,000  
CA BC Memorial Day Bonus Cash:.....\$500

**\$13,000**  
Net Savings!

**\$31,025**

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### New 2020 Gladiator Sport 4x4



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**\$2,500**  
Discount

**\$38,205**

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Dealer Discount:.....\$750  
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2020 National Retail Consumer Cash:.....\$4,850  
2020 Returning Lessee:.....\$500

**\$6,100**  
Net Savings!

**\$40,880**

EXAMPLE STK/VIN# 60422D-153550

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### New 2020 1500 Rebel Crew Cab 4x4



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Dealer Discount:.....\$5,000  
Sale Price:.....\$46,380  
2020 National Retail Consumer Cash:.....\$1,000  
Chrysler Capital 2020 Bonus Cash\*:.....\$500  
National 2020 Retail Bonus Cash:.....\$500  
Truck Owner Conquest Retail Bonus Cash:.....\$1,000  
CA BC Trade Assist Bonus Cash:.....\$1,000  
CA BC Memorial Day Bonus Cash:.....\$500

**\$9,500**  
Net Savings!

**\$41,880**

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### New 2020 Pacifica Limited



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Dealer Discount:.....\$2,500  
Sale Price:.....\$46,680  
2020 National Retail Consumer Cash:.....\$2,000  
2020 Returning Lessee:.....\$750

**\$4,500**  
Net Savings!

**\$44,680**

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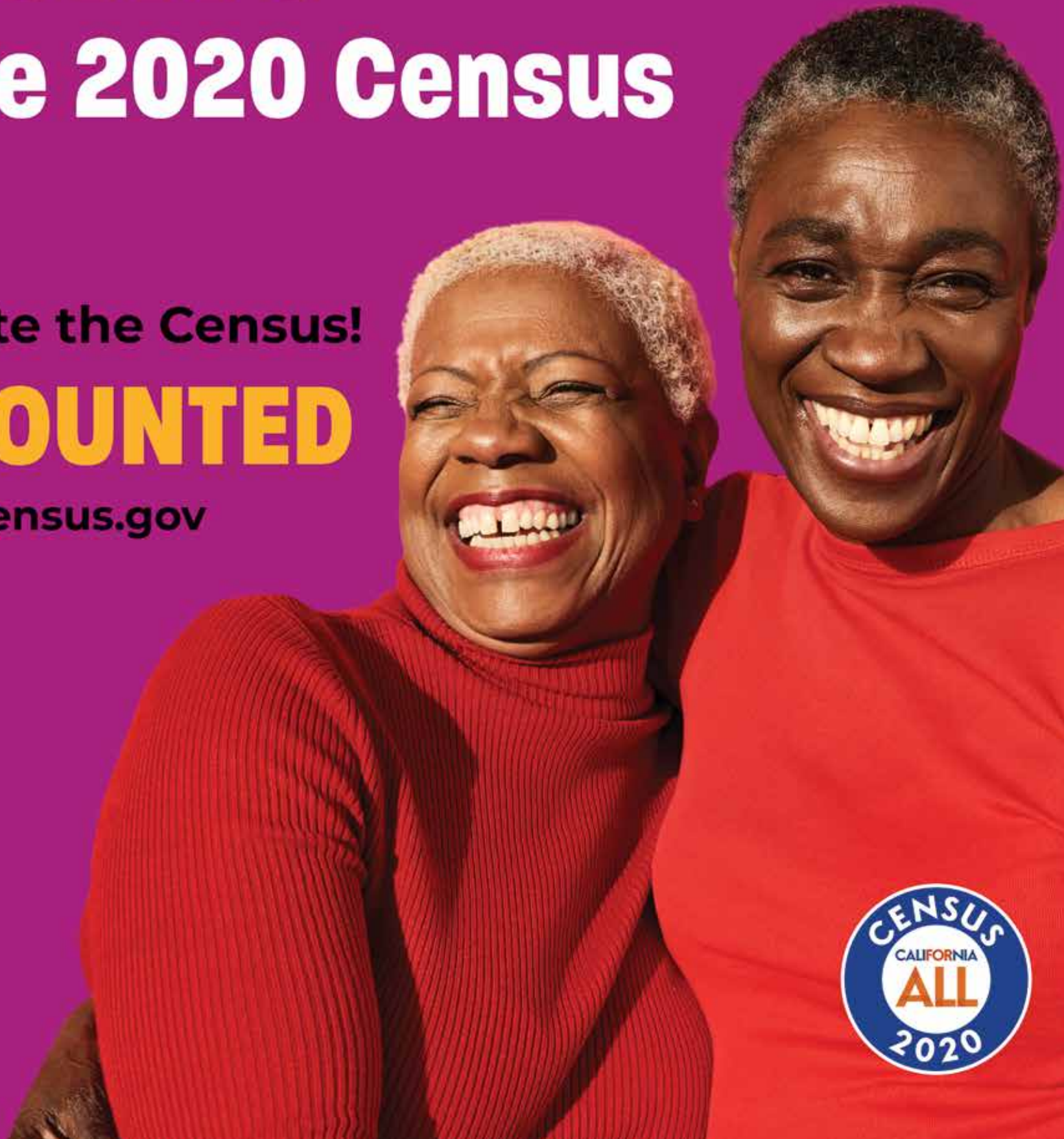
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# Let the Pride Begin!

by Ron Tackitt

Welcome to our first of three issues that will be reporting on, and celebrating, Pride for the year 2020. It goes without saying that this year is like no other in our 25 years in business. This is the first time we will not be printing a Pride Guide, not distributing said guide at Sacramento Pride, and not going to the festival to capture the fun and energy that is what we have come to know as the Capital's Pride event. COVID has pretty much seen to that. However, that doesn't mean we are down and out, just displaced.



Sac Pride 2017. Photo by Joan Cusick.

So, this year we decided that instead of one super-huge issue, we will spread LGBTQ+ Pride out over three consecutive issues! This first issue we are calling "Heroes and Icons." The next two will be "Activism" and "The Stonewall Issue - Outword's Pride Yearbook." (And yes, you can be a part of our "Yearbook," details to follow!)

Starting with this issue we will also be revisiting the LGBTQ+ timeline that we ran in 2002. Re-gardless of what the current administration says, history is set. So, the timeline that Kate Moore compiled for us is still so relevant and a great reminder of where we have come from. Look for those four pages in this issue, starting on page 20. But that will only be the beginning. A lot has happened since 2002 and we will be exploring and highlighting those historic events in Pride Issue #2 and #3. So, as they used to say, "Stay Tuned!"

All of these Pride issues will be brought to you digitally, since, well Corona... It also goes without saying that we will miss being out and amongst you all, laughing and dancing and enjoying the camaraderie that Pride celebrations allow us. Because of the seriousness of the virus, we should also take this time to reflect on not just where we have come from, but who we want to be, as a community, from this tragedy forward. It has become glaringly apparent that there will always be those who will try to use our community to cultivate hate and division, but while they are doing it for power and pure selfishness, we are what we are because it is wrong to be anything else. No more closets. Ever.



Sac Pride 2017. Photo by Charles Peer.

Our community has weathered similar storms and know what it's like to not get the proper support from our government. So, without creating an "Us vs Them" atmosphere, we have the capacity to face this crisis, keep ourselves safe and work for the common good. LGBTQ+ Pride is not just a festival or a dance party. It's not just a town hall meeting or a lecture about being strong. It's all of that and it's the truth and love we hold in our hearts and let others see and experience. Let others see your Pride as we move forward, even if it's from the other side of a computer screen.

Happy Pride Sacramento! (We've Only Just Begun)



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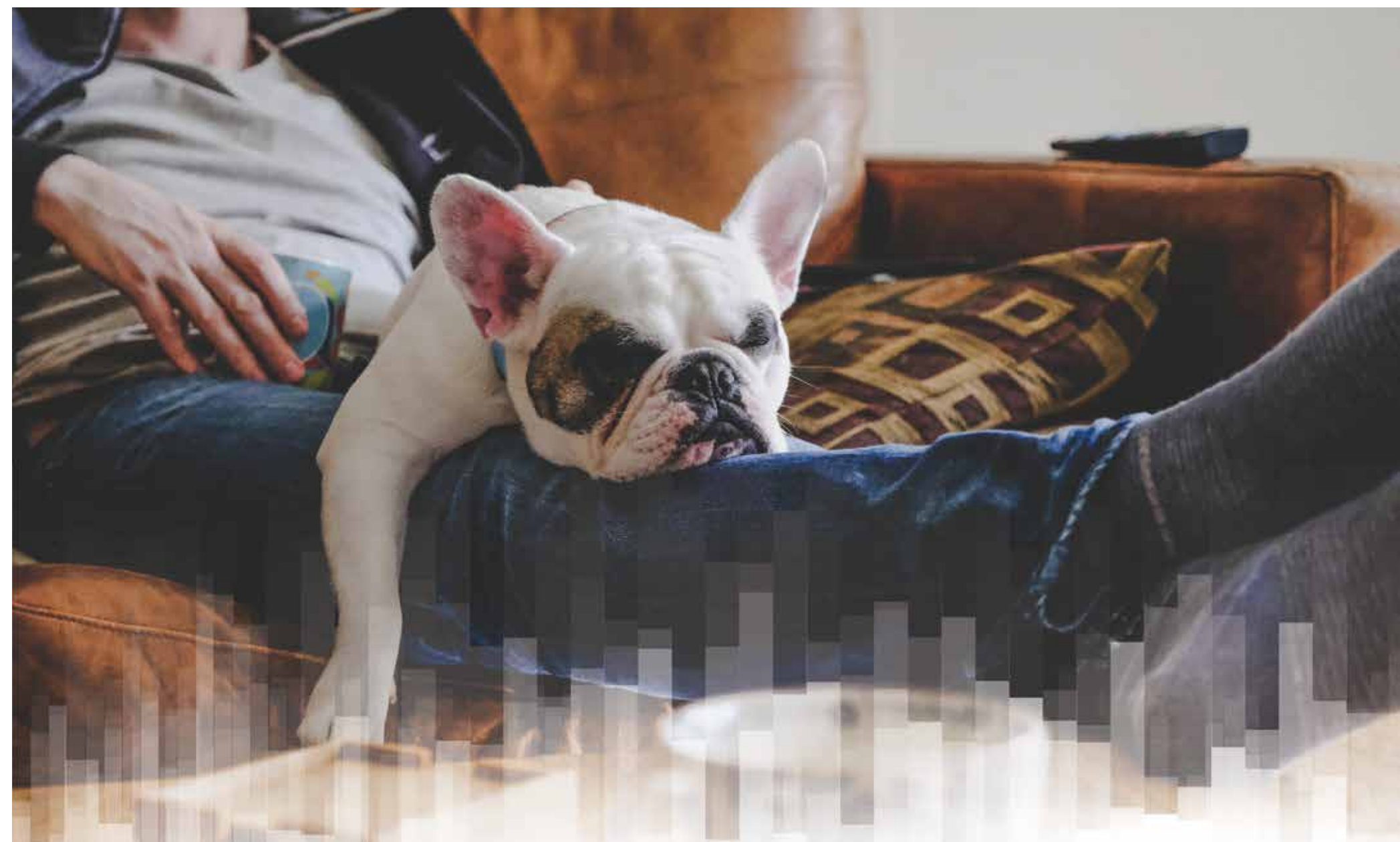


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## More than Just Tuition – Stonewall Foundation's Catalano Scholarship

*By Charlene Jones, Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento*

**A**s we know, LGBTQ youth are more likely to experience homelessness, economic hardship and instability which multiplies risks to health and psychological wellbeing. The Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento recognizes this need, now more significant than ever during the COVID-19 crisis.

We are committed to providing more to our community and this year launched the new Sam Catalano Scholarship, available to students from any Los Rios Community College District campus. This enabled us to reinforce a pipeline of support - as we fund school district LGBTQ student leadership activities, high school employment internships, and the CSUS Laurie McBride scholarships - by extending financial assistance at the community college level. Yet, we know there is so much more to be done!

Research reveals the price of attending California colleges far exceeds support provided by financial aid. Basic needs such as food and housing, campus-based fees, textbooks and supplies, transportation, and other personal expenses, can present substantial barriers. These educational costs play a role in facilitating the completion of a college degree, with the net price of attendance (after all grant aid has been applied) far exceeding most CSU and Community College students' capacity to pay. Not only has tuition increased, but costs associated with attending college, predominated by living expenses, can be overwhelming.

- CSUS costs approximately \$25,000/year in educational expenses & LRCC campuses \$20,000.
- 1 in 5 community college students & 1 in 10 at CSU reported at least one experience with homelessness while in school.
- More than 40% CSU students & 50% Los Rios Community College students reported

food insecurity.

