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LGBT Elder Hotline Aims to Reduce Holiday Isolation

As part of its work to improve the lives of LGBT older people, Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) has launched the country's first hotline dedicated to LGBT elders.

The SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline is operated by the GLBT National Help Center and staffed entirely by LGBT volunteers. This new national program responds to the fact that many LGBT people live in parts of the country which lack community support targeted to their needs.

The holidays can be a lonely time, especially for older LGBT people, who are less likely to have children and more

likely to suffer from social isolation. The LGBT Elder Hotline was established to provide support, as well as information and referrals, to LGBT older people no matter where they live.

The SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline is live and ready to take calls at 1-888-234-SAGE. It is open Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to midnight Eastern Time, and on Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. LGBT elders can also

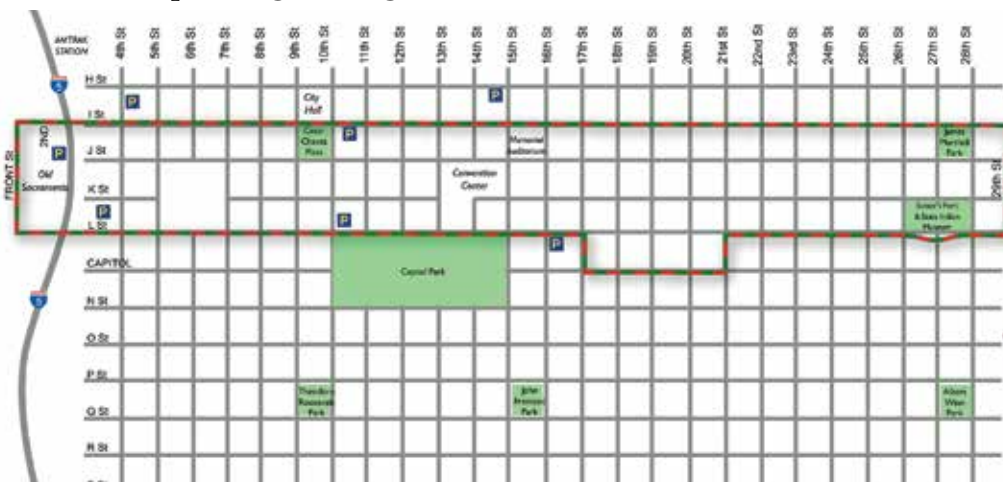
contact the hotline at SAGE@GLBThotline.org.

"Prioritizing the needs of LGBT older people is at the core of our mission," said SAGE CEO Michael Adams. "Vulnerable elders need us, no matter where they live in the country. The SAGE LGBT Hotline will help ensure that we reach more isolated LGBT elders than ever before."

While the SAGE hotline volunteer list is currently full, we encourage people to make a difference by making a charitable donation to further SAGE's work at sageusa.org/donate. Now, more than ever, LGBT elders need support.

City Continues Free Holiday Parking Program

In an effort to encourage residents to dine and shop downtown during the holiday season, the City of Sacramento will offer free metered parking during modified hours.



The City will offer free parking on weekdays after 4:30 p.m. and all-day on weekends starting Nov. 25 through Dec. 25 in midtown and Old Sacramento.

Free meter parking zones will extend from I to L streets, and from Front to 29th streets, and will only apply to metered on-street parking spaces.

All other parking violations are still enforceable as posted such as street cleaning and color zones.

The City also encourages drivers to use the East End Garage located on 17th Street between L Street and Capitol Avenue. The City offers a \$2 flat rate after 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and all day on the weekends, excluding second Saturday (Dec. 10).

For more information please see the attached map or visit sacpark.org.

Cheer Sacramento Seeks New Members

Cheer Sacramento, Sacramento's Original "Charitable Cheerleaders," is holding mid-season tryouts for the 2016-2017 season, and is calling all cheerleaders, dancers and gymnasts to come and tryout.

Tryouts will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at CheerXperience gym (11335 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742).

Cheer Sacramento has been actively involved in the Sacramento community since 1999 and performs and fundraises at various community events, including Sacramento Pride, the Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure" and the California International Marathon. The team has even been in a Coca-Cola commercial.

