First, I'm excited about the opening, this past Thursday, of the GLBT History Museum at 4127 - 18th Street in San Francisco's very queer Castro District (photo from the museum's website). A project of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society in San Francisco, the museum is the first of its kind in the United States, and only the second in the world (the first was the Schwules Museum in Berlin, which has a description of their permanent exhibition in English here). Drawing on the Society's large archive of documents, photos, audio and video recordings, ephemera, and other materials, the opening exhibit in the main gallery is called "Our Vast Queer Past: Celebrating GLBT History." As the curators say in a statement, the show "offers a kaleidoscopic view of nearly a century of queer experience in San Francisco and the Bay Area. It does not form a single narrative; our history is too varied and unruly to be limited in that way. Instead, we bring together multiple stories, sometimes interlinking, sometimes isolated, sometimes in conflict." (You can also watch my short video..."
about the GLBT Historical Society's archives [here.]

RECOLLECTING ADAMS: This 2009 series of short animated videos from artist Marianne Rodriguez Petit is ridiculously well done. (The still image above is from episode 5.) In each of the 15 short episodes of "Recollecting Adams," one narrator from the town of Adams, Massachusetts tells stories from the lives of their families and town, and Marianne has beautifully animated these stories in different styles. As the website aptly says, together these stories "paint a rich portrait of the history of immigration, the mills, the Church, town life, and more, across generations." Dip in at random, or go through the whole series in order. Whatever the case, the series is gorgeous and well worth watching.

KING LIAR: Lastly, here's something forwarded to me by Richard Ackoon, a painter from Trinidad. It's Lord Nelson's famous calypso tune "King Liar," about a lying competition in which the three top fabulists try to out-do each other. In other words, the song is a story about people telling tall tales. Calypso music started in Trinidad in the early 1900s, and is largely a form of storytelling, says Richard. His claim is backed up by no less an authority than the all-knowing if poorly-sourced Wikipedia, which says that calypso became a way of spreading news around Trinidad. I had a little trouble understanding the singer's accent, and if you do, too, you can read the lyrics [here. Enjoy!}
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some great sites on storytelling

New Yorker fiction podcast - short story and discussion every month
American Writers - creative writing
podcast and blog
The Story - radio show of stories behind the news
The Moth - true stories told live on stage, without notes
Speakeasy - Washington DC group has events, workshops
Living Proof - book and blog on story advocacy
The Storytelling Seminar - research and practice on storytelling
Center for Social Media - resources on socially-engaged media-making
NGS Magazine - from the National Genealogical Association
Kimberly's Genealogy Blog - good how-to and commentary
African American Lives - PBS mini-series on genealogy
American Genealogy Magazine - defunct, but archives online
Archaeology Magazine - news, views and more on archaeology worldwide
National Council on Public History - making the past useful to the public
Words and Silences - annual journal of Int'l Oral History Assoc.
Oral History Association - journal, conference, etc.
Contemporary Legend – journal on contemporary (urban) legend
City Lore - to foster New York’s – and America’s – living cultural heritage
Journal of American Folklore - traditional art, lit, knowledge, practice
Lit Drift - blog on "storytelling in the 21st century"
Wild Caught Stories - a rotary journal of creative community building
National Storytelling Network - conference, magazine and resources for storytelling
International Storytelling Center - sponsors festival, events, etc.
Exhibitionist - magazine of the Nat'l Assoc. for Museum Exhibition
American Association for State and Local History
Museum - magazine on all kinds of museums, including history
Telling Stories - oral histories conducted by high school students
Streetside Stories - literacy arts nonprofit in San Francisco
The Stanford Storytelling Project - weekly show of stories on a theme
This American Life - weekly show/podcast of stories on a theme
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Theater Magazine - sharp writing on new and challenging work
Film in Focus - smart writing/video about film
Filmmaker Magazine - a magazine and blog about independent film
Reality Roll Call - news about and casting calls for reality TV

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6th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops Reenactors
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