Most college enrollees must work to pay for expenses, either in addition to or instead of borrowing. For many low-income students, net educational costs would require working an unmanageable number of hours per week, risking academic success, with consequential debt burdens falling more heavily on those with very low incomes. Difficulties with making ends meet are all the more amplified during this time of vast unemployment, housing and food insecurities.

The Stonewall Foundation remains committed to working with our partners to assist LGBTQ youth and young adults. We will continue to foster alliances and create pathways to future LGBTQ. Addressing students' unmet financial needs is essential to a future led by capable new leaders committed to advancing our queer community and building a more inclusive world. In the words of Laurie McBride:

"Sam has always been a visionary, a dreamer who could see how things should be...and he gathers people together to make it happen. Sam is especially proud to have a scholarship named in his honor. He knows the future of our movement, the future of our equality and basic right to exist is not guaranteed. He knows that we need the activists of tomorrow to be strong, resilient and, above all, prepared. Their education today is a gift we can give to ourselves, to our future, to the hope of a better world for all."

## HRC Condemns Puerto Rican Legislature's Attempt to Roll Back LGBTQ Rights

**T**oday, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights organization, condemned the Puerto Rican legislature's attempts to strip away rights, freedoms and dignity from LGBTQ Puerto Ricans in a newly rewritten version of the Civil Code.

The rewritten Code passed through the Puerto Rico Senate this week and will now be considered by the Puerto Rico House of Representatives. HRC is calling on Governor Wanda Vazquez to delay the civil codes ratification process to allow for a level of civic participation that is responsive to the limitations presented by the COVID-19 global pandemic and to veto any eventual legislation that would threaten the rights and lives of LGBTQ people.

"Puerto Ricans deserve a fair, transparent ratification process of their Civil Code, not a rushed, backroom deal by the legislature,"

said HRC President Alphonso David. "We condemn anti-equality leaders' furtive attempts to use this process as a way to target LGBTQ Puerto Ricans. The secrecy surrounding the codes and the legislative process is particularly troubling in the context of the COVID-19 global pandemic, which has critically hampered the ability for citizens to participate and make their voices heard. Governor Wanda Vazquez must stand up for LGBTQ Puerto Ricans and for democracy by slowing down this process and allowing all to participate in shaping the future of the island."





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## Legends of Courage

It's our history – celebrate a PRIDEFUL past that emboldens our future. The Legends of Courage (LOC) film and oral history project captures the accounts of extraordinary figures from the Sacramento region who contributed to the advancement of civil rights for our LGBTQ family and the community at large.

*By Charlene Jones*

We at LOC are dedicated to preserving remarkable stories that honor our community's accomplishments, inform the collective past, and inspire a shared vision of inclusion.

The LOC team, led by 3D Media Solutions filmmaker and editor Dawn Deason and producer Charlene Jones, premiered the first in a series of productions, an inventive documentary film titled *The Story of Rosemary Mettrailer*, in 2017. Mettrailer, a pioneering Sacramento civil rights attorney and dauntless lesbian, may be best known as plaintiff's attorney in the infamous 1984 lawsuit filed by Jerry Sloan, a Sacramento Metropolitan Community Church minister, against televangelist Jerry Falwell, who was labeled "the founder of the anti-gay industry." In a public forum Falwell described the queer community as "brute beasts" and stated, "this vile and satanic system will one day be utterly annihilated and there'll be a

celebration in heaven." He later denied this, which was the basis of the suit Mettrailer argued. The case made national headlines, and the court awarded Sloan nearly \$9,000, which became seed money to establish what became the Sacramento LGBT Community Center. Mettrailer is also renowned in legal circles for her successful 1988 class action sex discrimination suit against McClellan Air Force Base on behalf of women employees. The documentary premiered at The Guild Theater to a packed house, including former

mayors Anne Rudin and Heather Fargo, and California Humanities staff and board members. It was subsequently screened and archived at the McGeorge School of Law, CSUS, UC Davis, Sacramento City College, and the Sacramento Public Library.

LOC has produced more than two dozen oral histories with notable icons and activists; all to archive a collection that chronicles the Sacramento LGBTQ civil rights movement. Under the fiscal administrative wing of the Lavender Library, Archives and Cultural Exchange, LOC raised funds to move the project forward with support from many LGBTQ Sacramentans, most notably Camille Wojtasiak whose original project concept and posthumous gift has enabled LOC to endure. A grant from the California Humanities also ensured Sacramento's story-based project would preserve the realities of LGBTQ cultures and histories. LOC will continue to weave together

stories of LGBTQ trailblazers who seek to assure basic civil rights for all and build a Sacramento region enriched by their contributions.

Click HERE to visit Legends of Courage on Vimeo, and watch the documentary, *The Story of Rosemary Mettrailer*. You can also enjoy oral history vignettes from Laurie McBride, Larry Levine, Dennis Mangers, and LOC's new releases featuring our transgender siblings, Ebony Harper, JoAnna Michaels, and Rachael Hudson.



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# U.S. Navy Grants First Waiver To Trump-Pence Transgender Military Ban

The Modern Military Association of America (MMAA) – the nation's largest LGBTQ military and veteran non-profit organization – responded to the U.S. Navy's decision to approve a waiver to the Trump-Pence transgender military ban. Allowing a transgender Sailor to serve openly as their authentic self, this is the first waiver ever granted under the Trump-Pence transgender military ban.

"The Navy's decision to approve a waiver to the Trump-Pence transgender military ban is an important victory for this Sailor, even if we suspect the administration may be nefariously planning to misuse it to undermine our lawsuit challenging the ban," said Modern Military Association of America Legal and Policy Director Peter Perkowski. "We will be watching closely to see if others are approved and how the Trump-Pence administration may attempt to weaponize the decision by falsely claiming the ban isn't a ban. MMAA is committed to ensuring the unconscionable Trump-Pence transgender military ban is overturned and any qualified transgender patriot is free to serve openly and authentically."

"Over the past year, we've continued to hear from qualified transgender patriots who want to serve their country but can't because of the Trump-Pence transgender military ban," continued Perkowski. "As our nation faces unprecedented challenges, the last thing our military should be doing is rejecting qualified individuals who want to serve simply because of their gender identity."

In 2016, under the Obama-Biden

administration, the military finally updated its outdated regulations, allowing transgender service members to serve openly and authentically. But Donald Trump unconsciously singled out these brave American patriots for discrimination in July 2017 via Twitter with a transgender military ban. His discriminatory policy took effect on April 12, 2019.

The far majority of Americans believe that anyone who is qualified and willing should be able to serve in the military – including transgender people. The majority of active duty service members also oppose the Trump-Pence transgender military ban.

In a federal lawsuit, *Karnoski v.*

Trump, MMAA and Lambda Legal are challenging the constitutionality of the ban. The lawsuit represents six currently serving members of the armed services; three who seek to enlist; the American Military Partner Association, which merged with OutServe-SLDN to form MMAA; the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's largest LGBTQ civil rights organization; and Gender Justice League, a gender and sexuality civil and human rights organization, headquartered in Seattle.



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# Illuminate The Pink Triangle #ThePinkTriangle

On May 19th at 10AM, a historic community-led effort to let San Francisco's pride shine during this time of darkness launched. The Pink Triangle, once a symbol of one of the darkest chapters in human history and now embraced as a beloved beacon of hope and inclusion, has long been at the center of the city's annual SF Pride celebration. Yet Patrick Carney's iconic public art installation atop Twin Peaks is in question - in its 25th year. Social distancing restrictions will make it impossible to construct the massive canvas triangle.

But a milestone effort is underway to Illuminate the Pink Triangle - making it more vibrant than ever. The monumental installation will be augmented by Illuminate, the nonprofit behind the Bay Lights, and will feature 2,700 LED nodes of pink light. The mesmerizing triangle - covering a full acre - will serve as an enduring symbol of San Francisco's resilience.

The estimated one million annual participants will not be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Pride in San Francisco this year, yet through this effort, the city - and the world - will be able to experience something beautiful together when it officially goes live the evening before Pride Sunday.

A Global Grand Lighting is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, starting at 8 PM (pst).

For the past 24 years, hundreds of volunteers have gathered near the top of Twin Peaks to install The Pink Triangle. Led by founder and longtime LGBTQ+ activist Patrick Carney, this gigantic hillside installation can be seen from across the San Francisco Bay every Pride Weekend. This year, the Pink Triangle's 25th anniversary - which coincides with the 50th anniversary of SF Pride - social-distancing restrictions put the status of this large-scale public art project in limbo. Fortunately, to honor this historic occasion, Carney has teamed up with Illuminate (the nonprofit behind The Bay Lights) to Illuminate the Pink Triangle. This year, a small, specialized team will safely install more than 2,700 LED nodes, creating a vibrant acre of light and revealing a mesmerizing, elegant civic focal point.

"Part of commemorating any Pride Weekend is remembering where we have been," Patrick Carney, the creator of the Pink Triangle, says. "It is a highly visible, yet silent reminder of inhumanity. It recalls one of the darkest chapters of human history, yet it has been reclaimed, to become a powerful symbol of hope, inclusion, love and



resiliency."

"Our City has lived through a modern-day pandemic, demonstrating great care and compassion," says Ben Davis, Founder and CEO of Illuminate. "We have an important lesson to share now. Lighting the Pink Triangle is an opportunity to honor history, inform the present, and shape a brighter, more equitable future."

"We couldn't be happier that the Pink Triangle is celebrating its 25th anniversary this way," says Fred Lopez, Executive Director of SF Pride. "I'm very proud to continue our longstanding relationship with San Francisco's most prominent symbol of queer resilience. Like Pride, the Pink Triangle encourages us to choose compassion over fear."

To complete the work, Illuminate the Pink Triangle has announced a \$85,000 GoFundMe campaign. Contributions are 100-percent tax-deductible and go toward the Pink Triangle account at SF Pride, which has long been the project's fiscal sponsor.

Illuminate is donating services and expertise to realize this civic project.

## PINK TRIANGLE DETAILS

First year of the Pink Triangle: 1996

Size: almost 200 feet in diameter, covering approximately one acre

Personnel: in previous years, 300 volunteers  
Illuminated Pink Triangle: 2,700 LED nodes, 43 rows of lights

Measurements: 100 feet along top, 200 feet along sides

2020 Global grand lighting: Saturday, June 27, 8 PM at San Francisco's Twin Peaks

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By Ariela Cuellar (she/her/hers)

There are many different thoughts and feelings that come to mind when we think of the word "Pride." Some may remember the historical figures that are responsible for the first "Pride" at the Stonewall Riots such as Marsha P. Johnson and Silvia Rivera, or others may think of their own journey in becoming proud of who they are. Whatever it may be, the notion of pride is familiar to most of us.

Each year, we get excited about cities that throw one day festivals to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community where folks from all spectrums can come together. Unfortunately, that is not a possibility this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but that doesn't mean we can't continue to show our pride through different platforms.

The Sacramento LGBTQ Community Center has had to cancel all in-person events for 2020 and possibly beyond, which means Sacramento Pride will not be happening as originally scheduled for June 13-14 this year. The festival, which usually brings together more than 20,000 attendees, will be moving to another venue this year to accommodate with social distancing guidelines-online.

Sacramento LGBTQ Community Center staff and the volunteer Pride committee are planning to turn the Pride March and two day in-person festival into a week-long online event featuring opportunities for activism, performances and live DJ's, an astrology workshop, a drag queen brunch, a project pride fashion show, and much more! The LGBTQ+ community in Sacramento deserves to be inspired, entertained, united, and empowered at home during these difficult times which is why they are striving to put on this eventful week-long celebration of activism!

There are plenty of ways folks at home

can participate as well! You can join our Pride Lights city-wide campaign and light up your apartment, window, building, etc. in rainbow lights to show your pride while inside. Folks will also have the opportunity to participate by following along one of our makeup tutorial videos. Basically, there will be activities that most everyone can enjoy



while social distancing.

These activities would not be possible without the support of community and local and regional LGBTQ+ business partners. Showing our pride is more important now than ever and we look forward to featuring our proud community from our screens to yours. So, make sure to mark your calendars for June 21-28 for a week full of fun. Now is the time to come together with pride even though we remain physically apart. For updates make sure to follow @SacLGBTcenter and @SacPride on social media.



