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### Dr. Richard Pan for Assembly District 5

There is a clear choice in this election. Richard Pan has been a consistent champion of equality for the LGBT community. His opponent, Andrew Pugno, authored both Proposition 8 and Proposition 22 and has spent his entire career fighting against even basic rights for the LGBT community. Dr. Richard Pan has been a steadfast ally, fighting for funding for AIDS/HIV research and leading the medical community to support such issues as same-sex adoption. The Legislature needs a voice of equality, not one of homophobia. Join Sacramento Stonewall Democrats in supporting our friend, Dr. Richard Pan, for Assembly District 5!

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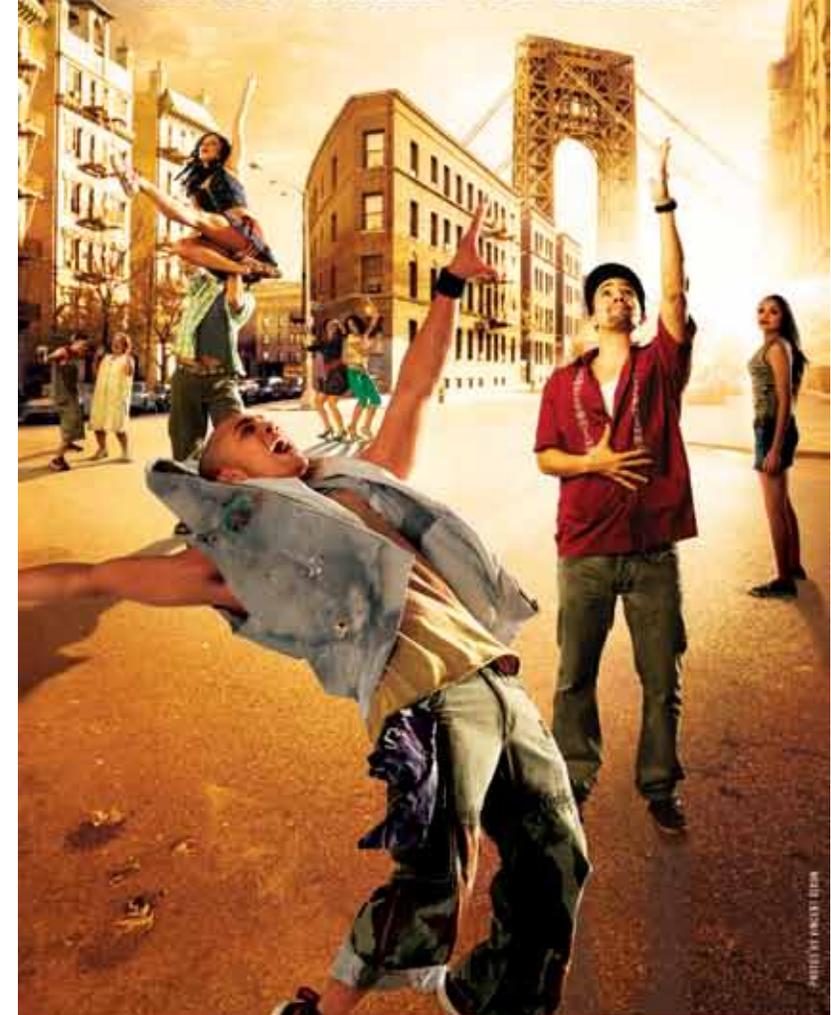
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# Letters

## Superman Is Right Wing Propaganda

Dear Outword,

I just finished reading Chris Narloch's review of *Superman*. (*Outword*, Oct. 14, 2010, p. 23) It appears the reviewer has bought into the right wing propaganda about the "failing of public schools."

I do not plan to see this movie and would not encourage others to see it.

The right wing in this country wants to destroy public education in order for more charter schools to be built for the elite children so they can make money from educating children. I really believe it is a plot.

From what I have read about the movie, it presents the worst side of public education and doesn't show any of the wonderful learning opportunities that are going on.

I would love to take some of these public school naysayers, who probably have not been in a classroom in decades, to some of my school classrooms. They would be amazed.

Just one example: I remember one time I was visiting schools on the last day of the school session

and children were still paying attention and teachers were trying to teach children even on the last day of school!

The attacks against teachers unions is also so unfair.

My spouse is a teacher. He works probably 10 to 12 hours a day during the school year. He only gets paid for nine months a year.

I have always wanted to count the number of hours most teachers

believe, how did we produce leaders in every field?

If public schools are so bad, why do the vast majority of parents say they are proud of their school where their children go?

We talk big in our society about how children are the leaders of our country. Yet our actions speak louder than our words. Every year, the legislators keep cutting public education monies and ask the



work and divide by the salary - I suspect they do not even make minimum wage.

Take a look at the leaders in any field, whether it be sports, entertainment, politics or medicine and you will find a majority graduated from public schools. If public schools are as bad as the *Superman* producers want us to

schools to do more with less.

Public schools do a very good job in spite of a lack of support from the public or from legislators.

I write as someone who has served on two different school boards for over 20 years.

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## DADT Reinstated by Ninth Circuit Court

Don't Ask, Don't Tell is once again the law of the land, following a decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal to stay U.S District Judge Virginia Phillips' recent injunction which called for an immediate halt to the policy.

Further complicating the issue, the Pentagon has issued new guidelines stating that only five senior military officials will be able to discharge service members for violating the policy.

Under the guidelines, Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley, Army Secretary John M. McHugh and Navy Secretary Ray Mabus will have to consult with the Pentagon's top lawyer, Jeh Johnson, and the undersecretary of defense for personnel, Clifford Stanley, before removing anyone for violating the ban on gays serving openly in the military.

Many feel this will add an additional layer of scrutiny that may slow or even essentially prohibit the discharge of LGBT service members, while others say it will merely be a rubber stamp of procedures started by lower ranking commands.

"This in no way puts in place a moratorium, nor does it change the legal standard by which we'll judge these cases," a senior military official familiar with the matter said, although conceding that the review process will take longer because a greater number of officials will have to review a case before the service secretaries make a final decision.

"We're not raising the bar or lowering the bar, the bar has

always been high, but we're going to put the separation authority in fewer, more senior hands who will be most up to date on this changing legal landscape," said the official, who was not authorized to speak on the record.

During the brief period in which the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy was suspended, and the Pentagon issued orders to accept gay and lesbian recruits, several applicants tried to enlist or re-enlist, including Dan Choy and Will Rodriguez-Kennedy, president of the Log Cabin Republicans San Diego Chapter and a marine discharged under the policy.

"We've got to be careful," said Sacramento Valley Veterans President Tyson Redhouse, "DADT is not finished and this is not the last we will see on the matter. We will be looking to the coming days and weeks for developments. Meanwhile, we urge the community to begin contacting their elected officials to push for passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) following the mid-term elections. We have got to move forward on many fronts."

SVV will be holding a DADT town hall meeting on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center, 1927 L St.

## Cleveland Signs on to Gay Games IX 2014

The Federation of Gay Games has signed a contract with Cleveland Special Events Corp. to hold the license to operate the 2014 Gay Games.

The new organization represents the LGBT community and high profile civic leaders of Cleveland. Co-President of the Federation of Gay Games, Kurt Dahl, and FGG Technology Officer, Gene Dermody, met with the new group in Cleveland on October 16 to firm up the details.

The City of Cleveland will continue to be very involved in assisting the world's largest sports and cultural event to come to Cleveland-Akron, Ohio. Local tourism representatives with local

LGBT sports, cultural and community civic leaders have joined forces to organize the 2014 Gay Games in Cleveland.

"The high caliber of people and organizations that are part of this group is incredible and will help ensure wide support in the state of Ohio," said Federation of Gay Games Co-President, Kurt Dahl. "I am very impressed to see Mayor Frank G. Jackson's involvement.

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# Report Shows Transgenders Still Face Health Care Bias

A new report states that transgender and gender non-conforming people face rampant discrimination in health care settings and are regularly denied needed care.

*The National Transgender Discrimination Survey: Report on Health and Health Care* was released nationally on Oct. 12 by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the National Center for Transgender Equality. The report looked at the experiences of over 6,450 transgender and gender non-conforming people, revealing a range of health risks because they are transgender or gender non-conforming.