This past year, the team raised over \$1,500 for our 2015-2016 beneficiary, the Shriners Hospital for Children - Northern California, as well as various other charitable causes, including the Davis Phoenix Coalition.

Their beneficiary for 2016-2017 is the Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation.

When attending tryouts, participants should wear red, white and blue work-out clothes and athletic shoes - cheer shoes are preferred - and bring water. Participants will learn a routine that will include stunting, a dance and jumps. Additionally, there will be a short interview. The cost to tryout is \$20 and will include a Cheer Sacramento t-shirt.

For more information, please visit www.cheersacramento.org or email Meri Thresher at meri@cheersacramento.org.

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Game Over for Anti-LGBT NC Governor Pat McCrory

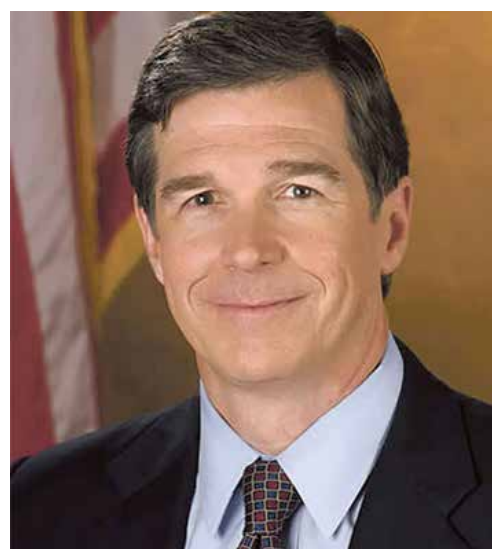
North Carolina Governor-Elect Roy Cooper's victory margin has crossed the crucial 10,000 vote mark, a threshold that prevents current Governor Pat McCrory from demanding additional recounts at taxpayer's expense.

With a stunning 66 percent of North Carolina voters reporting opposition to HB2 in exit polling, it's clear that HB2 cost McCrory his re-election bid.

According to polling commissioned by HRC and ENC and performed by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, 57 percent of voters put HB2 as the top reason "not to vote for Pat McCrory" – exceeding any other issue by 17 points.

The latest tally shows McCrory 10,329 votes behind. Because Cooper has a 10,000 vote margin of victory, McCrory is no longer entitled to a recount paid for by taxpayers, but he may request one at his own expense.

"North Carolina just sent a powerful message to the entire country: the days of preying on LGBTQ people for political gain



North Carolina Governor-elect Roy Cooper

is over," said HRC President Chad Griffin. "McCrory failed to listen to the majority of fair-minded North Carolinians who know that anti-LGBTQ hatred has no place in their state – and he lost big because of it."

Not only did HB2 cost McCrory his re-election, it dragged down several state candidates. HRC and ENC endorsed Roy Cooper for Governor and Josh Stein for Attorney General, who both won, as well as four challenger races that also declared victory: Rep. Cynthia Ball (D), Chaz Beasley (D), Joe John (D) and Mary Belk (D).

Instead of accepting the fact that voters rejected his bid for re-election, McCrory launched an all-out effort to throw the integrity of the election into question by lodging baseless voter protests in more than half of the state's 100 counties. Earlier this week the Republican-controlled State Board of Elections issued an order requiring dismissal of all 52 of those protests.

Bisexual Men and Women Face Pay Gap

Bisexual men and women are paid less for doing the same jobs than similarly qualified heterosexual men and women, according to Indiana University research that breaks new ground by treating bisexual individuals as distinct from gay men and lesbians in the workplace.

The study, "Sexual Orientation in the Labor Market," was published online by the American Sociological Review, the flagship journal of the American Sociological Association. The author is Trenton D. Mize, a doctoral student in the Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mize finds that gay men and lesbians are also treated differently from heterosexual men and women when it comes to pay. But those differences, he said, are largely explained by the fact that earnings are correlated with whether employees are married and have children.

For bisexual men and women, the evidence is "highly suggestive" that workplace discrimination is a factor leading to lower pay. The data don't prove

discrimination causes lower pay, but Mize was able to rule out many alternative explanations for the wage gap, such as age, education and occupation. Also, bisexual men and women do report unfair treatment



from others, lending support to the idea that they face discrimination.