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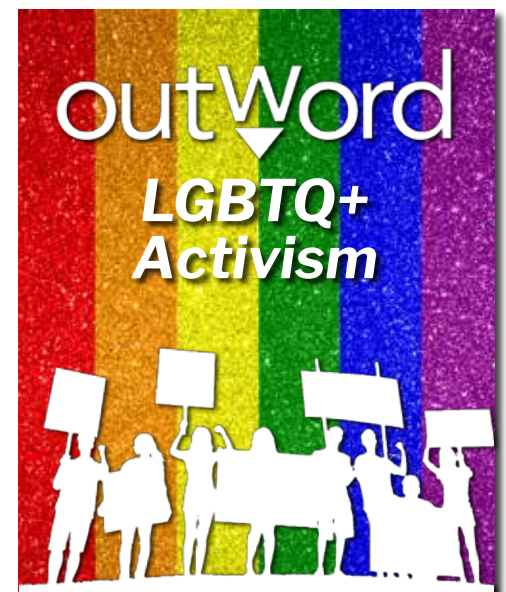
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# The Harris Poll: LGBTQ+ Report Strong Travel Needs Despite Covid-19 Pandemic

Not surprising to observe, most American adults surveyed this month by The Harris Poll, express reservations and go-slow attitudes towards reviving their leisure and business travel habits. Acknowledging serious public health concerns as well as new limits promoting safe travel and accommodations practices, even the most frequent travelers cite caution in making their next plans in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

In many ways, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) adults appear to mirror their non-LGBT counterparts, yet depart in key ways including their past frequency of travel. LGBT adults, for example, reported taking an average of 3.6 leisure trips in the past year (compared to 2.3 leisure trips for non-LGBT adults) as well as 2.1 business trips, on average, compared to 1.2 trips by non-LGBT adults.

Other key differences also surfaced in this study:

LGBT adults are twice as likely to plan travel over Memorial Day weekend vs. non-LGBT

58% non-LGBT adults.

Staying in a hotel: 59% LGBT vs. 50% non-LGBT adults.

Staying at an Airbnb: 43% LGBT vs. 35% non-LGBT adults.

Flying commercial aircraft: 43% LGBT vs. 35% non-LGBT adults.

Traveling to Europe: 35% LGBT vs. 28% non-LGBT adults.

Attending a crowded event, concert, theme park or beach: 33% LGBT vs. 25% non-LGBT.

Taking a cruise: 31% LGBT vs. 23% non-LGBT.

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adults (8% vs. 4%).

Asked when they anticipate their next leisure trip, 28% of LGBT adults responded it would take place in the next four months (May-August) when contrasted with 21% of non-LGBT adults. Just over half (51%) of LGBT adults vs. 46% of non-LGBT adults expect to travel for vacation in 2020.

46% of LGBT adults (when compared with 37% of non-LGBT counterparts) expect the pandemic situation will be resolved before this year's summer travel season.

These are some of the results of an online survey conducted by The Harris Poll® among 2,508 nationally representative U.S. adults ages 18+ between May 6 and 8, 2020. 284 adult respondents self-identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender (LGBT) including an oversample. Complete results of this study can be found at <https://theharrispoll.com/travel/>.

"Americans so often feel travel is their lifeblood," said Erica Parker, Managing Director of The Harris Poll. "Our newest benchmark reveals how conflicted, uncertain or confused many of us feel balancing our need to travel with health risks and cautions. It's especially enlightening to contrast similarities and differences among us, including LGBT travelers."

Whether traveling or not in the near-term, LGBT respondents reported feeling more comfortable than others making these specific travel choices today:

Traveling to a US destination: 64% LGBT vs.

arguments will have the greatest impact on their personal decisions favoring leisure travel in 2020, LGBT travelers disproportionately favored several:

Significantly reduced public health risks: 60% LGBT vs. 54% non-LGBT.

Strong need for travel/change of scenery: 54% LGBT vs. 43% non-LGBT.

Compelling travel bargains and promotions: 47% LGBT vs. 36% non-LGBT.

Personal desire to support a destination and local economy: 48% LGBT vs. 33% non-LGBT.

"Past research tells us travel remains a high priority for LGBT consumers – even when overcoming setbacks," said Bob Witeck, President of Witeck Communications, an LGBT market expert.

"All of us working in LGBTQ+ tourism have witnessed the resilience and loyalty of our travel community, yet having data to back this up is essential to ensure that LGBTQ+ travelers are valued as the tourism industry at large begins its recovery," said John Tanzella, President/CEO of the International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association ([www.iglt.org](http://www.iglt.org)).

This Harris Poll was conducted online within the United States between May 6 and 8 among 2,508 adults (aged 18 and over). Figures for age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, region and household income were weighted where necessary to bring them into line with their actual proportions in the US adult population.

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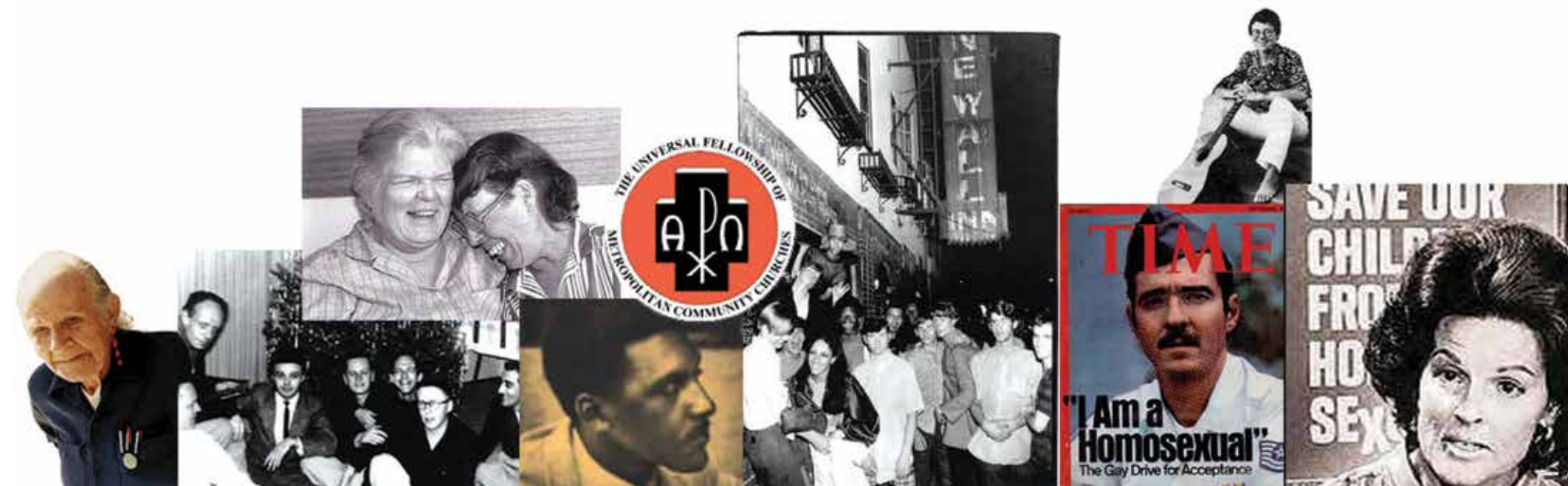
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**1943**

The military issues regulations barring gay men and lesbians from serving in the armed forces on the basis of their sexual behavior.

**1950**

A Senate report concludes that homosexuality is contrary to the "moral fiber" of the nation, leading to the mass firing of government workers suspected of being gay.

**1952**

Harry Hay forms the Mattachine Society, one of the first gay organizations in the U.S.

**1955**

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon found the Daughters of Bilitis, the first lesbian organization in the U.S.

**1957**

The Crittenden Report, a 639-page summary of an investigation undertaken by the Navy, says there is "no sound basis" for barring gays from the military as a security risk. The report goes so far as to conclude that "there is some information to indicate that homosexuals are quite good security risks." The military suppresses the report for nearly two decades,

**1961**

Illinois becomes the first state to abolish its laws against consensual homosexual sex.

**1963**

Openly gay civil rights activist Baynard Rustin organizes Martin Luther King's March on Washington.

**1968**

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches begins conducting holy union ceremonies for lesbian and gay couples.

**1969**

A police raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City in the wee hours of June 28 leads to four days of battle between police and angry gays and lesbians. The riots mark the birth of the modern gay movement.

**1970**

The Dick Cavett Show ABC-TV Nov. 26, 40 min. discussion of gay issues with gay reps.

**1972**

The first gay studies program began at Sacramento State University.

That Certain Summer, ABC made-for-TV movie, stars Hal Holbrook and Martin Sheen as lovers.

**1973**

Founding of the National Gay Task Force, later renamed the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund incorporates in Albany, New York.

The American Psychiatric Association declares that homosexuality is not a psychiatric disorder.

**1974**

The first federal bill banning job discrimination based on sexual orientation is introduced.

Society of Janus, one of the earliest social/support groups devoted to leather and S/M, is founded as a mixed-gender group by Cynthia Slater.

AT&T announces a nondiscrimination policy against gays.

**1975**

Air Force Technical Sergeant Leonard Matlovitch, seeking to contest the military's ban against homosexuals, declares he is gay and is discharged. A veteran of three tours in Vietnam and a recipient of a Purple Heart and a Bronze star, he makes the cover of Time magazine, "I Am a Homosexual." After contesting his discharge in court, he finally agrees to a settlement and drops the case.

Olivia Records is created to record lesbian feminist music. Artists include Cris Williamson, Holly Near, Meg Christian and others.

When women's music scene fades, the company is reborn in 1990 as Olivia Cruises.

California decriminalizes all consensual sexual acts between adults. Washington state's sodomy laws repealed.

The Valley Knights Motorcycle club is formed.

**1976**

The first Michigan Women's Music Festival is held in Hart, Michigan. The festival is one of the largest and most visible lesbian events in the United States.

**1977**

Dade County, FL, gay rights ordinance sparks opposition from entertainer, former Miss America runner-up and orange juice pitchwoman Anita Bryant that results in nationwide focus on the issue, repeal of the ordinance and a nationwide conservative backlash.



# an & Gay History



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<b>1976</b> Gay activist Harvey Milk, also known as “Mayor of Castro Street,” elected Nov. 7 to San Francisco board of supervisors. Twenty days later he and Mayor George Moscone murdered in City Hall by Supervisor Dan White. Milk becomes a gay martyr.  California State Sen. John Briggs introduces a ballot initiative to ban gay teachers from classrooms, again playing the theme of recruitment, “One third of San Francisco teachers are homosexual. I assume most of them are seducing young boys in toilets.” The measure is defeated by a 60% vote .  Rainbow flag is designed by Gilbert Baker.	<b>1977</b> A jury finds former San Francisco supervisor Dan White guilty of manslaughter, not murder, in the deaths of gay supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. Outraged by the verdict, thousands march on City Hall, leading to a night of rioting.  Over 100,000 people take part in the first March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Oct. but coverage is skimpy.  Off-duty police officers force their way into a San Francisco dyke bar, Peg’s, beat the bouncer and harass women. Results in immediate and widespread censure but none of the officers involved are punished.  Lesbian and Gay Asian Alliance founded, in part, to address impact of racism on gay and lesbian communities and activism.  First California Women,s Music Festival organized by Robin Tyler.	<b>1978</b> First person with AIDS diagnosed at the Centers for Disease Control.  Gay and Lesbian Latinos Unidos (GLLU) founded from which Lesbianas Unidas, originally a GLLUI committee, becomes a separate group in 1984.  <b>1981</b> Lawrence Mass, gay physician and writer, publishes first mention of AIDS in New York Native, “Disease Rumors Largely Unfounded.”	<b>1979</b> River City Democratic Club is formed in Sacramento.  Randy Shilts assigned to cover AIDS for San Francisco Chronicle, first reporter from a mainstream paper.	<b>1980</b> The Times of Harvey Milk, a documentary about the career and the murder of the gay San Francisco city supervisor, wins an Academy Award.  The first test to detect HIV is licensed in the United States. Nearly 9,000 people are diagnosed with the disease, half of them already dead. By end of year, AIDS now has killed 6,000 and 12,000 cases reported.  In July, actor Rock Hudson acknowledges that he has AIDS and in October is announced dead. The news marks a watershed in AIDS coverage, prompting widespread public attention on the epidemic.  New York gay and lesbian writers organize to create the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Defamation League, later changed to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).  First Sacramento Lambda Freedom Fair.	<b>1981</b> The Sacramento Lambda Community Center opens.  In Bowers v. Hardwick, the Supreme Court rules that the Constitution allows states to pass and enforce sodomy laws targeting homosexuals.  Lyndon LaRouche’s measure calling for mandatory tattooing of people with AIDS fails in California.  The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE Lobby) begins work in Sacramento.  The NY Times lifts ban on the use of “gay” instead of “homosexual.”  Gay Games II held in San Francisco.
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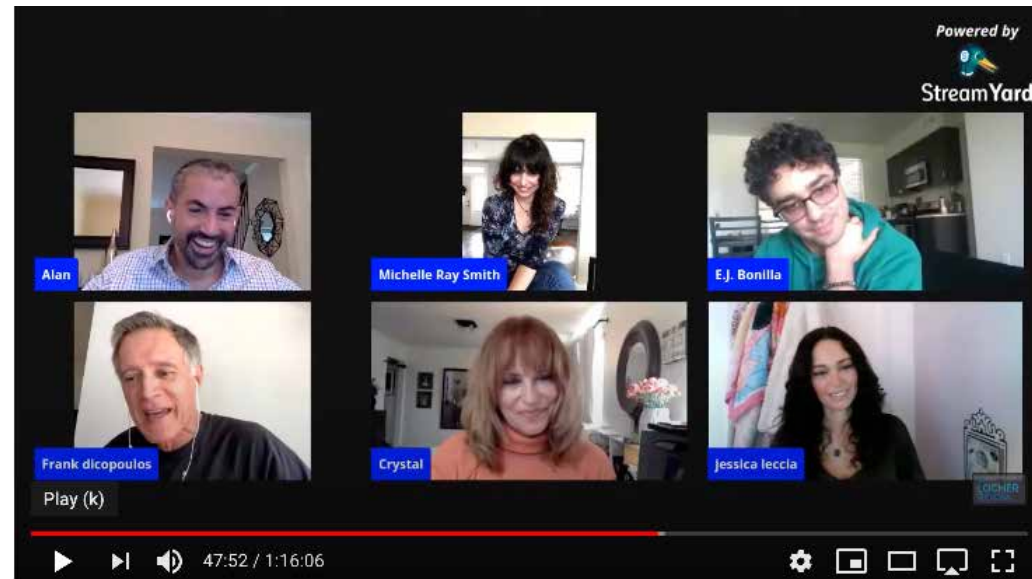
# The Locher Room Reunites Cancelled Soap Opera Casts

