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It's time to end labels and start conversations.

It's time we come together as a community to bridge the gap between each other and the larger majority as a whole.

It's time we start talking about what's important, without letting the labels of our sexuality or gender get in the way. It's time we see each other and ourselves as equals. This is about all of us.

This is about Sac Pride News.

EVENT CALENDAR

National Give OUT Day

Be a part of history by participating in the first national Give OUT Day. This is a chance to give back to LGBTQ organizations throughout the country. The best part about this — it's easy! On Thursday, May 9, simply log on to GiveOUTDay.org, search for the LGBTQ organization you'd like to donate to, and, finally, donate! So many of our community-based organizations are fighting to keep their doors open, this is a great chance to let them know that you appreciate their hard work and that their work is necessary and noticed! A Sacramento organization participating in this is the Gender Health Center. **Th, 5/09 all day. www.GiveOUTDay.org.**



Wanda Sykes

Comedian Wanda Sykes brings her unique brand of humor and laughs to the Sacramento Community Center Theater in downtown Sacramento.

F, 5/10 8 p.m. \$30-\$67. Sacramento Community Center Theater, 1301 L St., Sacramento. (916) 808-5181. www.tickets.com.

3rd Annual Celebrate Sacramento

Celebrate Sacramento is a family friendly event hosted by Assemblyman Roger Dickinson to celebrate the diversity of the community. Includes: two performance stages, carnival games, bounce houses and different local vendors.

Sa, 5/11 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Free event. William Land Park, corner of Sutterville Rd. and Freepoint Blvd., Sacramento.

LGBT Community Wellness Fair

The Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center hosts a wellness fair. Free health screens, vouchers for free health services and supplies, cooking lessons, and presentations for fitness and nutrition.

Sa, 5/11 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Free event. Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center, 1927 L St., Sacramento.

SGMC Opens for The Manhattan Transfer

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus opens for *The Manhattan Transfer* at The Crest Theater in downtown Sacramento. Billed as a must-see event for any acapella or jazz enthusiast, it will be an evening to remember.

W, 5/15 7:30 p.m. \$32.50-\$60 in advance, \$3 more at the door. The Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., Sacramento.

To have your event considered for the community calendar, please email event details and contact information to calendar@sacpridemedia.com.

A Swinging Scene

Gay softball league builds social network in community

by Kendall Fields

Frank Ovalle laughs as he demonstrates a cheer he made for his softball team. "Bring 'em home!" he calls out, mimicking an oh-so-Cher dance move.

Ovalle, 44, coaches the Badlands Sharks, one of the 14 teams that makes up the Sacramento Valley Gay and Lesbian Softball (SVGLS) league. Ovalle, his partner and some friends created the league in 2010 after playing on a team in San Francisco, where they would commute each week to practice and play. "We wanted to bring [a softball league] here so people could have a chance to play and expand their network," Ovalle says. "We wanted to build something fun for the community."

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George Raya,
SVGLS board member

And they did. The league started with seven teams, ranging from 12 to 15 players, and has since expanded to 14 teams. SVGLS is divided into two sections — C division and D division — with competitive teams that go to the Gay World Series in Washington, D.C., and also teams that play just for fun. Ovalle adds the teams are open to more than just gay and lesbian members of the community, with several straight players in the league.

The teams play at the Sacramento Softball Complex and often hang out after the games at the sports bar to have a few drinks and converse. SVGLS board member George Raya says the social aspect is a huge draw for many of the players. Raya, who observed the first season, plays on the Badgers to get exercise and meet more people. "It's a real social thing,"

Photo by Anne Stokes



David Heitstuman (center) from the Badlands Sharks leads a huddle after a game.

Raya says. "We spend three nights or days a week with our teammates for games and practices, and a lot of teams will go to brunch or dinner after a practice or game. It's just a great way to get out in the community and meet people or get together with friends."

Ovalle agrees the friendships created during softball season are the best part of the league. "Everyone becomes almost a family."

For more information, visit www.svgls.org.

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Raising The Curtain On Closet Door Theatre

New LGBTQ company wants to address issues in community

by **Amanda Caraway**

Could theater be the answer to greater understanding of gay issues in the community? Rich Jones thinks so.

The co-founder of the new Closet Door Theatre Company says theater can add a unique voice to the conversation about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues taking place in Sacramento and beyond.

Jones and other founding members began the planning stages to open the Closet Door more than a year ago. After the LGBTQ theater company the Lambda Players closed in 2011, Jones and others felt there was an ongoing need for LGBTQ theater in Sacramento.

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Rich Jones
Co-founder, Closet Door Theatre Company

“Although we have come a long way there are still many problems facing our community,” Jones said. “It is important that we continue the conversation and continue to educate the public about the concerns of our community. I believe this can be done through theater.”

The company’s three-play season opened April 19 with “The Little Dog Laughed” by Douglas Carter Beane, which runs through May 11 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Jones says performances sold out the first weekend. The next play is “The Normal Heart” by Larry Kramer, which will run from July 12 to August 3.



Photo courtesy of Shane Maus

Chelsie Barone, Dougie Pieper and Shane Burrows star in “The Little Dog Laughed” at the Closet Door Theatre Company through May 11.

As a gypsy theater company, the Closet Door Theatre Company doesn’t have a permanent space. However, this season each play will be performed at the Ooley Theatre in Sacramento.

Each play addresses important topics in the LGBTQ community. For example, “The Little Dog Laughed” deals with a closeted gay actor whose agent counsels him to keep his sexuality hidden.

“We plan to be bold in addressing issues that face the LGBTQ through our work onstage [and feature] topics that mainstream theater companies might shy away from,” Jones said.

The Closet Door Theatre Company is run by volunteers who plan on giving more to the community than an evening of theater. A percentage of the proceeds from each production will be donated to a nonprofit that fits the show’s theme. For example, “The Little Dog Laughed” raised funds for The Font Street Animal Shelter on May 5.

Information regarding play submissions, casting and volunteer opportunities is available at www.closetdoortheatre.org.



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