Key findings of the report include:

- Nearly one in five, 19 percent, reported being refused care outright because they were transgender or gender non-conforming;
- Survey participants reported very high levels of postponing medical care when sick or injured due to discrimination and disrespect (28 percent);
- Harassment: 28 percent of respondents were subjected to harassment in medical settings;
- Significant lack of provider knowledge: 50 percent of the sample reported having to teach their medical providers about transgender care;
- Despite barriers, the majority

have accessed some form of transition-related medical care, but only a minority has had any surgery, despite the fact that a strong majority stated wanting to have it someday;

- Respondents reported over four times the national average of HIV infection, 2.64 percent in our sample compared to 0.6 percent in the general population, with rates for transgender women at 3.76 percent, and with those who are unemployed (4.67 percent) or who have engaged in sex work (15.32 percent) even higher;

- Over a quarter of the respondents misused drugs or alcohol specifically to cope with the discrimination they faced due to their gender identity or expression;
- A staggering 41 percent of respondents reported attempting suicide compared to 1.6 percent of the general population.

The report also includes critical public policy recommendations, including the urgent need to train medical professionals about how to effectively and respectfully treat transgender and gender-nonconforming patients; an end to the discriminatory practice of transgender exclusion from health

care coverage; the development of transgender specific programs to address suicide, the spread of HIV, and other health risks; and increased research that focuses specifically on health needs of the transgender population.

"It is outrageous that basic health care is being denied to transgender and gender non-conforming people and that so much additional trauma is being caused by doctors instead of being resolved by doctors. The medical profession must take this data seriously and ensure that everyone in the medical care system knows how to provide transgender-sensitive medical care," said Rea Carey, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Health care is a fundamental human right. This study clearly documents that it is regularly being denied to transgender and gender non-conforming people," said Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. "The study also provides information about the serious health impact of the discrimination that transgender people face. The health risks are many times higher for people of color, for those who have lost a job due to bias and those who were bullied in school."

To read the entire report, visit [www.transequality.org](http://www.transequality.org).

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## RC Foundation Awards Four Scholarships



The Rainbow Chamber Foundation awarded four \$1,000 scholarships at its 2010 Gala and Installation Dinner on Oct. 5. Scholarship Committee Chair Gerald Filice, SMUD General Counsel Arlen Orchard, Lisa Slabach of Wells Fargo, RCC President Bonnie Osborn, and David Andersen of Wells Fargo, with scholarship recipients Derrick Harshberger, David Benjamin, Max Rosa and Nate Feldman. Photo by Larry Lauszus, Photography by Larry.

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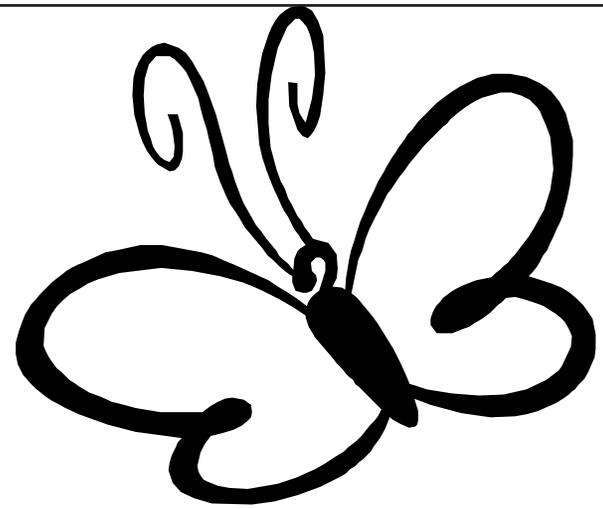
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*Their deaths have placed a spotlight on the terrifying magnitude of hatred directed toward gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex people and those who care about them. Sadly, they have joined a lengthy roll call of people who have died at the hands of ignorance and bigotry.*

*Please join us as we remember their lives with love, bear witness to the atrocity of their deaths and affirm together that hatred and violence must end.*

*The service will embrace a variety of spiritual expressions and will honor the names of over 750 people who have died violently as well as the countless others whose names are not known to us. Please contact Paul Curtis (PACurtis@aol.com), Kathleen Montgomery (KCMame@comcast.net) or Mary Helen Doherty (mhdoherty@comcast.net) if you know of someone who should be included on the List of Lost Lives.*

*This year's Service of Remembrance is sponsored by a coalition of concerned members of the LGBTQI community and its allies.*

# National AIDS Fund Earns 4-Star Rating

Once again demonstrating its ability to efficiently manage and grow its philanthropic resources, the National AIDS Fund (NAF) has earned the coveted 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator, America's leading charity evaluator.

This is NAF's fourth consecutive 4-star rating, the highest rating possible.

"Only nine percent of the charities we rate have received at least four consecutive 4-Star evaluations," said Charity Navigator President and Chief

A Charity Navigator rating show gives how efficiently a charity will use its support today, and to what extent the charities are growing their programs and services over time.

"NAF trusts that our fourth consecutive 4-Star rating instills



Executive Officer Ken Berger in his letter to National AIDS Fund. "This exceptional designation demonstrates that National AIDS Fund consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America."

Charity Navigator rates charities by evaluating two broad areas of financial health – organizational efficiency and organizational capacity – using a set of performance categories to rate each of these two areas, and issuing an overall rating that combines the charity's performance in both areas.

continued confidence with our valued donors," said NAF President and CEO Kandy Ferree. "And it should be more clear than ever to potential investors that NAF is the organization to lead innovative, evidence-based public-private partnerships.

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# NOM is Using Children as Political Pawns – Again

commentary by Chris Moore

The folks behind the divisive and hurtful Yes on Proposition 8 TV ads just couldn't help themselves. The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) is once again using children as political pawns, but this time in an attempt to elect one of their own, Andrew Pugno to the California State Assembly.

Pugno is in a hotly contested race for Assembly District 5 in the Sacramento region against pro-equality challenger Dr. Richard Pan.

Pugno is the golden boy of the nationwide anti-marriage equality effort. His career sets him apart from your standard anti marriage equality activists and includes such highlights as: Chief of Staff to the notoriously homophobic late Senator Pete Knight, Co-Author of Proposition 8 and lead attorney for the Yes on 8 Campaign.

It is no surprise that NOM is spending big to have their go to California political operative elected to the Assembly. NOM has spent over \$112,000 to air a new television ad in which they warn that Pugno's opponent, Richard Pan, will support the teaching of gay marriage to second graders. You can watch the ad at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=A30ABWB18M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A30ABWB18M).

It is fairly ironic that NOM is divisively using children as political

pawns in an effort to smear Dr. Richard Pan, a pediatrician that has focused his career on building community partnerships to increase children's health coverage. Dr. Pan co-founded the Healthy Kids Healthy Future program which secured health, dental and vision coverage for over 65,000 children in the Sacramento region.

Assembly District 5 was drawn

as a Republican district in 2000 but has been trending more and more Democratic. The polling for the race shows that Dr. Pan will win as long as his campaign can get the message out about Pugno's extremist past. In addition to Pugno's anti-gay past, he has also worked to eliminate all abortions, even in the case of incest and rape.

To learn more about this race and Andrew Pugno's extreme past, visit [www.stopandrewpugno.com](http://www.stopandrewpugno.com).

To help Dr. Richard Pan, please visit [www.panforassembly.com](http://www.panforassembly.com)

*Chris Moore is the President of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento and formerly served as Political Director for EQCA.*

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## AIDS Walk Thanks Sponsors

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## Fundraiser Held for LGBT Supportive Candidates



Dr. Darrick Lawson and his partner Dale Howard hosted a reception for San Francisco Mayor and California Lt. Governor candidate Gavin Newsom on Wednesday, Oct. 13.



The Sacramento Stonewall Democrats hosted a fundraiser for Sacramento County Supervisor and 9th Assembly District candidate Roger Dickinson on Thursday, Oct. 21 at FACES.

## Sacramento's Dynamic Duo Celebrate Birthdays

President pro Tem Darrel Steinberg, and Dennis Mangers, celebrated their birthdays on Oct. 11 doing what they do best: raising money for a good cause! In this instance, Equality California. The festive party was emceed by West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and featured performances by Graham Sobelman, Nanci Zoppi, Connor Mickiewicz and Jerry Lee.



# Appeal Filed in Presbyterian Same-gender Marriage Case

The Rev. Dr. Jane Adams Spahr has filed a written Notice of Appeal with the Presbytery of the Redwoods after the Presbytery found her guilty of violating the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for performing same-gender marriages during the time those marriages were legal in the state of California in 2008.

The verdict was handed down in Napa, CA on August 27, 2010. In the Notice of Appeal, filed on Oct. 11, church lawyers for Spahr alleged 13 substantive and procedural errors made by the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission (church court) in its disciplinary charges.