By Dave Rupel

Whether you call them soap operas, daytime dramas or “my stories”, as my grandmother referred to them – daytime dramas have a special place in the audience’s heart because they not only come into your homes, they do it five days a week, 52 weeks a year. Cast members can stay on a show for years, if not decades.

Don Hastings, who took over the role of stalwart Dr. Bob Hughes on *As the World Turns* during October 1960. He was still playing the same role when *ATWT* went off the air on September 17, 2010.

was shot the day after the *ATWT* anniversary on April 3rd. Along with the aforementioned Carly and Jack and Dr. Bob Hughes, they were joined by long-running heroines Lily Snyder (played by Martha Byrne) and Emily



The Locher Room show, featuring “Guiding Light” cast members featured in the *Otalia* romance.

Alan Locher grew up watching *ATWT* and *Guiding Light*, both shows made by Procter & Gamble Productions (hence, the nickname “soap opera.”) In 1997, Locher landed a dream job of working at P&G as a publicist for both shows. *GL* went off the air in 2009 after a 72-year run (18 on radio and 54 on TV). *ATWT* ended in 2010 after 54 years.

Over at ABC, *All My Children* went off the air in 2011 after a 41-year run. *One Life to Live* ended a year later in January 2012 after a 43-year run.

When the Covid 19 pandemic shut down the country, Locher was laid off from his current job of leading the PR & Marketing for On Location Tours, that take tourists to visit their very favorite NYC movie and TV locations, specializing on *Sex and the City*, *The Sopranos* and *Gossip Girl*, among many others.

Locher noticed a lot of celebrities having Instagram one-on-ones with other famous people. Knowing what a loyal fan-base soaps have, Locher thought about having one-on-one conversations with various cast members of the still beloved canceled shows.

One of the first people he reached out to was Michael Park, who played good guy cop Jack Snyder on *ATWT* and was part of a super-couple opposite bad girl Carly Tenney aka as CarJack. Snyder had been starring on Broadway in *Dear Evan Hansen*. The cast had recently used StreamYard technology to reunite the cast online to sing some of the show’s music for an online audience.

Locher decided to go for it and invited five *ATWT* alum to do the initial show which

Stewart (played by Kelly Menighan).

Soap fans delighted at the reunion, so Locher next scheduled a *GL* reunion with the star-crossed super-couple Josh Lewis (Robert Newman) and Reva Shayne (the one and only Kim Zimmer). Also there were Ross (Jerry verDorn), Holly (Maureen Garrett) and Blake (Liz Keifer), who were part of a sizzling mother-daughter triangle, both in love with the same man.

In this time of stress and uncertainty in real life, these min-reunions have been a wonderful and emotional wave of nostalgia. Locher has created 17 of these shows, (and more to come) including a show with the grand dame of daytime, Susan Lucci aka Erica Kane.

Locher has produced these shows almost singlehandedly. His good friend John Wood, who works at E! Entertainment has stepped in to offer contact info of agents, managers and press reps to connect Locher with the stars.

There is a LGBT angle to this story as well. Two of the shows featured two very popular same sex couples. On *ATWT*, Luke (Van Hamsis) and Noah (Jake Silberman) and on *GL*, Olivia (Crystal Chappell) and Natalia (Jessica Leccia). The “*Otalia*” pairing proved to be so popular that after *GL* was cancelled, Chappell went on to create a lesbian-themed web series, *Venice*, featuring many other beloved daytime vets. That can be found at [venicetheseries.com](http://venicetheseries.com)

The Locher Room can be found on YouTube or <https://tinyurl.com/LocherRoom66>



# What a Good Human Looks Like and How to be One

By Faith Colburn (She/Her/Hers) & Lauren Pulido (He/Him/His)

Tracy J. Johnson has been a member of the LGBTQ+ community for over fifty years. Over time, he has learned firsthand how survival and solidarity can lead to exceptional strength. Now, he is ready to share that strength and his message of hope with the next generation through mentorship.

Tracy transitioned over 25 years ago, making him one of the few trans male elders in the Sacramento LGBT scene. As a Veteran and longtime member of the LGBTQ+ community, Tracy has an intrinsic belief in the necessity of coming together and supporting one another through hard times. When he first came out in 1968, he immediately found a home in the LGBT community. As a survivor of tremendous abuse and struggle, Tracy holds on to the safety that comes with being a part of a robust and diverse community that looks out for their own: "No matter where you are in the world, no matter what state or what city you find yourself in, all you have to do is find a gay bar or a center and you're home. Our roots are everywhere. I want young people to know that".

These connections motivate him to ensure that the next generation of LGBT youths have the support they need, partially young transgender men. Tracy had no transgender mentors or representation growing up, something he now feels would have likely steered him in the right direction and helped better prepare him for his medical and

physical transition. He still feels there are very few visible trans male elders, who hold specific wisdom based on the challenges and experiences of transgender men. "There are some things you can google, but a lot of things you just won't understand until your body has gone through them", Tracy shared. "To have someone there for you, who has gone through this exact process, is invaluable". Whether they're looking to 'rant', complain about T shots, or talk through navigating their transition, Tracy feels as though being there for the next generation is the least he can do for the community that has given him so much.

Tracy is in the process of writing a book about his life, causing him to relive some of his more painful memories. While Tracy has dedicated his life to helping others, he can still struggle with extending that compassion towards himself. He wants folks to know that it is okay to struggle and feel down but to use those experiences as opportunities for growth. While this hasn't always been easy, being a survivor has allowed him to view the world through a lens of compassion and strength. That strength pulled Tracy through his own

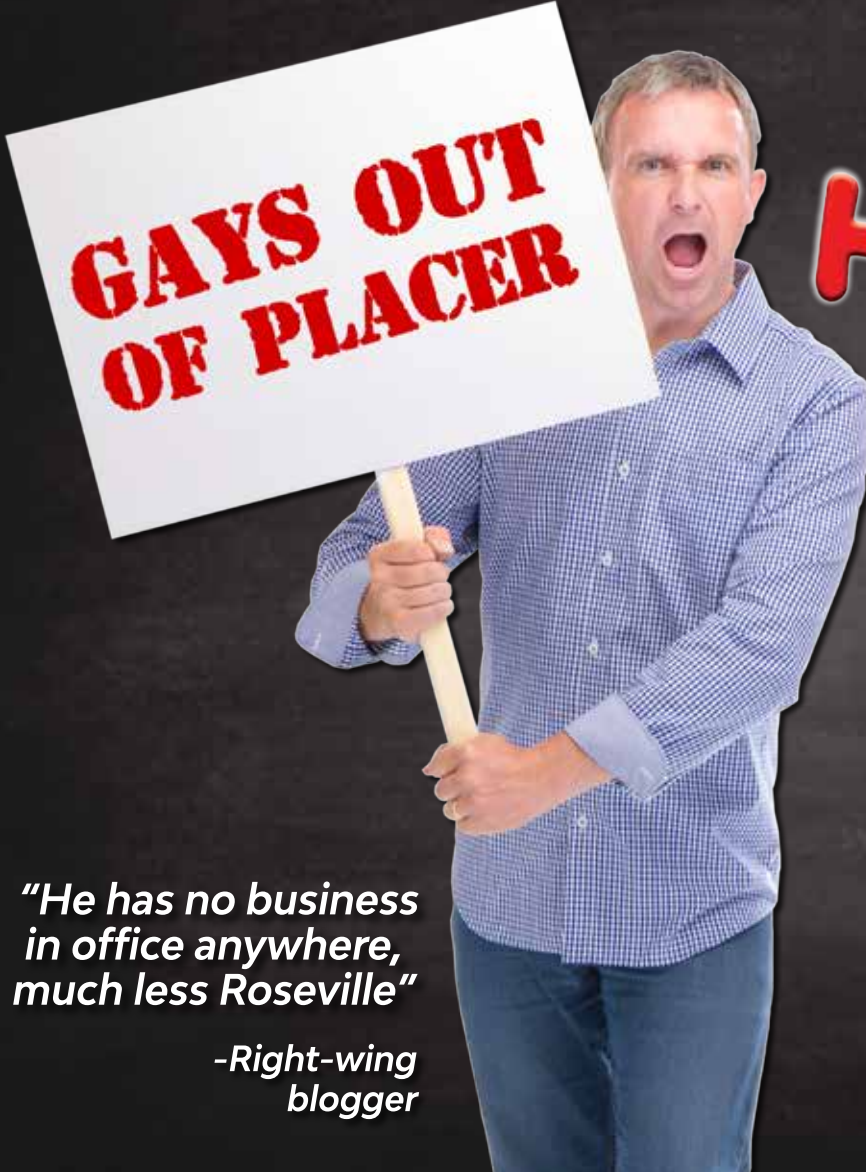


Pictured: Tracy J. Johnson (he/him)

hard times and now encourages him to pay it forward through acts of kindness and mentorship.

Beyond helping young LGBTQ+ folks find their own strength and sense of community, Tracy hopes to pass on his philosophy on life, which is to 'just be a good human being'. Having gone through much of his own trauma, both self-induced and otherwise, Tracy can attest to the fact that you never know what someone is going through. That, he argues, is why it is so important to be kind to everyone. Especially in times of physical distancing, it is crucial that we continue to cultivate connection and kindness amongst ourselves. Tracy saw how the LGBT community came together during the HIV/AIDS crisis and believes that we can come together once again. He is proud of the way the community has stepped up to protect our LGBT owned and employed businesses, as well as fighting to keep our resource and community centers afloat amidst this health and economic crisis. Looking forward, Tracy is ready to share more of his life experiences and wisdom to create opportunities for holistic healing and mentorship. Tracy knows the LGBT community will make it out of this crisis, and we will do it together as a family.

Tracy is available to interested mentees now! To learn more about Tracy's story or get in contact with him, please email [Tjj195@comcast.net](mailto:Tjj195@comcast.net) or call (916) 531-7881.