Mize said the findings lend support to arguments for nondiscrimination laws and policies.

"There is currently no federal law prohibiting labor market discrimination based on sexual orientation, and a majority of states in the U.S. still allow discrimination based on sexual orientation," Mize said. "I show that sexual orientation is associated with wages – with bisexual men and women being paid less – underlining the importance of legal protections."

He said the results suggest that any sociological analysis of sexual orientation "should take a more nuanced view, moving beyond thinking of sexual orientation as a binary." For example, some studies have found that bisexual men and women tend to have worse health outcomes than heterosexual, gay or lesbian men and women. Other research, including work by Mize and his colleagues, has shown that social stereotypes vary greatly for lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals.

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Civil Rights Leader to Keynote Creating Change Conference

The National LGBTQ Task Force has announced that Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II will deliver the keynote address at the 2017 Creating Change Conference, the nation's largest gathering for LGBTQ activists and allies.

Barber, who serves as the President of the North Carolina NAACP and is best known for leading the "Moral Monday" movement, will speak in front of thousands of attendees on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

"We are facing a pivotal moment in the history of our nation – one where we must work even more closely together to defeat the opponents of progress," said Rea Carey, National LGBTQ Task Force Executive Director. "Dr. Barber is a leader who brings an amazing array of people together for change. We are very excited to hear his inspirational words as our keynote speaker at Creating Change 2017."

In 2013, Barber began organizing weekly "Moral Monday" protests at the North Carolina Capitol in Raleigh against Governor Pat McCrory and the legislature's attempts to roll back major advances in civil rights, education, healthcare, and voting rights.

The protests began with a small group of clergy and activists and grew to thousands the following months. The Moral Monday protests have since inspired similar movements in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and elsewhere, in response to lawmakers seeking to deny historically marginalized communities their basic rights,



Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II

legal protections, and critical human services.

Previous conference keynote speakers include actress/activist Laverne Cox, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) President Thomas Saenz, former U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan, former NAACP President Ben Jealous, and Civil Rights icons Coretta Scott King and Dolores Huerta.

To register to attend the conference, please visit: CreatingChange.org.

Full Frontal with Samantha Bee Renewed for 2017

TV's Emmy-nominated, award-winning late-night show *Full Frontal with Samantha Bee* has been renewed for a second season starting in 2017.



Hailed by *The New Yorker* as "America's new Comedian-in-Chief," Samantha Bee will continue her weekly series for another year following her bare-knuckled coverage of the 2016 Presidential election when the show moves to a new timeslot, Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m. starting Jan. 11.

"I am only sorry that this renewal leaves me unavailable for a cabinet position in the new administration," Bee said. "I will, however, be available to host the White House Correspondents Dinner, seeing as I already bought the dress."

Throughout its first season, *Full Frontal with Samantha Bee* has covered the Presidential election extensively, including a sit-down interview with the current President and several female leaders from around the world.

It has also shined a light on specific issues, such as untested rape kits in Georgia, abortion laws in Texas and local state legislators across the country as well as national tragedies such as the mass shooting in Orlando. Bee also traveled around the globe to cover stories from an international perspective, with segments from Jordan, Germany and, most recently, Russia.

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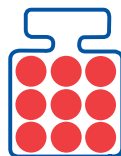
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Resist the Click - Quick Tips for a Cyber-Safe Holiday

by Jennifer Garland

The holidays bring out the best and worst of folks – more so this year with a contentious election just under our belts – and there seem to be more Grinches out there this year ready to spike your holiday nog by messing with your technology.

That means you need to be more vigilant as you connect through your various devices to the Internet of everything. Following some simple tips – and an X-Files motto (trust no one) – will go a long way to saving you money and frustrations down the road.

Let's start with "resist the click." I know it is seems critical to immediately respond to that link that someone put in a tweet, FB post, email or text. However, unless you are sure about the sender and the site, it is best to resist – trust but verify.

Security experts are repeating their mantra to never trust a link embedded in a message and to go to the site directly (even here). An interim step is to mouse over without clicking to see where that link is taking you.