The next highest judicial body, the Permanent Judicial Commission for the Synod of the Pacific, will review the decision of the Presbytery with special attention paid to the errors specified in the appeal.

This will be the first time a Synod (the denomination's name for a regional body consisting of several Presbyteries) in California has addressed the issue of whether or not ministers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) should be disciplined for conducting same-gender marriages which are authorized by the state.

The hearing on the appeal is not expected until March or April 2011.



Presbyterian Minister The Reverend Dr. Jane Spahr officiated at the marriage of Sherrie Holmes and Sara Taylor at the Marin Civic Center in San Rafael on June 20, 2008.

# Hunky Gay Mortician Coming to Sacramento



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# Community Profile

by Bonnie Osborn

## Jake Rowe's Journey from Ranch to Royal Events

Those who know Jacob "Jake" Rowe or his drag alter-ego Ms. Precious Cargo, might be surprised by some aspects of Rowe's past and present personas.

For example, few people would guess that Rowe grew up on a 4,000-acre Grass Valley cattle ranch where he raised champion Rambouillet sheep, or that he won a national speaking contest for Toastmasters International in 1989, or that in 1998 he was part of the nationwide prize-winning debate team for Future Farmers of America.

"A lot of people have no clue about my agriculture background," Rowe says. "It's a big part of who I am."

Rowe, a fifth-generation Grass Valley native, left the ranch by way of London, where he attended school for 1 1/2 years – "a major culture shock," he recalls.

On his return to the States, he lived for a year in Marysville, where he helped the family who bought his sheep stock get set up in business. In 2004, he joined the staff of the non-profit organ donor organization, Donate Life California, and moved to Sacramento.

Soon after he arrived in town,

Rowe began volunteering evenings at the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center. He met local drag diva, Taryn Thru-U, and was introduced to the local Court organization, Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire (CGNIE).

He attended one Coronation, came home and started working on a costume. The following weekend he competed for the title of Miss Gay Sacramento at a local drag competition. "After my second time in drag, I already had a title," he says. Two years later, Ms. Precious Cargo ran for and won the title of Empress #35 of CGNIE and reigned in the office for one year.

Shortly after stepping down as Empress, Rowe got involved with Sacramento Pride, emceeing (as Precious Cargo) and managing the Pride stage for two years before taking the job of Entertainment Committee Chair in 2010. Earlier this year, he joined the board of the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center and serves as treasurer.

Although he has slowed down his drag activities in recent months, Rowe retains a great passion and reverence for the art, culture and history of drag.

"The Court has been around over 40 years," he says. "They have raised millions for charities; they have been at the forefront of projects like ENDA (the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act), the marches on Washington, and right now, the Harvey Milk stamp. They were a huge movement during the AIDS crisis because there was such a dire need for money, and drag queens knew how to fundraise. Yet so many were lost during the AIDS crisis, and that historic piece is gone."

The increasingly high cost of drag has also taken its toll. As Empress, Precious Cargo traveled all over the United States. "I went to big towns, tiny towns. I met people I never

thought I would meet – Robin Roberts, Maria Schriver," Rowe says.

But costs of both travel and the elaborate costuming required to do drag have risen, and fewer and fewer people participate. A necklace that might once have cost a few hundred dollars sells for over \$1,000 now; pantyhose that once sold for 98 cents



Jake Rowe, owner of Royal Events, catered a recent garden reception for California Lt. Governor candidate, Gavin Newsom at the home of Dr. Darrick Lawson.

a pair now go for \$16. "It would be a lot easier to just write a \$10,000 check," Rowe says.

Fewer bars host drag shows these days, and drag often is mistakenly equated with being transgender or transsexual. "A lot of people are uneducated about drag queens and their importance to the gay movement in the United States and its acceptance," Rowe says. "Drag queens were really the start of the gay movement."

"For myself, drag is an expression of my creativity. I think the general community doesn't understand it."

Recently, Rowe has found a new outlet for his creativity. Taking advantage of a job layoff, as many people have done in this tough economy, Rowe launched an event-planning company, Royal Events. Royal Events has produced a number of successful local events recently, including *Outword Magazine's* Sing-along at the Crest Theatre; an Over the Rainbow-themed fundraiser for Insurance Commissioner candidate Dave Jones; and most recently a fundraiser for Lieutenant Governor candidate, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom,

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# Real Life AV Star Brawl Results in Arrest

by Paul Goldbeg



Steven Daigle and Trent Locke in happier times in a still from the video *Breaking Bed* they made together for [www.cocksurenmen.com](http://www.cocksurenmen.com).

Steven Daigle, former *Big Brother 10* cast member turned gay adult film actor, was arrested on Monday night, October 18, after a viewing party for his appearance on *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*.

It was reported that Daigle and several of his friends had gathered earlier in the evening at the Abbey in West Hollywood to watch his appearance on the show when fellow gay adult film actor, and reported boyfriend, Trent Locke, approached them and started to argue with Daigle.

The heated argument quickly turned into an all out brawl between the two gay adult film actors.

After Daigle and Locke were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, Daigle was placed into custody in the early morning hours and was held at the West Hollywood Sheriff's station on \$20,000 bail.

Locke spoke out on his blog regarding the incident at the Abbey and while both performers were injured in the fight, Locke still appears to have a soft spot in his heart for Daigle, posting "I just want to say that I love Steven Daigle and am so upset and

deeply embarrassed that things happened the way they did. I have so much respect for him, I would never take a swing at him. And I did not. I know he is hurting, too, and my heart just goes out to him, especially while in custody. It's times like this I try to put my faith in some kind of higher power to help both of us through them."

In addition to his appearance on

*Big Brother 10*, Daigle has starred in the No.1 hit on the JRL Weekly Top 100 gay rentals and sales chart, Chi Chi LaRue's *Steven Daigle Stalked* [2010], *Steven Daigle XXXposed* [2010] and for gay porn label Lucas Entertainment's *Kings of New York* [2010], *Jet Set Men's Police Academy Gangbang* [2010], *Snapshot* [2010] from Falcon Studios [2010] and the blockbuster hit *F\*ck U* [2010] on Rascal Video.

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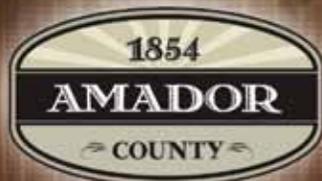
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# Best in LGBT Comics 2010 Awarded Grants

Prism Comics has announced the recipients of the 2010 Prism Comics Queer Press Grant, recognizing the best in LGBT comics and graphic novels.

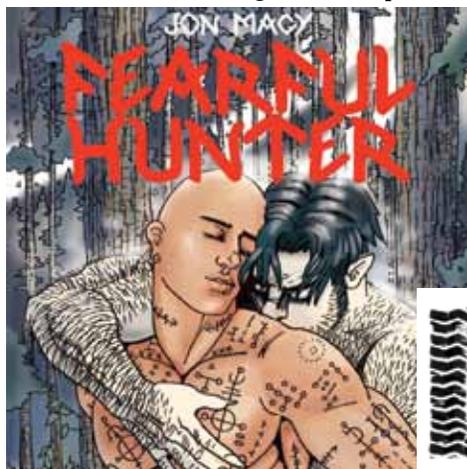
This year the grant is being awarded to Johanna Tana "J.T." Ford for her submission, *Duck*, and to Jon Macy for his submission, *Fearful Hunter*.

The grants were announced at the Alternative Press Expo (APE) on Saturday, October 16.

Prism Comics, which supports LGBT comics, creators and readers, established the Queer Press Grant in 2005 to encourage the publication of LGBT-themed comics. The Queer Press Grant is one of the few financial assistance grants given in the comic book industry to foster talent.

"This year, we received the highest number of submissions ever," said Justin Hall, Prism's Talent Relations Chair and previous Queer Press Grant recipient for *Glamazonia: The Uncanny Super Tranny*. "We also noticed a leap in

the quality of storytelling and art which was extremely heartening, even though it made it extremely difficult to single out one person.



Luckily, the vote produced a tie once again this year!"

J.T. Ford's *Duck* is a graphic novel that follows the lives of two lesbians embarking on an impromptu road trip across America.

At turns hilarious and

poignant, *Duck* explores the nature of love, the power of friendship, and where the best cowgirl bar is in Austin.

Although printed copies of *Duck* are already available through Ford's blog at [duckacomic.blogspot.com](http://duckacomic.blogspot.com), the grant will assist her in getting copies into the hands of reviewers, comic shops and readers.