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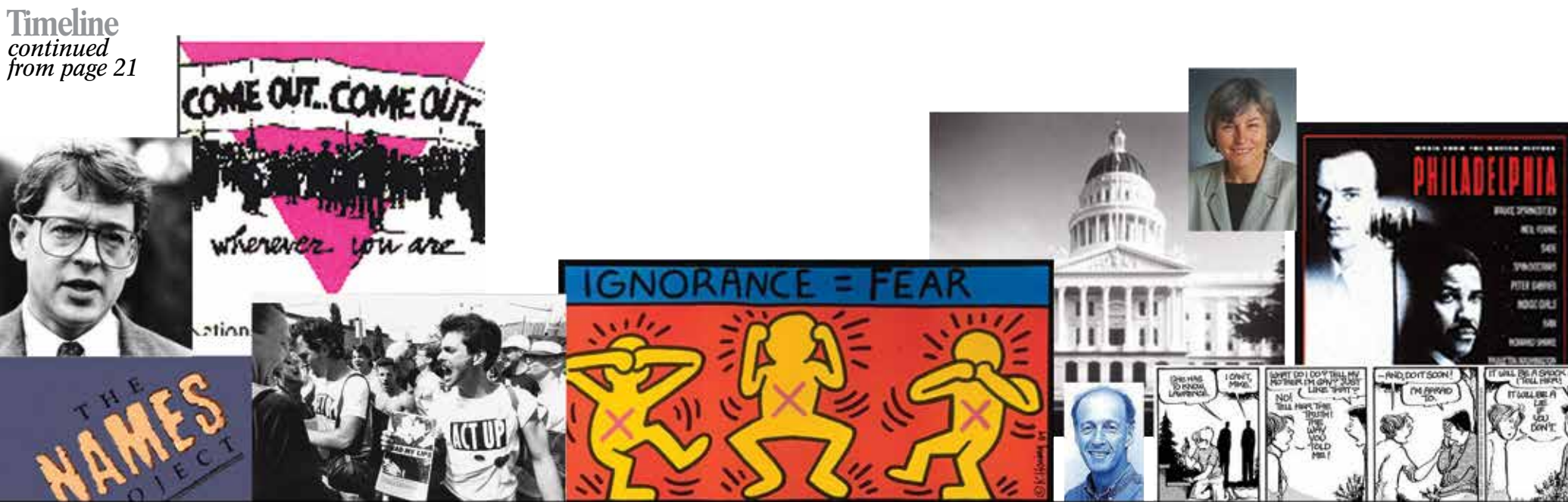
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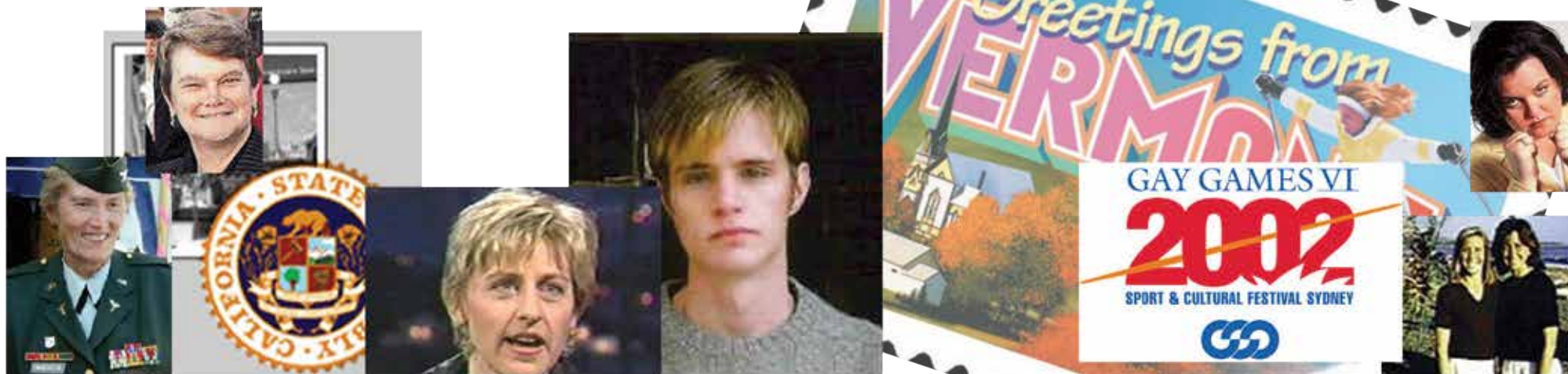
# Timeline of Lesbian & Gay History



**1987      1988      1989      1990      1991      1992      1993      1994**

<p><b>1987</b> The Names Project Quilt is first displayed.</p> <p>The day before the march on Washington 2,000 gay and lesbian couples are “married” in a mass wedding outside the Internal Revenue Service building.</p> <p>The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights draws an estimated crowd of 600,000 people.</p> <p>ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) is founded in New York City by Larry Kramer. The group’s tactics rejuvenate lesbian and gay activism.</p> <p>ACT UP holds its first public demonstration, a sit-in on Wall Street. Later, as the group grows nationally, it invades the FDA, shuts down the Golden Gate Bridge, and disrupts services at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The rise of direct-action tactics leads to the creation of Queer Nation and Lesbian Avengers.</p> <p>“And the Band Played On,” an account of the AIDS crisis written by San Francisco Chronicle reporter Randy Shilts, is published and becomes a best-seller.</p>	<p><b>1988</b> First ever Black Gay and Lesbian Conference.</p> <p>12,000 March on Sacramento for Lesbian and Gay Rights, making it the largest civil rights demonstration at the California capitol.</p> <p><b>1989</b> The latest ISSUE begins publication in Sacramento. (Now known as Outword Magazine.)</p> <p>First Sacramento AIDS Walk.</p>	<p><b>1990</b> Sacramento ACT-UP invades a meeting of the Traditional Values Coalition at the Capitol Hyatt. 29 activists were arrested.</p> <p>“Queer Nation” founded in June and July.</p> <p>Term “outing” is coined by Time magazine to describe Michelangelo Signorile’s campaign to identify closeted celebrities and elected officials.</p> <p>“Lavendar Sweep” -- San Francisco elected 11 gays and 2 lesbians to public office.</p> <p>Gay Games III held in Vancouver, British Columbia.</p>	<p><b>1991</b> Following the California governor’s veto of a nondiscrimination measure, thousands of activists in Sacramento and other cities march in protest.</p> <p>Karen Thompson is named legal guardian of her lover, Sharon Kowalski, eight years after a car accident left Kowalski paralyzed and speech-impaired. Kowalski’s family had refused to recognize the pair’s relationship, and the ruling was a major victory for lesbian and gay couples.</p> <p>Neuroscientist Simon LeVay, reported his findings that the male brain could take two different forms, depending on one’s sexual orientation.</p> <p>Gay rights activist &amp; hero Stan Hadden dies of AIDS in Sacramento.</p> <p>Three same-sex couples file suit, contending that Hawaii’s marriage law is unconstitutional.</p> <p>Fire at The Woods, a resort at the Russian River.</p>	<p><b>1992</b> The General Accounting Office says that nearly 17,000 men and women were discharged between 1981 and 1990 for being gay.</p> <p>Colorado passes the anti-gay Amendment 2, which sought to throw out gay-rights legislation in various Colorado cities, thus allowing discrimination in housing and employment.</p> <p>Gay rights legislation is passed in seven states; California, New Jersey, Vermont, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts and Wisconsin.</p>	<p><b>1993</b> President Clinton seeks to lift the ban on gay service personnel. “Don’t ask, don’t” tell is crafted as a compromise to conservatives.</p> <p>The 3rd Lesbian and Gay March on Washington draws over 1 million participants.</p> <p>Robert Achtenberg is named an administrator in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the highest-level federal appointment for an open lesbian.</p> <p>Canadian cartoonist Lynn Johnston introduces a gay character into her nationally syndicated strip, “For Better or For Worse,” and 19 papers cancel the strip, 40 ask for substitutions.</p> <p>The movie, “Philadelphia,” which deals with an attorney facing job discrimination because of AIDS, opens in theaters. Actor Tom Hanks goes on to win an Academy Award for his performance.</p>
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## 1994

Sheila Kuehl becomes the first openly lesbian member of the California Assembly.

More than a million people turn out for the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York city's Greenwich Village.

Gay Games IV is held in  
New York city.

## 1995

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# 1996

A Hawaii court rules that the state has not proved that it has a “compelling interest” for banning gay marriage. Concern over the case leads Congress to overwhelmingly pass the Defense of Marriage Act.

President Clinton signs the Defense of Marriage Act, denying federal benefits to same-sex spouses should gay marriage ever become legal, and creating an exception to the US Constitution to allow states to disregard same-sex marriages performed in other states.

The U.S. Supreme Court  
overturns Colorado's  
Amendment 2, which  
prohibited state and local  
gay rights ordinances.

# 1997

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Two-thirds of Hawaii voters pass a measure to amend the state constitution to define marriage as a compact between a man and woman. A similar measure passed that year in Alaska.

AB1999, a bill adding transgendered people to the Hate Crimes statute. is passed by the legislature and is signed by Gov. Wilson.

# 1999

# Domestic Partnership registration bill is signed into law in California.

Gary Matson and Winfield Mowder are murdered in Redding California.

A bill adding sexual orientation to the Fair Employment and Housing Act is signed into law in California by Gov. Davis.

June ceremony held in Greenwich Village as the Stonewall Inn is officially placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the first gay site in the country to be listed.

## 2000

Shiela Kuehl becomes  
first openly lesbian  
Senator in California.

Openly lesbian Christine Kehoe and Jackie Goldberg are elected to the California Assembly.

# 2001

## 2002

Rosie O'Donnell comes out in support of gay parenting rights as an openly lesbian woman.

California State Capitol has a historic display of gay rights history for the month of June.

*Timeline information was compiled by Kate Moore using sources “The Gay Decades” by Leigh W. Rutledge; Making of History: The Struggle for Gay and Lesbian Rights, 1945 to 1990; The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; the latest ISSUE; The Advocate; and the SOIN Gay Events Timeline.*

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# Pride Festival Canceled; Rainbows Remain

In 2019, it poured rain on the May 19 Davis Pride Festival. But something amazing happened when the rainbow umbrellas came out. Community members huddled closer and supported each other.

In 2020, we all can be those umbrellas. While we can't gather physically, we can huddle virtually to support each other in that same spirit, said Gloria Partida, founder of the Davis Phoenix Coalition.

Members of the Coalition, which organizes Davis Pride, were disappointed the pandemic forced the cancellation of its annual festival, originally scheduled for May 17. However, they are getting creative with June is Pride Month 2020 – celebrating virtually and visually. DPC is discussing ways to observe and interact that still connect us during physical separation.

Watch for rainbows all around Davis in June – on flags, rocks, masks and more. Every Saturday from 8-1, patrons may purchase rainbow masks at the Davis Farmers Market, 301 C St. The masks, sewn by Debra Ariola, are inspired by the late Eva Dopico with funding from Dopico's husband Chris Jones.

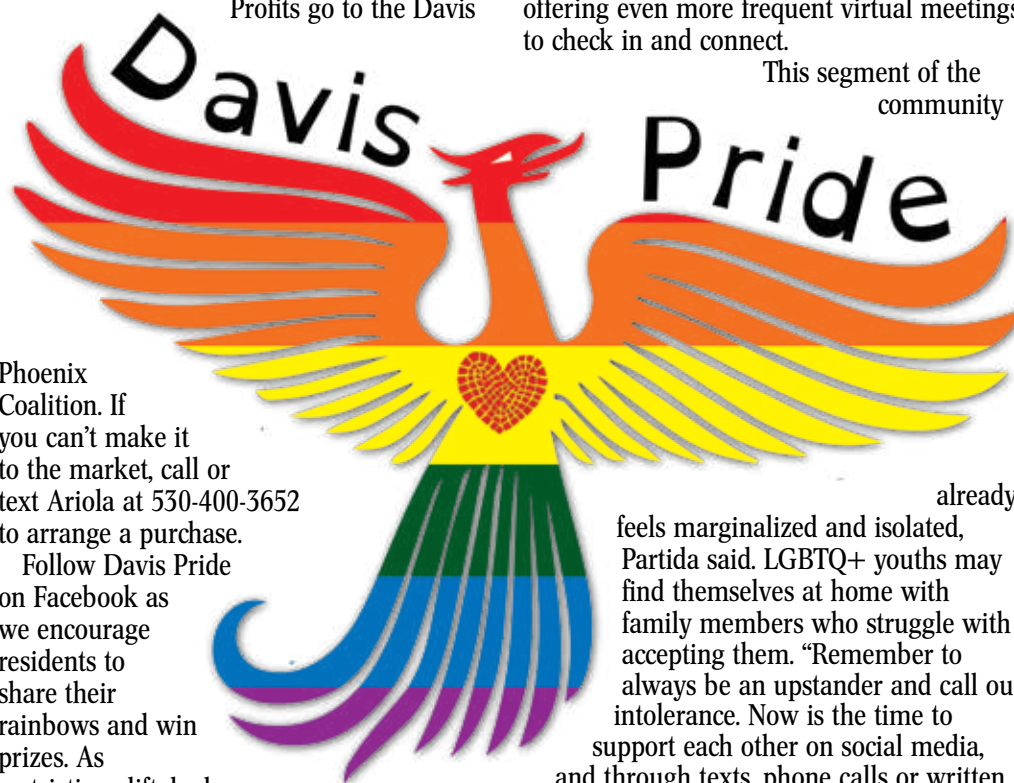
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"For those of us in communities that struggle with acceptance, these times can be tough. For our Asian neighbors, stigma is rearing its ugly head as it has historically for minority groups during other health outbreaks," Partida said.