Instead of Wells Fargo or My Cute Kitty Pics – it could be sending you to a site waiting to take your account info or download a virus/Trojan. A bit of patience and caution can be worth big \$\$\$s in repairs or fraudulent charges/withdrawals.

Also, resist responding to contests on social media, texts or in emails unless you can verify it's legit – like the free Disney tickets, cars or vacations. Use Snopes.com and/or the contest website to verify it's real. Don't spread bad links – if you find you posted something that's not legit, delete it then tell your friends to do the same AND scan your computer.

Phone scams hurt too. Microsoft/Yahoo/Apple employees really won't call about your computer problems. When allowed, the fake employees of those organizations take over your machine – and leave viruses,

remote technology, rootkits and more. If you get that call, don't respond to their spiel. Take the phone number and report it online at www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams.

Similarly, if your machine blue screens with a message that says your computer has failed call Microsoft, please stop, disconnect from the internet, shutdown your machine (properly if possible) and contact an expert to help you clean your machine.

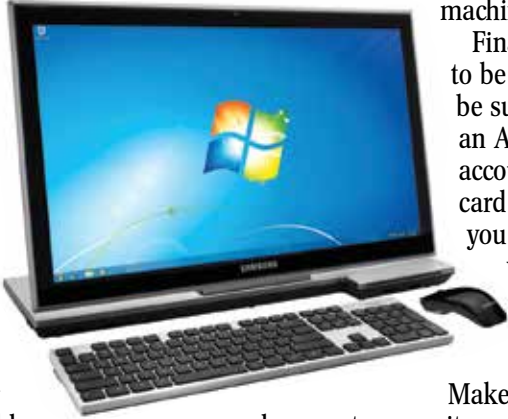
Finally, if you're going to be purchasing online, be sure to avoid using an ATM/Checking account card. If your card is compromised, you don't want to wake up on Christmas with an empty bank account.

Make sure your antivirus and computer security patches are up to date and that you have done a complete scan, and eliminated, any threats and be sure you purchase from reputable, secure sites looking for HTTPS in the URL when entering personal information.

Finally, be sure to check your accounts on a regular basis (even daily) and set text alerts for your cards for any activity however minor.

For more tips to stay technology safe go to - <https://staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/resources/holiday-shopping-backgroundunder>.

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Your Name Explores Gender Roles with a Twist



While not truly an LGBT film, *Your Name* is a beautiful story about time, fate and the hearts of two young souls who one night suddenly switch places. Mitsuha wakes up in Taki's body and he in hers. This bizarre occurrence continues to happen randomly and the two must adjust their lives around each other. Yet somehow, it works. *Your Name* will open in theaters across the U.S. in early 2017.

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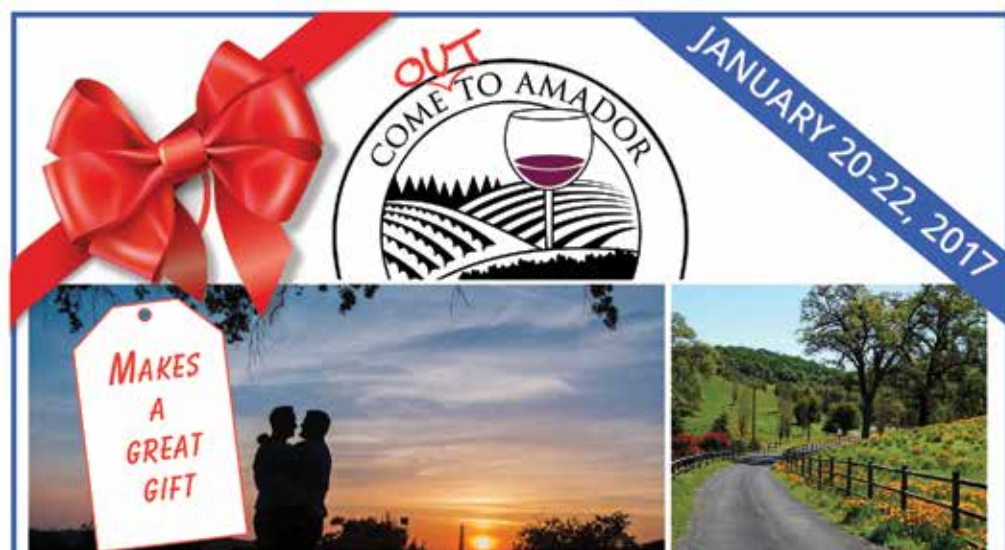