Jon Macy's *Fearful Hunter* chronicles a love story between a druid priest and a werewolf.

This modern-day story creates a rich tapestry of fantasy and reality, having been inspired by Macy's Celtic roots and his own relationship with someone dealing



Written and Illustrated by JT Ford



Jon Macy (*Fearful Hunter*) and Johanna Tana "J.T." Ford (*Duck*) tied for the 2010 Prism Comics Queer Press Grant, recognizing the best in LGBT comics and graphic novels.

with mental illness.

The grant will allow him to continue printing this four-issue series, the first of which has been published. For more information on Jon Macy and how to get a copy of *Fearful Hunter* #1, go to [jonmacy.com](http://jonmacy.com).

The deadline for the 2011 Queer

Press Grant will once again fall in September, and Prism will be offering portfolio review at San Diego's Comic-Con International 2011 exclusively for those people applying for the grant.

For more information about the grant and the submission process, go to [prismcomics.org/grant.php](http://prismcomics.org/grant.php).

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## Aspiring Sacramento Chef Wins Recipe Contest

**C**ongratulations to Jeffrey Goldade of Sacramento, who recently entered the *Real Women of Philadelphia's* Recipe Contest – and was the first person to win the ongoing contest, sponsored by Kraft's Philadelphia Cream Cheese.

Goldade's winning entry was for an appetizer in the "Anything Goes" category he calls Sweet and Salty French Bread Surprises with Pear.

The tasty treat won Goldade a \$500 prize, and the possibility of the recipe being used in an upcoming cookbook. The notoriety from the contest also netted him an appearance on *Good Day Sacramento*.

Goldade hopes to use the prize money to buy a video camera to make cooking segments for his blog and Web site [jeffreygoldade.com](http://jeffreygoldade.com).



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When not busy in the kitchen, Goldade is an active volunteer and works to help feed the homeless, including helping to manage a community garden and serving gourmet meals to homeless individuals. He has a special spot in his heart for the homeless since he was kicked out of his own home for being gay by his father when he was 16.



Goldade, now 22, has not let that defer his plans for the future, though. "I believe that if you are ever down on your luck you should look at the positive," he told

*Outword.* "I will take what life gives me, and if I can make even a small change in the world for good, today and everyday, I will be happy."

Goldade plans on attending American River College in January, where he will be taking classes on nutrition and counseling techniques.

He hopes that you will try his recipe; it's great for small parties and will have everyone clamoring for more.

### Sweet and Salty French Bread Surprises with Pear

Prep time for the recipe is 10 minutes and a cooking time five minutes, for 24 servings.

Ingredients:

- 24 1/2 inch thick slices French bread
- 4 ounces of cream cheese, room temperature
- 4 ounces of blue cheese, room temperature
- 1/4 cup of pecans (or mixed nuts if you are adventurous)
- 1/4 cup of dried cranberries (you can also use pomegranate nibs)
- 1/8 tsp. of cayenne pepper

• 1 Bosc pear, very thinly sliced (to make this easy I used a mandolin)

• 4 slices of bacon (optional)

### Steps

1. Spray both sides of the bread slices with the cooking spray. Arrange bread slices on a large baking sheet and bake until lightly toasted, about 7 minutes.

2. In a small food processor combine the cream cheese, blue

cheese, pecans, cranberries and cayenne pepper; process until just combined, but not smooth. (cooked bacon optional)

3. Spread the cheese mixture onto one side of the toasts. Arrange a thin slice of pear on each toast.

Bake in the oven for five to six minutes or until lightly browned.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

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# Cher: The Film Collection on DVD Plus Nip/Tuck: The Complete Series

by Chris Narloch

Call me snarky, but I thought it would be fun to review these two titles together – Cher and *Nip/Tuck*.

Cher, who is as famous for her plastic surgery as she is for her many comebacks, has a new box-set containing six of her movies, while the late, great series

Thanksgiving, co-starring Christina Aguilera, entitled *Burlesque*. In anticipation of her return to the big screen, this six-movie DVD collection gathers some of her best

work from movies (and days) gone by.

After watching several of these titles again, for the first time in a long time, I was struck by what a surprisingly good actress Cher can be when given the right material. She does solid work in *Silkwood* supporting none other than Meryl Streep and holds her own alongside Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Lily Tomlin and Joan Plowright in the underrated *Tea*

*with Mussolini*.

Her Oscar-winning performance in the great *Moonstruck* is the jewel here, but it's also fun to check out her first two films, which I had never seen: the hippie-era movies *Good Times*, with Sonny Bono and

*Chastity*, which was written and produced by Bono.

The sixth title included here, *Mermaids*, should have been replaced with *The Witches of Eastwick*, and some of the actress's best performances are also ignored, including her Oscar-caliber work in *Mask* and *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*.

Still, for fans of all things Cher, like this writer, *Cher: The Film Collection* is a must-have.

## Nip/Tuck: The Complete Series

Give your home entertainment collection a facelift this holiday season with the collectible gift set for *Nip/Tuck* which features all 100 episodes from all six seasons of the groundbreaking cable show, on 35 discs.

*Nip/Tuck* explores the lives of doctors Sean McNamara and Christian Troy, two hotshot plastic surgeons whose initial query of patients consists of "Tell me what you don't like about yourself." The Golden Globe and Emmy Award-winning series was created by Ryan Murphy, the man behind television's current runaway hit, *Glee*.

This comprehensive new set includes un-aired scenes and gag reels, plus 11 featurettes of bonus material. You will also own the episode containing that notorious shower scene with Mario Lopez, who, along with Vanessa Redgrave, Rosie O'Donnell, and Brooke Shields, was one of many memorable guest stars over the six seasons.

# Fun Theater in the Bay Area

by Chris Narloch

It's definitely worth a drive over to San Francisco to see the dynamite new revival of the classic American musical, *West Side Story*. While you're there, you can also catch a new exhibition celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Tony Kushner's groundbreaking play, *Angels in America*.

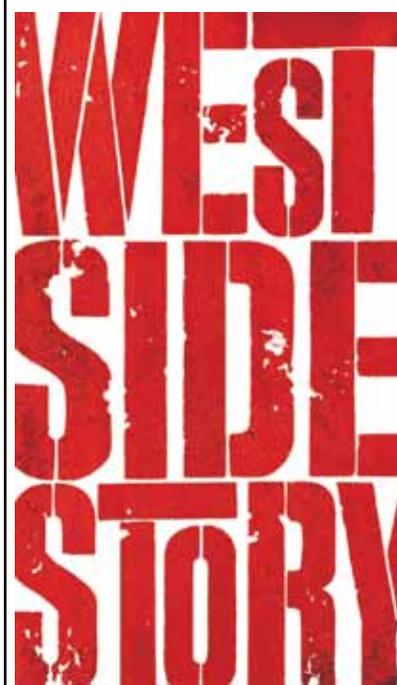
## West Side Story

San Francisco's 2009-2010 SHN Best of Broadway season goes out in style with the thrilling new Broadway revival of *West Side Story*, the brilliant musical collaboration between Jerome Robbins, Arthur Laurents, Leonard

lyrics by Sondheim, *West Side Story* is considered one of Broadway's finest scores, featuring such memorable songs as "Something's Coming," "Tonight," "I Feel Pretty" and the incomparable "Somewhere."

This highly-acclaimed new production, which is currently running on Broadway, includes Robbins' original choreography, and it is directed by the show's book writer, two-time Tony Award-winner Arthur Laurents, who at the ripe old age of 92 is still doing amazing work in the theater.

*West Side Story* plays San Francisco's Orpheum Theatre October 27 – November 28. For more information, visit [www.shnsf.com](http://www.shnsf.com).



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## Angels in America At Twenty

This new exhibition celebrates the 20th anniversary of Tony Kushner's masterpiece, tracing the play from its earliest development in Kushner's notebooks to its

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*Nip/Tuck* gets a complete retrospective on DVD. Both collections are to be released on November 2.