Those in the LGBTQ+ community are familiar with this, having navigated the AIDS outbreak. Davis Pride Festival Director Sandré Nelson said, "As a community that understands the stigma associated with an outbreak, we can lead the way to the rainbow in the rain."

While everyone is experiencing hardships during this pandemic, the LGBTQ+ community is especially susceptible because they are often in frontline jobs, struggling with unemployment and access to healthcare. They rely on the support of allies, but miss out on vital community connections. The Davis LGBTQ+ Youth and Yolo Rainbow Families in-person support groups have been canceled. However, DPC is offering even more frequent virtual meetings to check in and connect.

This segment of the community



Phoenix Coalition. If you can't make it to the market, call or text Ariola at 530-400-3652 to arrange a purchase.

Follow Davis Pride on Facebook as we encourage residents to share their rainbows and win prizes. As restrictions lift, look for a rainbow bike ride. Area residents are asked to make rainbows to hang in their windows, decorate their driveways and sidewalks with chalk rainbows, and share images on social media with the hashtag #DavisPride2020.

The Coalition encourages people to shop local and support its business partners. Local business owners may show their support by posting a rainbow flag in their store window in June. Email gloria@davisphoenixco.org to acquire a flag, and DPC will mention the business on Facebook.

Meanwhile, it's important to continue fighting intolerance, Partida said.

already feels marginalized and isolated, Partida said. LGBTQ+ youths may find themselves at home with family members who struggle with accepting them. "Remember to always be an upstander and call out intolerance. Now is the time to support each other on social media, and through texts, phone calls or written notes."

The loss of the Davis Pride Festival is also a lost opportunity for fundraising. To donate or learn more, visit <https://www.davispride.org/>. Follow Davis Pride on Facebook and Instagram.

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.



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# Rosé for the Summertime!

By Diana Kienle



It will soon be summertime with warmer temperatures and bright blue skies. Across the street from my house, my neighbor's roses are in full bloom and gorgeous. My email inbox is blooming too with numerous offers for rosé. It is a perfect time for light pink wine with bright fruit and crisp acidity to complement your stay-at-home meals.

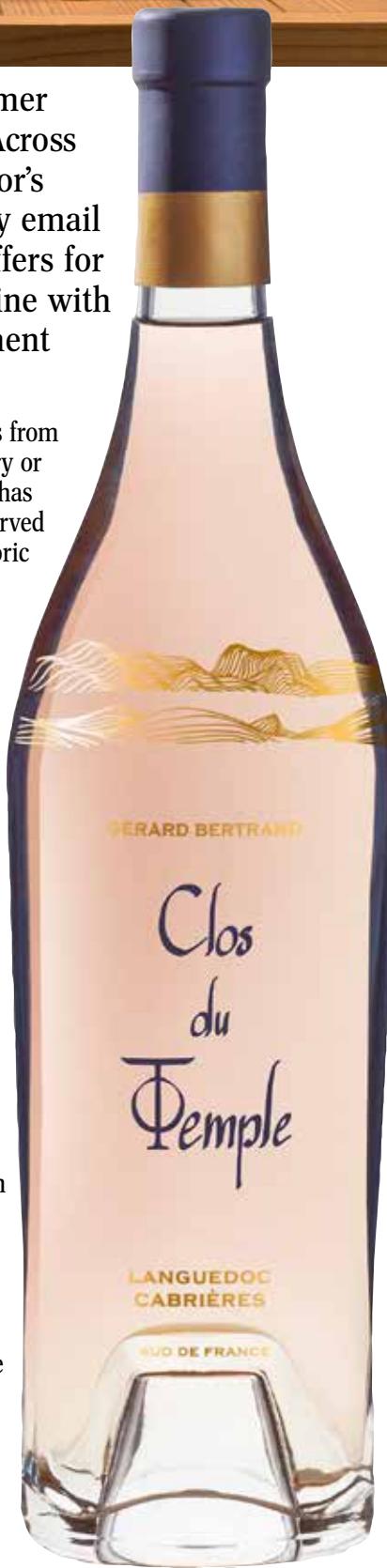
Rosé can be made in many different styles and ranges from very pale pink to a dark cranberry-juice red. It can be dry or slightly sweet. It is amazing how much the rosé market has taken off! A few years ago, it was an interesting wine, served on occasion. Today, there are plentiful takes on this historic wine.

Rosé generally is a wine made from a blend of red varietals with Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre leading the way. The most notable area for production of rosé is Provence in France. Provence is a region which lies on the southeast border of the country along the Mediterranean Coast and prides itself on being the birthplace of French wine. Winemaking in this region dates back to before 600 BCE. It has a Mediterranean climate of mild winters, warm summers and little precipitation during the growing season. Rosé accounts for 88% of the wine production in this region and contributes greatly to France being the number one producer of the world's rosé.

The color of the wine is correlated to the amount of time the juice spends in contact with the skins. One of the most common ways to produce rosé is called the saignée method. This is where the grapes are crushed (possibly destemmed) and vatted together for anywhere from 2 to 20 hours until the desired concentration is achieved – based on the winemaker's intention. A certain amount of juice is bled off and fermentation begins. The rest of the juice remains and a red wine is made. Pretty cool when you get two styles of wine – a rosé and a red wine from one vat of grapes!

Today's offering of rosé wines runs the gamut of blends, well beyond the Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre blends. I have had ones from Cabernet which really provides a deeper, richer flavor profile for those that prefer their wine in that style. I have had many more interesting blends with Zinfandel, Cinsault and many others. The most important part of rosé is that it be fruity and refreshing with bright acidity. Let's all raise a glass to rosé and brighter days!

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# Broadway Super-Fans Profiled In “Repeat Attenders”

By Chris Narloch

With performing arts spaces closed due to the coronavirus, theater fans have had to content themselves with the many online Broadway benefits like Andrew Lloyd Webber’s free-Friday streams of his shows, and the recent “Smash” reunion (both of which raised money for the Actors Fund).

If you’re a hardcore theater buff, you can also check out “Repeat Attenders,” a fascinating new documentary now available to rent on Vimeo that profiles theater fans who will stop at nothing to see their favorite musicals hundreds or, in some cases, thousands of times.

Equal parts compelling and disturbing, the movie was much darker than I expected. Too much time is spent on the sad stories of a pair of unrelated super-fans who have virtually the same story: as young women, their dreams of being on stage were squashed and then morphed into an adult obsession with a particular show.

One of the women has a garage full of “Cats” costumes and memorabilia, and the other woman is obsessed with “Starlight Express.” Their lengthy interviews play like filmed therapy sessions, complete with crying and painful recollections.

The movie really goes off the rails when it tracks down a deranged man who was arrested for stalking Debbie Gibson while she was appearing on Broadway in Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” (The man is obviously still obsessed with Gibson, and you want to protect her after his interview is over.)

“Repeat Attenders” makes it clear that super-fandom is a global phenomenon that comes in all shapes and sizes (and different levels of crazy). Yet many of the subjects interviewed in the documentary are heterosexual women, and I wish the directors had interviewed more gay men to round out their film.

Despite its shortcomings, the documentary is an eye-opening look at how a person’s hobby can too easily transform from something healing into hoarding and obsession.



A fan gets a selfie with Jonathan Groff outside the Broadway theater of “Hamilton!”

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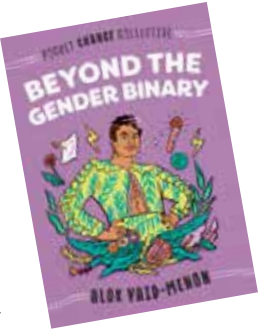
“Man in an Orange Shirt,” an excellent BBC TV movie starring the very handsome Oliver Jackson-Cohen (pictured) and Vanessa Redgrave, is just one of many vintage and new Pride Month programs available on PBS and PBS Passport this June. For more information, visit [www.PBS.org](http://www.PBS.org)

# New Queer Books For Pride

The merger of Penguin Books and Random House has produced a fantastic new pocket-sized nonfiction series for queer teens and young adults, written by today's leading activists and centered on timely issues.

“The Pocket Change Collective” features books by poet and artist Alok Vaid-Menon, “Voices4” founder and LGBTQIA+ activist Adam Eli, “Earth Guardians” Youth Director and hip-hop artist Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, and arts writer and co-editor of “Black Futures” Kimberly Drew.

Each of these amazing authors brings something incredibly unique to the table, but their books all have a few things in common: accountability, accessibility, and acceptability. Each book will serve to inspire readers to think about how they interact with the world and how we can all work to leave things a little bit better than we found them.



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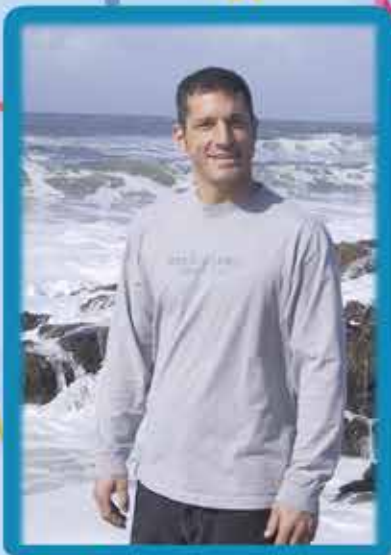
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# San Francisco Pride Announces Official Pride 50 Online Celebration

Online programming for the nation’s largest gathering of the LGBTQ+ community and allies is proceeding, all part of a weekend-long series of events June 27-28, 2020.

On May 20th, the Board of Directors of San Francisco Pride announced the official program for Pride 50, bringing the nation’s largest gathering of the LGBTQ+ community and allies completely online for its historic 50th anniversary.

Taking place Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, 2020, the festivities will include live performances, speeches from LGBTQ+ elected officials and thought leaders, highlights of the accomplishments of Pride’s 2020 Community Grand Marshals and Honorees, conversations, reflections on 50 years of the Pride movement, and more, in a weekend-long tribute to LGBTQ+ luminaries and queer solidarity.

San Francisco Pride will also take part in Global Pride – a 24-hour, live-streamed festival uniting hundreds of Pride organizations from around the world – on Saturday, June 27. Led by Interpride, a collection of Pride organizers around the world, Global Pride will be an opportunity for the more than 350 Prides from around the world that have been cancelled or otherwise affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, allowing them to share individual messages of support and solidarity.

Pride is always a citywide effort, featuring events from supporting organizations and promoters, and this year is no different. SF Pride is glad to help bring awareness to events which are supporting Pride 50, such as Mayor London Breed’s Pride Kickoff (Friday, June 5), Frameline44 Pride Showcase (Thursday-Sunday, June 25-28), the Trans March 2020 (Friday, June 26), Openhouse’s LGBTQ+ Senior Prom (Friday, June 26), Gary Virginia and Donna Sachet’s Pride Brunch 2020 (Saturday, June 27), and Illuminate the Pink Triangle (Saturday, June 27).

SF Pride is working to determine the streaming platform which will best elevate the voices of the San Francisco Bay Area LGBTQ+ communities and will be sharing those plans with the public soon.

“While this year’s landmark anniversary is very different from what we originally envisioned, we are grateful that we can share Pride 50 with our friends and allies around the world – and we know the world is turning to San Francisco,” said SF Pride Executive Director Fred Lopez. “Our online celebrations not only highlight the spirit of Pride but help us broaden our visibility as we continue to build solidarity in our LGBTQ+ communities during a time when we must be apart.”

“Pride is one of my favorite times of the year in San Francisco, and no one wants to celebrate with the entire community more than I do,” Mayor London N. Breed said.

“However, we are in an unprecedented public-health emergency with an uncertain future, and we must do everything we can to protect our entire community and put public health first. The City will continue to work with SF Pride to celebrate everything Pride stands for in the weeks and months to come, and San Francisco will emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever.”

“Our staff, board, production team, and partners have worked hard to bring new and creative ways to commemorate LGBTQ+ Pride,” adds San Francisco Pride Board President Carolyn Wysinger. “At a time when there is so much uncertainty, the Pride 50 online events have the potential to touch millions of lives, providing joyful inspiration and highlighting the resilience in our communities.”

“Frameline wishes San Francisco Pride a happy 50th birthday,” said the LGBTQ film festival’s Executive Director James Woolley. “Frameline will be celebrating Pride with a major virtual event, the Frameline44 Pride Showcase. We’ll be hosting four days of brand new feature films, documentaries, and even some of our signature shorts programs – all available for screening at home, June 25–28.”

For decades, San Francisco Pride’s Parade and two-day Celebration have brought hundreds of thousands of LGBTQ+ revelers and allies to Downtown San Francisco. As 2020 is a historic 50th anniversary, upward of a million people were expected to attend. Though the COVID-19 pandemic has brought these festivities online, an even larger global audience can now experience the celebrations from the world leader in the Pride movement from the safety and comfort of their own homes.

## Calendar of Events

### San Francisco Pride 2020 Kickoff with Mayor London Breed

Friday, June 5 (time TBD)

In lieu of the annual in-person Pride Flag Raising Ceremony, Mayor London Breed will host a virtual Pride Kickoff livestream celebration featuring a number of performances, community conversations, and more. The event will include highlights and information on Pride events happening throughout the month of June.

### San Francisco Pride’s 2020 Online Celebration

Saturday, June 27, 1-9 p.m. and Sunday, June 28, 2-7 p.m.

Available online at [sfpride.org](https://sfpride.org)

A full suite of live and pre-recorded musical performances, greetings from elected officials, and reflections on 50 years

of Pride. These 13 hours of programming over two days represent the core of Pride Weekend.

### Lavender Talks: A Celebration of SF Pride’s 2020 Awardees, presented by The Commonwealth Club

Thursday, June 25, noon-1 p.m.

The fourth in a series of moderated panel discussions produced by SF Pride in collaboration with the Commonwealth Club, this discussion is moderated by Michelle Meow, a radio host and former president of SF Pride’s Board of Directors. Confirmed panelists for the June 25 Lavender Talk include Gabby Rivera, Mike Wong, and Cleve Jones.

### Frameline44 Pride Showcase

(\*A production of a partner organization of SF Pride, Frameline)

Thursday-Sunday, June 25-28

Presented in partnership with the Castro Theatre, this four-day virtual event includes a sneak preview of “Ahead of the Curve,” as well as the return of perennial favorites “Fun in Boys Shorts,” “Fun in Girls Shorts,” and “Transtastic” short film programs, a raucous showcase of the finest in short films. A special screening of “Ahead of the Curve” will also take place at the West Wind Drive-In Theater in Concord. The full programming lineup will be announced Wednesday, June 3, and tickets will be on-sale at [frameline.org](https://frameline.org) beginning Thursday, June 4.

### Openhouse LGBTQ Senior Prom

(\*A production of a partner organization of SF Pride, Openhouse SF)

Thursday, June 25, 4-6 p.m.

Openhouse, the non-profit organization providing housing, housing assistance, social services and community for LGBTQ seniors in San Francisco, presents its annual LGBTQ Senior Prom, with an evening of entertainment, inspiration, and celebration via video conferencing and Facebook streaming. Usually held at the San Francisco War Memorial’s Green Room, this intergenerational dance event reimagines high school prom for seniors whose memories of high school are less than nostalgic. Including a lineup of performances by community members and special friends of Openhouse, the Openhouse Dance Troupe will lead guests in a distance dancing routine. For community members without internet access, Openhouse is looking for a solution to include them in the celebration.

### Trans March 2020

(\*A production of a partner organization of SF Pride)

Friday, June 26, time TBA

Online-only for 2020, full information TBA, at [transmarch.org](https://transmarch.org)

### Gary Virginia and Donna Sachet’s Pride Brunch 2020: Live at home!

Battle of the Queens Brunch Challenge

(\*A production of a partner organization of SF Pride, the Positive Resource Center)

Saturday, June 27, noon-1:30 p.m.

Ticket information will be available on Tuesday, May 26 at 10 a.m. PDT at [www.prc.org](https://www.prc.org)

Hosts Gary Virginia and Donna Sachet

bring their legendary Pride Brunch into homes across the world as they get saucy and battle it off in the kitchen, competing for the title of Pride Brunch Queen. Ticket holders will enjoy hosted cocktails and a delicious brunch delivered, just in time for the celebration, featuring the San Francisco 50th anniversary Pride Parade Grand Marshals, live entertainment, live auctions, and special surprises. All proceeds from the Pride Brunch support Positive Resource Center’s (PRC) integrated legal, social, and health services for those affected by HIV/ AIDS, mental health issues, and substance use.

### Global Pride

(\*A production of Interpride, a partner organization of SF Pride)

Saturday, June 27 - a 24-hour Livestream  
[www.globalpride2020.org](https://www.globalpride2020.org)

### Illuminate the Pink Triangle

(\*A production of a partner organization of SF Pride)

Saturday, June 27, at 8 p.m.

Livestream: [illuminatethepinktriangle.org/join-us/](https://illuminatethepinktriangle.org/join-us/)

For its 25th year, The Pink Triangle will shine as a symbol of resilience, hope, and remembrance atop Twin Peaks to celebrate the 50th anniversary of San Francisco Pride, thanks to a special partnership with the nonprofit organization, Illuminate, the masterminds behind the Bay Lights digital art installation that illuminates the western span of the Bay Bridge. Previously, hundreds of volunteers have gathered on Twin Peaks in San Francisco to assemble The Pink Triangle, a reminder of one of the darkest chapters of human history that is now embraced as a beloved symbol of hope and inclusion. In 2020, a community-driven effort will keep the Pink Triangle shining brighter than ever. Using more than 2,700 LED nodes, which will be installed safely by a small team of volunteers, an acre of glorious pink light will form a vibrant and mesmerizing triangle on Twin Peaks—making it more visible than ever before. The global grand lighting will be streamed live on Saturday, June 27 at nightfall. The illuminated Pink Triangle will light up Twin Peaks for the following three weeks, offering a reminder of resilience, in memory of the HIV/AIDS crisis and the current COVID-19 crisis.

### “Fifty Years of SF Pride” – CBS Televised Special

Sunday, June 28, 2020, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. PDT  
Broadcast on KPIX / KBCW in the Bay Area, livestreamed at [kpix.com](https://kpix.com)

This special will feature archival parade footage as well as reflections on the many voices of the annual Pride Parade and the diverse viewpoints of LGBTQ+ communities.

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- Documentary filmmaker StormMiguel Florez

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# The Path to Visibility

By Dave Rupel

When I first saw the cover of the June 2020 double issue of Entertainment Weekly's Pride Forever issue, featuring cartoon images of 10 prominent gay, lesbian and trans entertainers, I was startled. No one from the casts of *Modern Family* or *Will & Grace*, two iconic gay shows that came to an end in 2020?



The (expanded) cover art for "Entertainment Weekly"'s June double issue celebrating Pride Month.

Of course, I couldn't argue that Elton John, RuPaul, Lily Tomlin, Freddie Mercury, Janelle Monáe, Ellen DeGeneres, Rock Hudson, and Laverne Cox were all cover worthy. But Kristen Stewart from the *Twilight* movies? It took an Internet search to be reminded that after her romance with co-star Robert Pattinson ended, she's now involved with a woman and considers her sexuality to be fluid. Okay, fair enough.

But who was that young African-American man wearing a pink cowboy hat? Inside the magazine, I read his name was Lil Nas X. Another Internet search led me to the following description. "Montero Lamar Hill, known as Lil Nas X, is an American rapper, singer and songwriter. He came to international attention for his country rap single "Old Town Road", which first achieved viral popularity on the micro-platform video sharing app TikTok in early 2019."

That last sentence has a lot of new information for my 50-something brain to process. But a 21-year old African-American country rapper? It's truly amazing how diverse the LGBTQ+ community has become. If you haven't read the EW issue, I highly recommend it to see the amazing volume of LGBTQ+ entertainment content that is (or will soon be) available.

However, while EW celebrates the very bright future, I'd like to remind us not to forget the past that helped us get to today. Every victory today can be traced to a smaller victory from the past.

The producers of The *Mary Tyler Moore* show originally wanted to make the character of newsroom writer Murray Slaughter gay. The pilot was shot in the spring of 1970 and the network balked. (Side note: The producers also wanted the Mary character to

be divorced, instead of single, but CBS was too afraid that the audience would think Mary divorced Dick Van Dyke, so Mary Richards became engaged, which would not work out.)

However, in season 3, episode 17, Phyllis (played by Cloris Leachman) is delighted that her beloved brother Ben is coming to town for a visit. Phyllis wants to set up Ben with Mary, but instead Ben and Rhoda (Valerie Harper), Phyllis' nemesis, hit it off. Phyllis despairs she and Rhoda might become in-laws, but Rhoda says Ben is "not my type." Phyllis is aghast. "Not your type?! He's bright, he's handsome, he's witty." To which Rhoda responds simply: "He's gay." The clever twist got a huge laugh, but the producers were very shrewd to have Rhoda be the one to break the news. There was no judgment. No shock. No angst. Just a simple fact of life. And because the character of Rhoda was so beloved, it made it okay for the audience to view it the same way. Not the big victory of making a series regular gay, but still a victory in its own way.

I like to think small victories like that led the brave producers of *Soap* have a series regular Jodie Dallas (Billy Crystal) be gay a few years later in 1977. (Okay, Jodie wound up sleeping with a woman, much like Steven on *Dynasty* and *Will* on *Days of Our Lives*. No one ever said the path to inclusion wouldn't come without errors.)

However, *Soap* leads us to *Ellen* which leads us to *Will & Grace* which leads us to *Modern Family* and the year 2020, where there is so much gay content that you can leave those two seminal casts off the cover of your gay pride issue and that's how much progress we've made, which is kind of amazing. Happy Pride Month!

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# A Quartet Of Queer Films For Pride

By Chris Narloch

Great gay movies just keep coming as we get closer to Pride Month, and I for one am grateful to have so many wonderful queer films to watch while I'm spending more time at home. Read on for my reviews of four of the finest recent LGBTQ+ releases.

### Circus of Books

Netflix has been slammed by homophobes recently for all their gay programming, but the movie streaming service should be proud of their inclusivity, which is on full display with this strange-but-true tale of a Jewish family who took over a gay bookstore in Los Angeles during the '70s and turned it into the biggest distributor of gay porn in the U.S. at the time. Circus of Books was also a place of refuge during the height of the AIDS crisis, and this new documentary is an entertaining time capsule of untold queer history.



Enrique Salanic gives a superb performance as the title character in "Jose"

### Jose

This very moving Guatemalan drama follows a poor, young Central American man who is forced to face his closeted lifestyle after he falls in love with another young man who wants him to leave his mother and start a new life together. Written, shot, and acted with documentary-like realism, "Jose" is a heartbreaking portrait of an individual trying to survive the harshness of his conservative, religious surroundings. "Jose" is available for rental at [www.row8.com](http://www.row8.com)



Jamie Peebles is the subject of "The Second Life of Jamie P"

### The Second Life of Jamie P

This terrific, feature-length documentary is the story of Jamie Peebles, who realized at the age of 63 that he wanted his exterior to match his interior. "The Second Life of Jamie P" is the poignant story of Jamie's brave transition from male to female, as told through video diaries and intimate conversations with Roger, her friend of 40 years. The movie is now available for streaming on iTunes, Amazon and Google Play.

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The former owners of the iconic gay porn store "Circus of Books"



A still from the Netflix documentary "A Secret Love"

### A Secret Love

Another Netflix documentary, this sweet story chronicles a secret lesbian relationship between a former baseball player and her female "friend," who were together for 65 years before their families found out the truth. "A Secret Love" is essential viewing, especially for younger queer viewers growing up with freedoms such as gay marriage that were never even dreamed of during the time when Pat Henschel and Terry Donahue first met and fell in love.

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# Barefoot's Limited-Edition Pride Packaging Collection Celebrates the Strength and Resilience of the LGBTQ+ Community

Continuing to #MarchOnward as a longtime ally to the LGBTQ+ community, Barefoot proudly launches its new, limited-edition Pride Packaging Collection. The collection comes in four unique designs, with each design honoring the strength and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community.

A portion of the proceeds, up to \$60,000, will benefit Free Mom Hugs, a non-profit organization consisting of parents and allies who love the LGBTQ+ community and work toward full affirmation and equality for all. Free Mom Hugs was founded by Sara Cunningham, who became an accidental activist when she wore a homemade button with the words "Free Mom Hugs" to a Pride parade to support her gay son. She received hundreds of hugs from attendees whose parents abandoned them when they came out. She later had a social media post go viral when she volunteered to be a "stand-in mom" at LGBTQ+ weddings.

In addition to the many educational programs Free Mom Hugs hosts annually, the organization embarks on its signature Free Mom Hugs Tour visiting cities and sites of historical significance to the LGBTQ+ community. This year, Barefoot will be a proud supporter as the tour becomes a virtual experience to celebrate Pride during the 2020 season.