## Cher: The Film Collection

Get ready for another onslaught of the one and only Cher, who has a high-profile film arriving this

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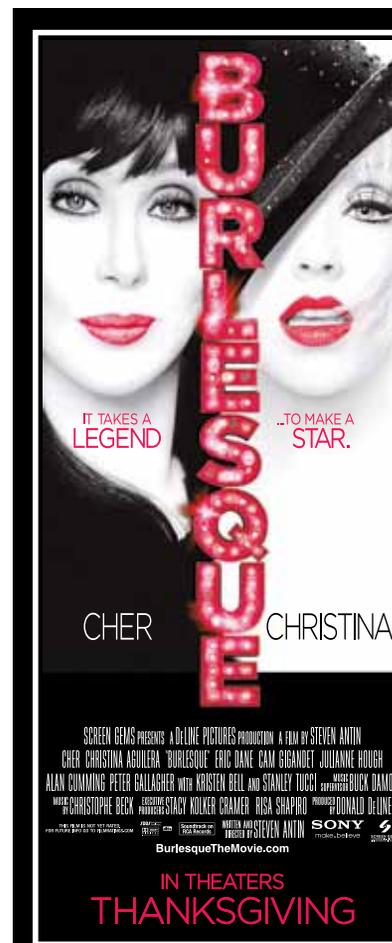
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## In The Heights' Lexi Lawson – Exclusive Outword Interview

Most up and coming actors would be happy to have the lead in one Broadway tour. Lexi Lawson has managed that feat twice in the same year.

Lawson will be back in Sacramento, after appearing here in *RENT* just this past February, to star in the international tour of the vibrant new urban musical *In The Heights*, which won four 2008 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

I spoke with this talented young singer/actress recently, and she shared her views on *RENT*, *American Idol*, and all things *In The Heights*.

**Lexi, you play the female lead in *In The Heights*. Tell me about your character and how she figures into the story.**

Vanessa is a young woman who lives in the barrio of Washington Heights in New York, and she dreams of getting out and moving downtown. So, she's a dreamer who wants to better herself, and she's also the love interest of Usnavi, the hero of the story.

**How did you get the part?**

When I was doing *RENT*, I drove everyone crazy because I was always listening to the music from *In The Heights* and saying how I would love to play Vanessa. The tour [for *In The Heights*] had already started though before *RENT* ended so I thought I would have to wait. But then the actress who was playing Vanessa got pregnant and had to leave the

show. I auditioned, and here I am. So I think it was meant to be.

**Broadway Sacramento fans also saw you earlier this year in *RENT* with Anthony Rapp and Adam Pascal. What was that like, playing Mimi and working with two original cast members of the show?**

*RENT* is a show that touches my heart so deeply, and I can honestly say that when we were doing that tour we told that story every night as if it was the first time. Adam and Anthony were so wonderful and helpful, and I learned a lot from them. It really inspired us because they had such a history with the show and would tell these great stories about Jonathan Larson and that first production.

**Didn't you go to Asia on tour?**

Yes, with both *RENT* and *In The Heights*. I love Japan, but it's really a different way of life. The audiences are so respectful and polite and nobody tries to get in your space after the show or anything like that. They would sing along and clap for *RENT*, but *In The Heights* is more story-driven and they were quieter over there so that they wouldn't miss anything. The Japanese fans are really passionate in their own way though. They wait at the stage door

before the show and after the show.

**You were born in the Bronx, right? Was your family supportive of your career path?**

Both my parents are musicians, and I told my mom when I was in fifth grade that I wanted to be a professional actress. They have been extremely supportive and always let me make my own decisions.

**You made it to Hollywood during Season eight of *American Idol*. Tell me a little bit about that whole experience?**

I did audition for *American Idol*, and I made it through the cut to go to Hollywood. Simon liked me and was very positive. But then the role of Mimi came through from an audition I had done before *Idol*. So I left immediately to do *RENT*, and that was the end of my *Idol* experience. I am pleased that I succeeded on the show for the brief time I was there, but I don't really want to be known for *Idol* because there are a lot of people riding those coattails, and I am proud of the fact that I made it on my own.

**Is there a dream show or role that you would like to get that you have not played yet?**

I don't know that I would call it a dream role, but I would love to play Anita in *West Side Story*. That is such a great part. After I finish up this tour, I may take a break though because I went right from *RENT* to *In The Heights*. My ultimate goal is to have a recording career as a solo artist so I am

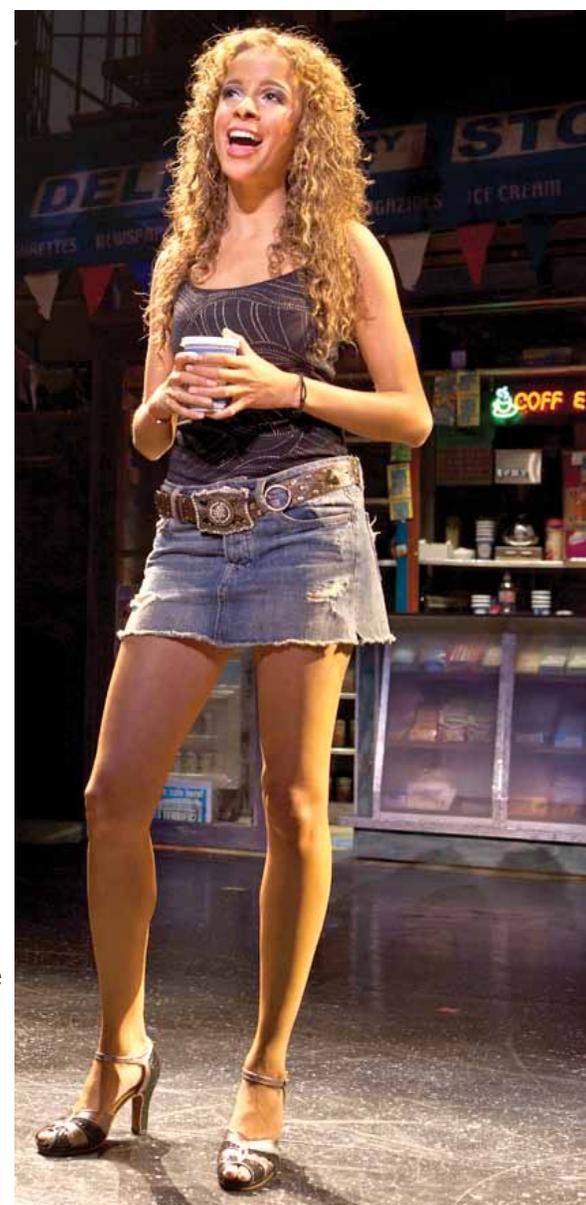
thinking about moving to L.A. to pursue that dream.

**How have audiences responded to the tour, and why should Sacramento theater fans turn out to see *In The Heights*?**

Audiences love it because the show is about real-life struggles, and a lot of people are struggling right now. And yet it's really entertaining. The music is very upbeat and full of energy, and the story has such a powerful message about the importance of family and friendship and tradition. You can leave your neighborhood, but never forget where you came from.

*In The Heights* will play the Sacramento Community Center Theater November 3-14. Visit [www.BroadwaySacramento.com](http://www.BroadwaySacramento.com) for more information.

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Lexi Lawson in a scene from *In the Heights*.

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# Movies

by Chris Narloch

## Clint Eastwood Directs Matt Damon in *Hereafter*

Sometimes all of the right ingredients just don't come together. Clint Eastwood's new supernatural drama is an example of this.

*Hereafter* would appear to have everything going for it, but the end result is definitely less than the sum of its parts.

Eastwood is one of the most talented American directors alive, and Matt Damon is a versatile, consistent and underrated actor. For his part, Peter Morgan, the film's screenwriter, was responsible for terrific screenplays such as *The Queen* and *Frost/Nixon*.

So why is *Hereafter* so disappointing? The problem, I think, is that all involved attempted to make a serious film about the afterlife when a good scary ghost story would have done the trick.