"Free Mom Hugs is overjoyed to have a partner in Barefoot, a brand deeply committed to celebrating the LGBTQ+ community and supporting our mission to advocate for and advance equality and acceptance for all. This donation allows us to continue providing

educational resources and training programs to support the LGBTQ+ community and their families. The needs have exponentially increased during this challenging year for the LGBTQ+ community. We are looking forward to when we can hug again," says Sara Cunningham, Founder of Free Mom Hugs.

Each of Barefoot's four new vibrant Pride Packaging Collection designs celebrates those who have made a significant impact on the community during Barefoot's 30+ year history of allyship and will be featured on packaging of Barefoot Brut Rosé Bubbly bottles and Barefoot Rosé Spritzer cans. Each Pride Packaging Collection design pays tribute to distinct groups of people or organizations, including:

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The reading will star cast from the original 1996 play, the cult-hit 2000 film, LOGO's 2008 "Sordid Lives: The Series" and the 2017 marriage equality-themed film sequel "A Very Sordid Wedding." The free live stream reading and accompanying auction of Sordid Lives memorabilia is a benefit fundraiser for twenty-three live theatre companies who are associated partners of the Del Shores Foundation and support its mission to find and facilitate the development of new southern queer artistic voices. All of the artists are donating their time and 100% of proceeds will go to the theatre companies. Donations to the benefit can be made at [www.delshoresfoundation.org](http://www.delshoresfoundation.org).

SORDID LIVES is a black comedy about white trash as a gay actor struggles to come out to his eccentric, dysfunctional Texas family. When the family matriarch trips over the two wooden legs of her lover in a seedy motel room, her funeral brings three generations of the family back together in a story about learning to love the family you have as they are, not as you wish them to be. The reading cast of sordid lives will feature

(In alphabetical order): Newell Alexander ("August: Osage County"), Rosemary Alexander ("Sordid Lives"), Bonnie Bedelia ("Designated Survivor," "Parenthood"), Beau Bridges ("Homeland," "Messiah"), Emerson Collins ("Rent" On Fox, "The People's Couch"), Dale Dickey ("Unbelievable," "Claws"), David Cowgill ("Sordid Lives: The Series"), Beth Grant ("Dollface," "The Mindy Project"), Debby Holiday ("Blues For Willadean"), Leslie Jordan ("Will & Grace," "The Cool Kids"), Caroline Rhea ("Sydney To The Max," "Sabrina, The Teenage Witch"), Del Shores ("Six Characters In Search Of A Play") And

Ann Walker ("Sordid Lives.") There will also be live stream appearances by other celebrities from the SORDID LIVES franchise including Carson Kressley ("RuPaul's Drag Race"), Georgette Jones ("Sordid Lives: The Series), Alec Mapa ("Ugly Betty," "Doom Patrol"), Aleks Paunovic ("Van Helsing," "War for the Planet of the Apes"), David Steen ("Django Unchained"), a performance by Tony winner Levi Kreis ("Million Dollar Quartet") and a special message from Olivia Newton-John. SORDID LIVES HISTORY

At twenty-four years old, The SORDID LIVES franchise is one of the longest running LGBTQ franchises, and the cult-classic film celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year. It began as a play in a sixty-four seat theatre named Theatre/Theater in Los Angeles in 1996. The play starred Leslie Jordan, Beth Grant, Rosemary Alexander, Newell Alexander and Ann Walker and ran thirteen sold-out months

with thirteen Critic's Choice Awards. The play has been produced by over 300 theatre companies nationwide. In 2000, the film adaption added Bonnie Bedelia, Beau Bridges, Delta Burke and Olivia Newton-John and won many film festival awards with thirteen Audience Awards. The film became a cult-hit as it ran in limited release in theatres for almost three years before selling over 300,000 DVDs. In 2006, the play was revived in Los Angeles before launching a national tour. In 2008, the prequel "Sordid Lives: The Series" welcomed Caroline Rhea and Rue McClanahan and was released on LOGO and syndicated in seventeen countries. In 2017, the marriage-equality themed sequel reunited cast from the film and series in "A Very Sordid Wedding" with a cameo from Whoopi Goldberg and twelve out LGBTQ actors including Emerson Collins, Alec Mapa and Levi Kreis. It opened as number one at the limited release box office before playing more than 60 cities and is now streaming on Hulu and Amazon Prime.

SORDID LIVES will live stream Sunday, May 31 at 5pm Pacific/8pm Eastern. The reading is free and reminders can be set for the livestream on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2Lu9VMz> Facebook: Will be available seven days before the live stream. For more information, donations and auction items, please visit [www.delshoresfoundation.org](http://www.delshoresfoundation.org)



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# Who Was Your Icon?

by Matthew Burlingame

Realizing I was gay as a young teen in the pre-internet era of the 1980s, access to positive LGBTQ role models was scarce. So when a friend gave me a copy of the film “Torch Song Trilogy” it was the first time I was able to see gay men, gay culture and gay positivity of any sort reflected without apology. Because of that Harvey Fierstein became the first person I could say was an actual positive gay icon for me.

As we enter Pride season I reached out to some of our amazing community members and asked them who fits the bill in their lives.

Clint Vigen found a hometown hero. “Struggling to find myself and to come out in the late ’80s, I met Tim Warford the co-founder of the Lambda Community Center. His passion and friendship continues to drive me, he fought for LGBT rights, HIV/AIDS research and acceptance but most importantly he fought for love and an equal place at the table for everyone.”

It’s been even more difficult for people of color to find LGBTQ positive rolemodels.

“Alec Mapa and Margaret Cho were the only API and LGBTQ+ leaders/celebrities that I could relate with,” says Lanz Nalagan the Giving Director for the Sacramento LGBT Community Center. “When I was first coming out, they spoke to me on levels that none of my peers could and spoke to intersectionality before I even learned what that meant.”

“My gay hero was my Uncle Samuel,” Clarmundo Sullivan from Golden Rule Services reflected. “Growing up poor, there were very few successful positive African American gay male role models in my community. My uncle was college-educated, owned his own business and lived his authentic truth. It was because of him I learned that I could cope with the intersectionalities of being gay and African-American.”

Some found themselves reflected in fictional characters living with a secret identity.

“As a small-town boy we had to create alternate identities and acquired ‘special abilities’ to survive,” explains John Shufelberger. “So I loved anyone with a secret identity or ability. Batman, Wonder Woman, Superman, The Six Million Dollar Man, The Bionic Woman—those were my heros.”

Photographer Nate Feldman also chose Batman as his childhood hero. “Two men in tights living a secret life together, how could it not resonate?”

Others looked to musicians to find what they were seeking.

“When I was in high school, I was captivated by George Michael,” says J. Scott Coatsworth. “He was the most beautiful man I’d ever seen, and I didn’t even consider that he might be gay. When he came out in 1998, it was a validation. Although he fell apart later in life, he will always be the childhood idol who turned out to be like me.”

Doug Bearden chose Boy George. “He didn’t care what others said about him. He was just himself. I also like the way he danced.”

Broadcaster Robin Roberts and actor Neil Patrick Harris made the grade for Erik Whedbee of The LGBT Guide. “Both came out without making a huge deal about it.”

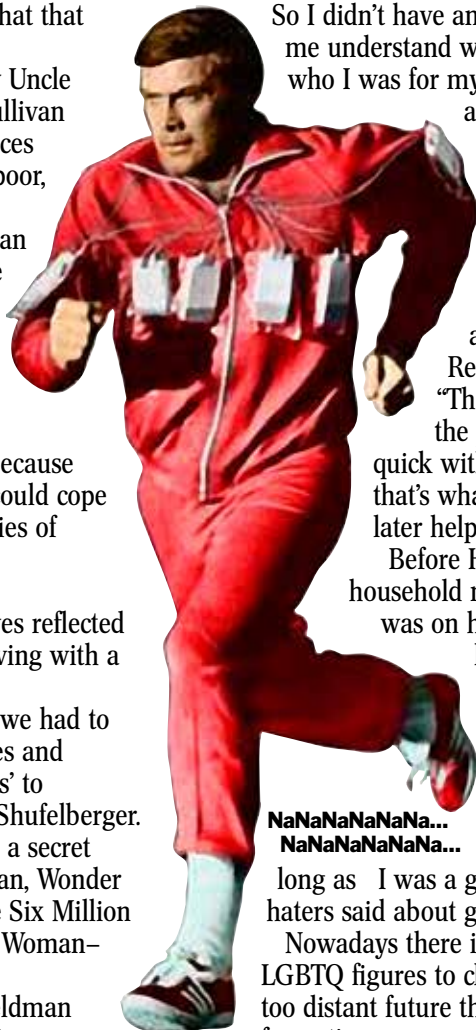
“John Waters and Divine,” says Mark Hinte. “They created laughter and inspired many gay, creative kids growing up during some hateful times.”

“I didn’t have a gay icon or hero growing up,” says David Heitstuman, executive director of the Sacramento LGBT Center. “There wasn’t a lot of positive LGBTQ visibility in popular culture or in the news. So I didn’t have any reference points to help me understand what I was feeling and who I was for my entire childhood and adolescence. I didn’t start to discover and understand gay identity until college.”

“The only gay people I saw on television were people like Paul Lynde and Charles Nelson Reilly,” says Tom Swanner. “They were often the butt of the joke, but they were also quick with a cutting comeback. So that’s what I learned to do which later helped me in my writing.”

Before Harvey Milk became a household name, but Anita Bryant was on her crusade some of us had to make due with what we could. Which led Laurence McBride to turn inward. “Without other gay people, I became my own gay role model. As long as I was a good person, I knew what haters said about gays was wrong.”

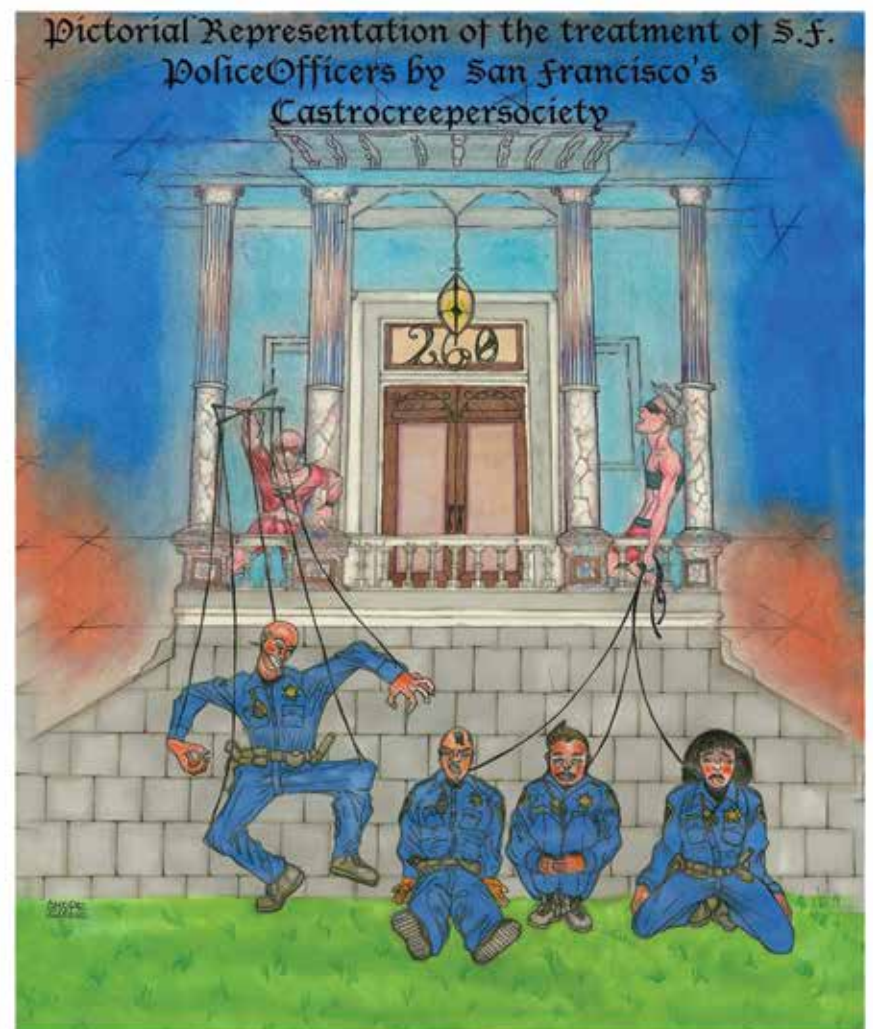
Nowadays there is a plethora of public LGBTQ figures to choose from. In the not too distant future those reflecting on their formative years may cite Lil Nas X, Adam Lambert and Laverne Cox as their role models. But it is important to remember that each of us set an example for those who come after us by living our authentic lives the best we can each day. Happy Pride!



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*By Chris Narloch*

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