The movie begins with a riveting recreation of the Southeast Asian tsunami from 2004, which is used as a springboard for a fictional story of a French woman (Cecile de



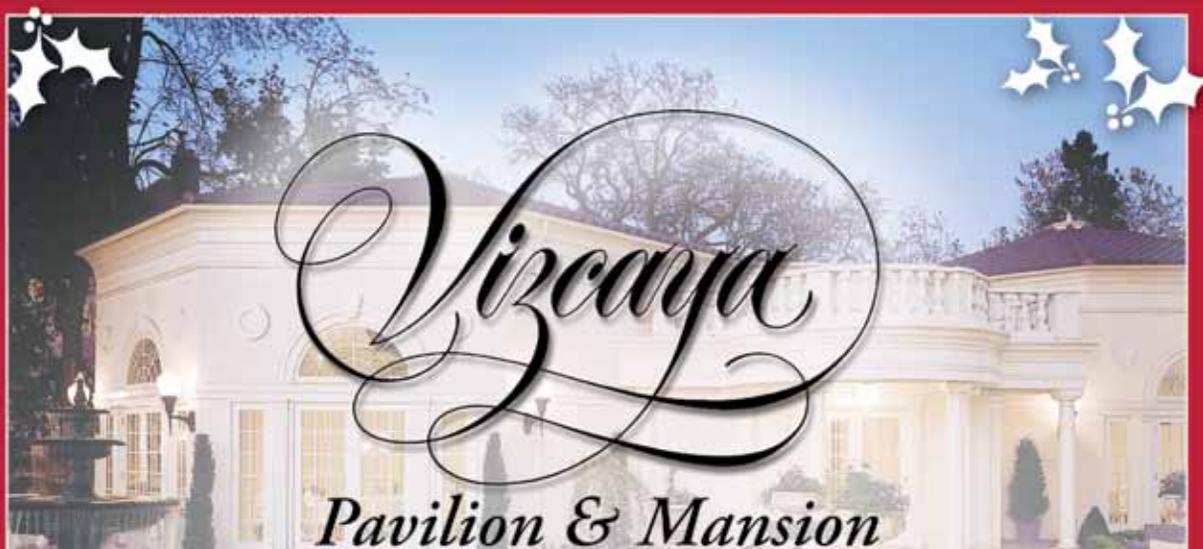
France) who is haunted by her experience after she survives the tragedy.

That storyline is interwoven with a sub-plot about a London schoolboy who loses his twin as a result of a senseless bout of

bullying and then attempts to contact his late brother via the spirit world.

In the script's third plot line, Matt

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## Debbie Reynolds to Appear at Thunder Valley & Jennifer Holliday Will Belt It Out at the Castro

The first half of November finds two gay icons making rare appearances in Northern California. They won't be appearing together, unfortunately (wouldn't that be crazy fun?), but any opportunity to see Debbie Reynolds or Jennifer Holliday should not be missed.



Debbie Reynolds

### Jennifer Holliday

The original Effie White from Broadway's *Dreamgirls*, Jennifer Holliday won a well-deserved Tony Award for her show-stopping performance in that landmark musical's premier

production, which opened in 1981.

Jennifer Hudson was surprisingly good in that same role in the movie

version of *Dreamgirls*, but if you have never heard Holliday sing then you need to drive over to San Francisco and witness her volcanic interpretation of *Dreamgirls'* signature ballad, "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going."

Holliday will perform a wide range of material from throughout her recording career when she hits the stage at the Castro Theatre on Friday,

November 12 at 8 p.m. Please visit [www.CastroTheatre.com](http://www.CastroTheatre.com) for more information.



Jennifer Holliday

## Angels

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premiere in San Francisco, from its triumphs in London and on Broadway to the HBO film, the opera, and the brand new Signature Theatre revival in New York.

The exhibition brings together a stunning array of original costumes, props, manuscripts, video clips, photos, designs, and other rare memorabilia from key productions of *Angels*, as well as new audio and video interviews conducted especially for the

exhibition with many of the play's creators and participating artists.

Playwright Tony Kushner will attend the opening gala on November 5, and participate in a conversation with curator Brad Rosenstein on November 6. The exhibition is on view November 6 - March 26 at the Museum of Performance & Design in San Francisco.

Visit [www.angelsinsf.org](http://www.angelsinsf.org) for more information.

### Debbie Reynolds

The term "legend" gets thrown around pretty often, but this multi-talented entertainer from the Golden Age of Hollywood truly is a living legend. Still performing decades after most of her contemporaries have either retired or expired, Reynolds can do it all - sing, dance, act and tell outrageously funny jokes and stories.

Star of stage and screen, Reynolds made her name in such unforgettable films as *Singin' in the Rain*, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, *How the West Was Won* and *In & Out*. She survived Eddie Fisher in more ways than one, and her Hollywood pedigree has been passed on to daughter Carrie Fisher, who played Princess Leia in the *Star Wars* films.

Reynolds will appear for one night only in Thunder Valley's Pano Hall, on Sunday, November 7th at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.ThunderValleyResort.com](http://www.ThunderValleyResort.com).

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# Out & About

## A Very Theatrical Drag Queen Bingo

It was another great night of Drag Queen Bingo at Hamburger Patties, this time to help support the Lambda Players. Felicity Diamond and all you great Bingo players raised \$525 for the Players – now enjoy the fruits of your generosity, go see a show! Visit [LambdaPlayers.com](http://LambdaPlayers.com)



## The Brits Are Back On CD - Elton, Bryan and Robbie

Ever since the Beatles invaded America in the '60s, music lovers in the U.S. have had a fascination with British acts. Read on for my reviews of new releases by three of the best U.K. imports from the last several decades - Elton John, Bryan Ferry and Robbie Williams.

### Elton John & Leon Russell

#### The Union

#### Decca Records

Leon Russell is no Brit, but Elton John is, and their first studio collaboration is a surprising success. It's also a personal triumph for John, who performed with Russell when he first came to this country 40 years ago and has idolized him ever since.

John is now 63 and Russell 68, and *The Union* is so good that one wonders what took them this long.

Maybe they needed master producer T Bone Burnett to free up his busy schedule, and thankfully he did. *The Union* also benefits from Bernie Taupin's singular skills as a lyricist and from guest vocals by Brian Wilson and Neil Young. John and Russell should expect a slew of Grammy Awards early next year.

Where do I begin? John's beautiful piano playing on "Never Too Old" and Russell's wonderfully rugged vocal on "If It Wasn't For Bad" are as good a place as any. Other standouts include "I Should Have Sent Roses," "Eight Hundred Dollar Shoes," the soulful "Monkey Suit," and the haunting "Gone to Shiloh" with Neil Young.

### Robbie Williams

#### The Greatest Hits 1990-2010

#### Astralwerks Records

The biggest selling solo artist in U.K. history, Robbie Williams is less widely known here in the States. This ambitious "best of" collection, which features a whopping 39 songs on 2 CDs, should set the record straight that he is a musical force to be reckoned with.

The album includes a new single, "Shame," recorded with Williams' former bandmate from Take That, Gary Barlow. It also collects his successful collaborations with Pet Shop Boys ("She's Madonna"), Kylie Minogue ("Kids"), and Nicole Kidman ("Somethin' Stupid").

The revelation here is how versatile Williams is musically, exhibiting the same degree of skill on a sweet and simple cover of "Mr. Bojangles" as he displays on the symphonic stunner, "I Will Talk and Hollywood Will Listen."

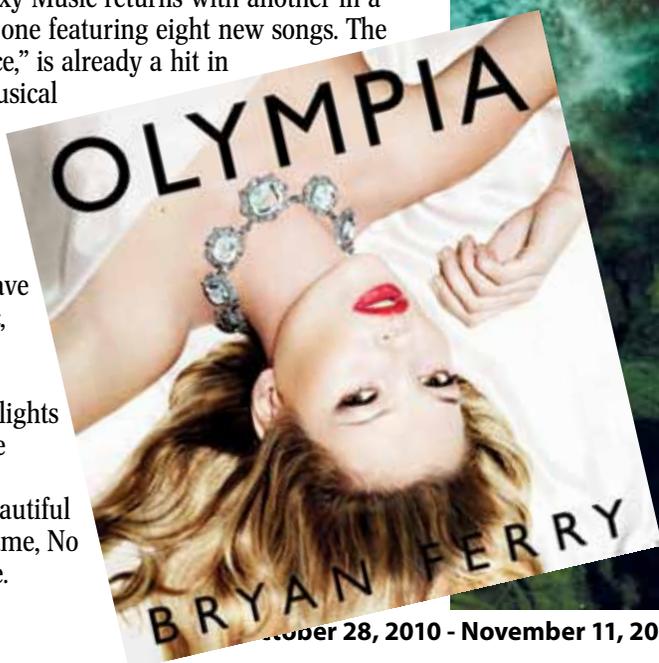
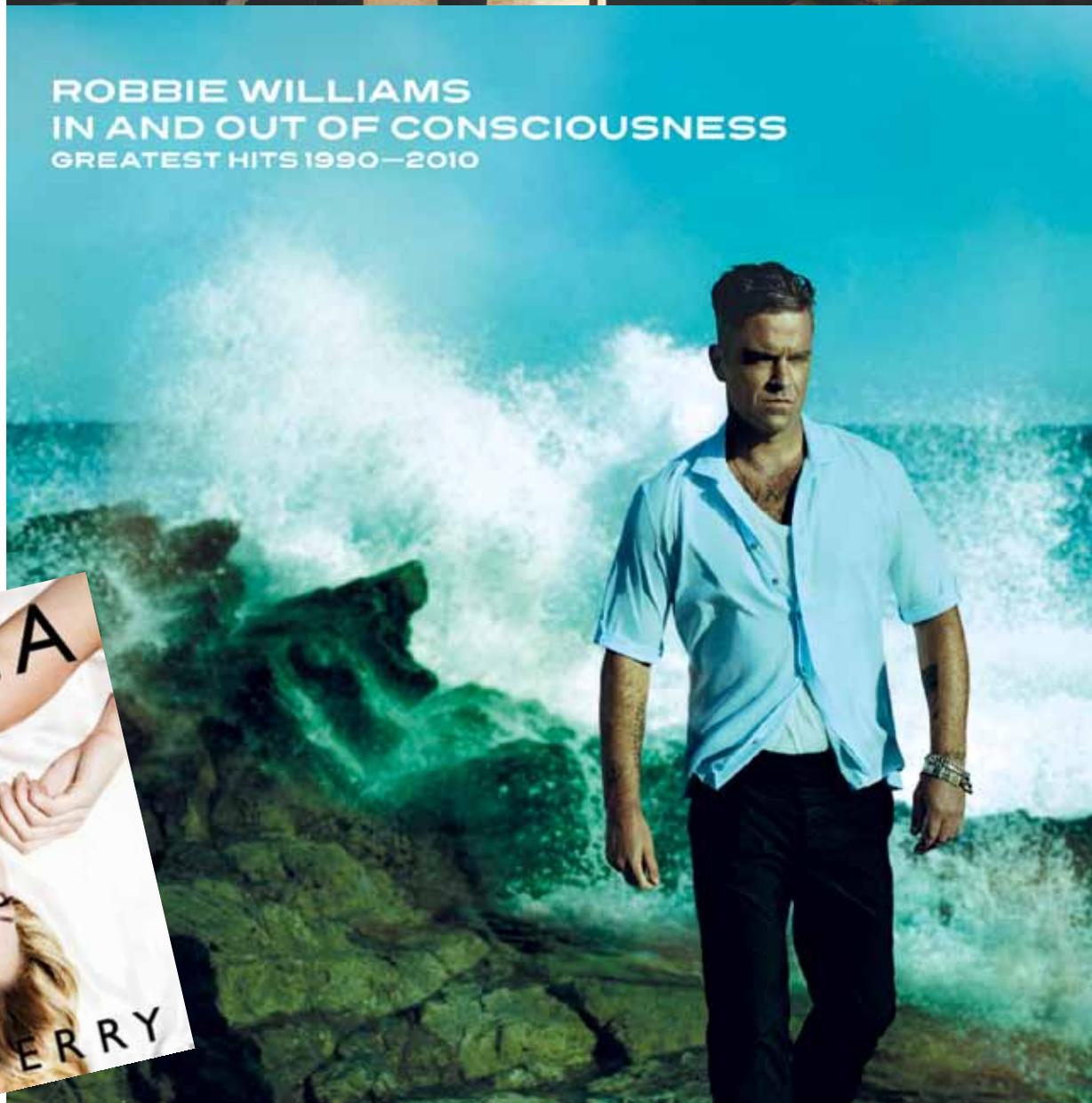
### Bryan Ferry

#### Olympia

#### Astralwerks Records

The legendary lead singer for Roxy Music returns with another in a long line of great solo records, this one featuring eight new songs. The sublime first single, "You Can Dance," is already a hit in Europe, and the album includes musical collaborations with Nile Rodgers, Pink Floyd's David Gilmour, Groove Armada, Scissor Sisters, Flea and Jonny Greenwood of Radiohead.

Ferry, who is one of the most suave figures in the history of rock music, also rejoins with members of Roxy Music, including Brian Eno, Phil Manzanera and Andy McKay. Highlights (and there are no lowlights) include Ferry's excellent reworking of Tim Buckley's "Song To the Siren;" a beautiful version of Traffic's "No Face, No Name, No Number" and the lovely "Alphaville."



# Calendar

compiled by Charles Peer

## Oct.

### Friday, 29

Happy hour prices for people in costume, and no cover! Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com

haunted house and tons of ghoulish goodies. 4:30 - 8 p.m. Sac Zoo, Land Park. Info: SacZoo.com 916-808-5888

show ever, 600+66, with Graham Sobelman at the piano. 7 & 9 p.m. \$15. The Geery Theatre, 2130 L St. Info: 916-798-6352 GrahamARama.com

1986 badass thriller. What are you afraid of, it's only rock n' roll. 9 p.m. The Crest, 1013 K St. \$10 (\$9 for zombies). Info: Crest.com

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**CATHEDRAL VESPERS**  
The Sacramento Choral Society and special guests CSUS organist Stephan Janzen perform the Rachmaninoff Vespers and other works. 8 p.m. Cathedral of Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th St. Info: 916-536-9065

**Hangin's Start at Dusk**  
Treat yourself to a Halloween show of a hangin' sort at this part living history, part scare-athon, and witness the trial of the Sacramento Strangler, with appearances from the families, lawmen and victims. Benefit for The Sunburst Projects. Through Oct. 31 Corner of 25th & I Sts. Bring your own nooses.

**BOO AT THE ZOO**  
See Saturday, 10/30



**FACES IN WONDERLAND**  
The ghoulies are stirring, so join them for a night of mayhem and fun, with a costume contest and \$1,000 in cash and prizes to the winners. Faces, 2000 K St. Info: www.FACES.net

**FACES IN WONDERLAND**  
The ghoulies are still out and about, so join them for another night of mayhem and fun, with a costume contest and \$300 in cash and prizes to the winners. Faces, 2000 K St. Info: www.FACES.net

### Sunday, 31

**COSUMNES PRESERVE HIKE**  
Experience the changing seasons on the trails of nearby Cosumnes River Preserve, one of Sacramento's natural gems. See winter birds arriving and other critters. About 5 miles of walking. G&L Sierrans. Info:916-379-0724

**LUCCA HALLOWEEN**  
Get all monstored-up for this happy hour celebration with best male and female costume contest, and great specials. 4 - 10 p.m. Lucca, 1615 J St.

**WIN SPOOKY CASH**  
What's Spooky Cash? A chance to win \$1,666 in cash, plus hot seat drawings all day. Jackson Rancheria, 12222 New York Ranch Road, Jackson. Info: 800-822-WINN JacksonCasino.com

**TRILOGY OF TERROR**  
If that date last night wasn't scary enough, then maybe this lineup of horror films will do the trick. *The House by the Cemetery* (4 p.m.); *Horror Hotel* (5:45 p.m.); and *Night of the Living Dead* (7:30 p.m.) \$10 for all three; \$8 for two, or \$5 for one. Movies on a Big Screen at The Guild, 2828 35th St. Info: MoviesOnABigScreen.com

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**WAR OF THE WORLDS**  
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Men hearing, sharing and speaking from the heart in a supportive, warm and caring environment. Hosted by Calif. Men's Gathering. 4 - 6 p.m. RSVP: 916-768-9151 BearMassage@aol.com

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### Saturday, 30

**THE BLACK PARTY**  
What's scarier than Sarah Palin with a handgun? What's more fun than an Addams Family reunion? It's The Bolt's Black Party! So, put on your cape, slap in your fangs and meet up with the other creatures of the night and join the costume contest for big prizes.

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# Thursday, 4

**LEATHER 101**  
Learn the basics of leather. Hosted by the Sacramento Valley Leathercorps. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Geery Theater, 22nd & L St., Sac. Info: SVLClub.org

# Saturday, 6

**SVGL SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS**  
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Join Sac's active LGBT seniors for a potluck meeting, guest speakers and fun! 11 a.m. St. Paul's Episcopal, Parish room, 15th and J Streets. Info: SeniorGays.org

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# Sunday, 7

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# Monday, 8

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There's going to be lots of changes to this year's Oscar Night Sacramento, come learn all about them at this social and mixer - and get discounted tickets for the main event. Lucca Restaurant, 1615 J St. Info: CapCityAIDSFund.org

**STONEWALL DEMOCRATS**  
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**DADT TOWN HALL MEETING**  
The Sac Valley Veterans host a meeting to discuss the current status of DADT and strategies going forward. 5 p.m. Sac G&L Center, 1927 L St. Info: 916-436-7676 SacLGBTVeterans.org

# Tuesday, 9

**COWBOY/COWGIRL SOCIAL**  
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# Wednesday, 10

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Rusty & Felicity are hosting a special night of Bingo to help raise funds for Sac. Valley LGBT Veterans. Come join the fun, Bingo starts at 7 p.m., but folks start arriving around 5 - 5:30 p.m. to get a great table and a great HP dinner. Hamburger Patties, 1630 J St. Info: 916-441-4340

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Join the Sac Valley Veterans for a social night out. 6 p.m.

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# Out & About

## SIGLFF Presents Best in LGBT Films

SIGLFF, the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, was held Oct. 7, 8 & 9 at the Crest Theatre to nearly capacity audiences each night. With two feature films and nearly 20 short films, there was something for everyone at this year's festival, which many proclaimed the best ever, and featured live appearances from many of the actors and directors from the films.



SIGLFF.org

Gay Games VIII Cologne 2010 was helped greatly this year in Cologne, Germany, by the local city government and the German Foreign Prime Minister Guido Westerwelle."

"The Gay Games in 2014 will shine a national and international spotlight on the City of Cleveland. Our representatives either lead or are a part of some of Cleveland's and the region's most dynamic institutions and will help show the world our greatness," said Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson.

The cities of Cleveland and Akron were awarded the games last year following a competitive bidding process and the Cleveland

City Council has passed legislation in support of the Gay Games in 2014. The games will kick-off in Cleveland August 9-16, 2014.

"As an openly gay African-American young man who also happens to be a native Cleveland-er, it is truly an honor and a privilege to be involved in the world's largest sporting and cultural event organized by, and specifically for LGBT athletes, musicians and artists," said Cleveland Special Events Corp. board member Nathaniel Tolliver. "I am very excited about the impact this special event that brings together people from all over the world will have on the city of

Cleveland and particularly our own LGBT community"

Board member Hollie Ksiezzyk commented how current bully issues tie in to the importance of the 2014 event. "At a time where there is so much pain and grief surrounding LGBT youth, we look forward to reaching out to our schools and young people in the community to provide a safe outlet and environment among friends and family. It's reassuring to know Cleveland is a place where rich culture and diverse traditions welcome opportunities to collaborate on historic projects like the Gay Games."

## Royal

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held at the Sacramento home of Dr. Darrick Lawson and Dale Howard.

"I have really enjoyed being tapped into and working with the gay community," Rowe says. "When I was laid off from my job I felt like it was the right time to go into this."

Rowe calls on his skills in set-building, painting and sewing – a skill he learned from his grandmother (he sews many of his own costumes).

"A Royal Event specializes in transforming the experience, taking it to a new place, not just throwing a

dinner party, but carrying through the theme from start to finish."

Rowe has developed working relationships with local merchants such as Party Concierge, Sacramento Theatrical Lighting and Infinite Entertainment and partners with close friend and drag sister Paul Crouch, a corporate caterer for 20 years, who recently helped launch the catering portion of Royal Events.

"I want people to think of Royal Events as a company that does everything from fundraising to

house parties to corporate luncheons to thank-you events for sponsors," Rowe says. "We have no limitations. We are willing to take on any project and see what we can do with it."

For more information about Royal Events, visit [www.ARoyalEvent.org](http://www.ARoyalEvent.org).

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## Hereafter

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Damon plays a lonely, burnt-out psychic who has turned his back on his gifts, despite the best efforts of his brother, because he considers them a curse.

These ideas could have been shaped into either a serious drama about surviving grief, or a creepy mystery in the vein of *The Sixth Sense*. *Hereafter* is neither.

Damon's psychic 'readings' are

neither moving nor suspenseful, and the actor's conception of depression, which lacks any shading, becomes dull very quickly.

That's too bad because the opening sequence, of a seaside resort town hit by an enormous wave, is truly stunning, and the sub-plot featuring the young boy obsessed with his dead brother is effectively heartbreaking.



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CALL NOW AND RESERVE BADLANDS FOR YOUR PRIVATE HOLIDAY PARTY!

## MONSTER BALL WEEKEND

**FRIDAY OCT. 29**  
**GAGA GIVEAWAY!**

Enter to win 3 pairs of Lady GaGa tickets  
Drawings at 11pm 12am and 1am  
Must be present to win  
**WENDY HO PERFORMING LIVE @ 8PM**

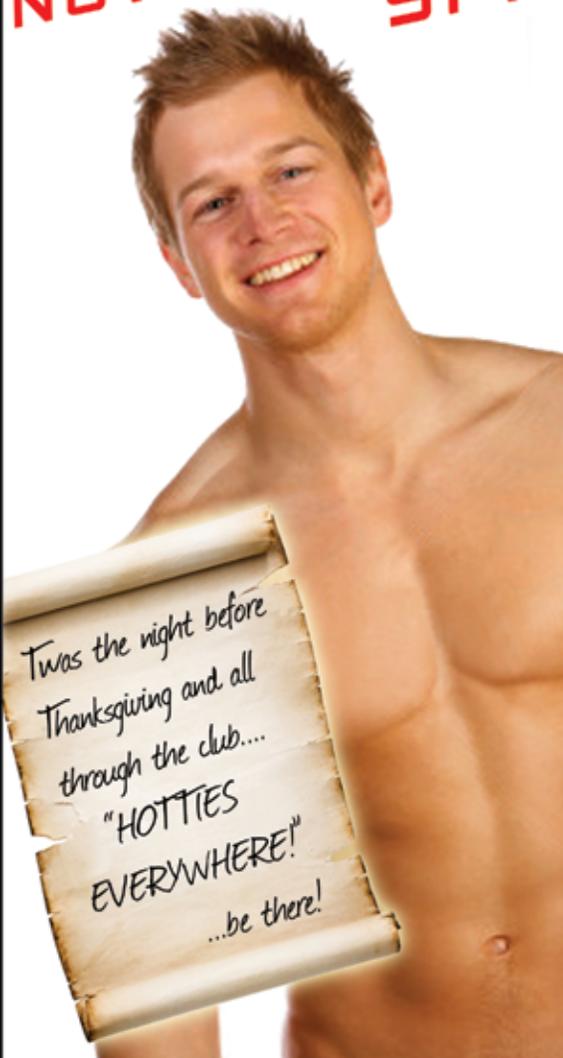
**SATURDAY OCT. 30**  
**Monster Ball Masquerade**  
Best Lady GaGa themed costume wins a pair of  
Lady GaGa tickets. Judging at midnight.

**SUNDAY OCT. 31**  
**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST**  
\$300 in cash and prizes



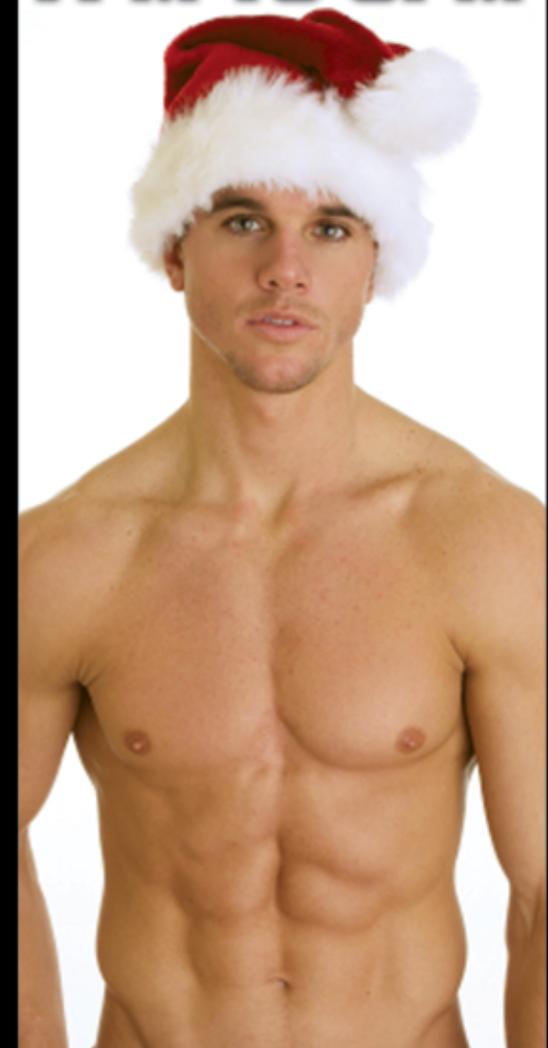
## BUTTERBALL!

NIGHT BEFORE  
THANKSGIVING PARTY!  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 24**  
**9PM**



## CUSTOMER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

**FRIDAY**  
**DECEMBER 17**  
**7PM TO 9PM**



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