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David Byrne Discusses Seattle Rep's Production of *Here Lies Love*

by Peter Milinazzo

In its first production outside of New York and London, *Here Lies Love*, the critically-acclaimed disco musical about the rise and fall of Philippine First Lady Imelda Marcos by David Byrne (of The Talking Heads) and Fatboy Slim, is being presented by Seattle Repertory Theatre this spring.

The “popera” is a multi-media, “immersive” musical theater experience where lines between audience and cast members are blurred on a dance-club like set surrounded by projections of live and pre-recorded video.

Outword recently had a conversation about the show with David Byrne and Braden Abraham, Artistic Director of Seattle Repertory Theatre.

“I always wanted to create a show for a dance club setting,” Byrne explained, regarding the musical’s impetus. “I’m old enough to remember the Marcoses, and I learned at some point that Imelda loved disco – that she had a dance club on the roof of her palace, and that she had a disco ball installed in another home; she seemed to be enveloped in music, and I thought, ‘there’s got to be something here.’”

He spent a year doing research on Imelda, and much of the lyrical content is made up of actual quotes from the “steel butterfly” herself. The show’s title, *Here Lies Love* comes from a statement once made by Marcos regarding her desired epitaph.

When he set about writing the music for *Here Lies Love*, Byrne realized he was feeling challenged in a new way. The musician’s diverse body of work has incorporated African rhythms with his art-rock band Talking Heads, eclectic electronica with Brian Eno, Latin-tinged and Brazilian music on various projects, and film scores for *The Forest* and *The Last Emperor* (the latter earned Byrne an Oscar). Although he had certainly written dance music before, Byrne realized he needed help incorporating disco aspects into the score.

Enter Norman Cook, AKA Fatboy Slim, the British DJ known for the hits “Praise You” and “The Rockfeller Skank,” among others. “So I called up Norm – I had never even met him – and explicitly asked for his involvement,” said Byrne. He didn’t quite know what he was getting himself into; an album of

work turned into 24 songs!”

The original incarnation of the musical was produced as a concept album in 2010, with an all-star line up of singers lending their voices to the work. These included Cyndi Lauper, Tori Amos, Natalie Merchant, Sia, Florence Welch (of Florence and the Machine), Kate Pireson (of the B-52s), St. Vincent, Sharon Jones, and Santigold, among others, with Byrne himself on a couple of tracks.

Byrne’s vision of merging dance club and theater was realized with the 2013 premier of *Here Lies Love*

But to this writer, *Here Lies Love* seems more akin to *Cabaret*, which depicts a hedonistic Berlin complicit with the rise of the third Reich, a comparison concurred with by Abraham.

When asked if he draws parallels between *Here Lies Love* and the current political climate in the U.S., Byrne responded emphatically, “Yes, along with JFK, Ferdinand Marcos was one of the first to understand the power of the media” for political influence. Through the use of films he produced about himself and



Here Lies Love at The Public in NYC, taken by Joan Marcus

at the off-Broadway Public Theatre in New York City. The show was directed by Alex Timbers, choreographed by Annie-B Parsons, and starred Tony-Winner Ruthie Ann Miles as Imelda.

The musical employed a unique stage on the main floor of the theatre, requiring the removal of seats to incorporate a dance floor and runway where performers are surrounded by and interact directly with much of the audience, who dance alongside the cast throughout the show.

Byrne described the interactive nature of the piece: “The audience goes from being the members of a rally, to dancers at a club, to members of the general public, to being part of a mass demonstration.” Not only will they feel the euphoria, they will “feel the betrayal and inspiration,” promised Byrne.

The show has invited many and obvious comparisons to *Evita*, the Andrew Lloyd Weber musical about Eva Peron, who also rose from humble beginnings to become the wife of a controversial political leader.

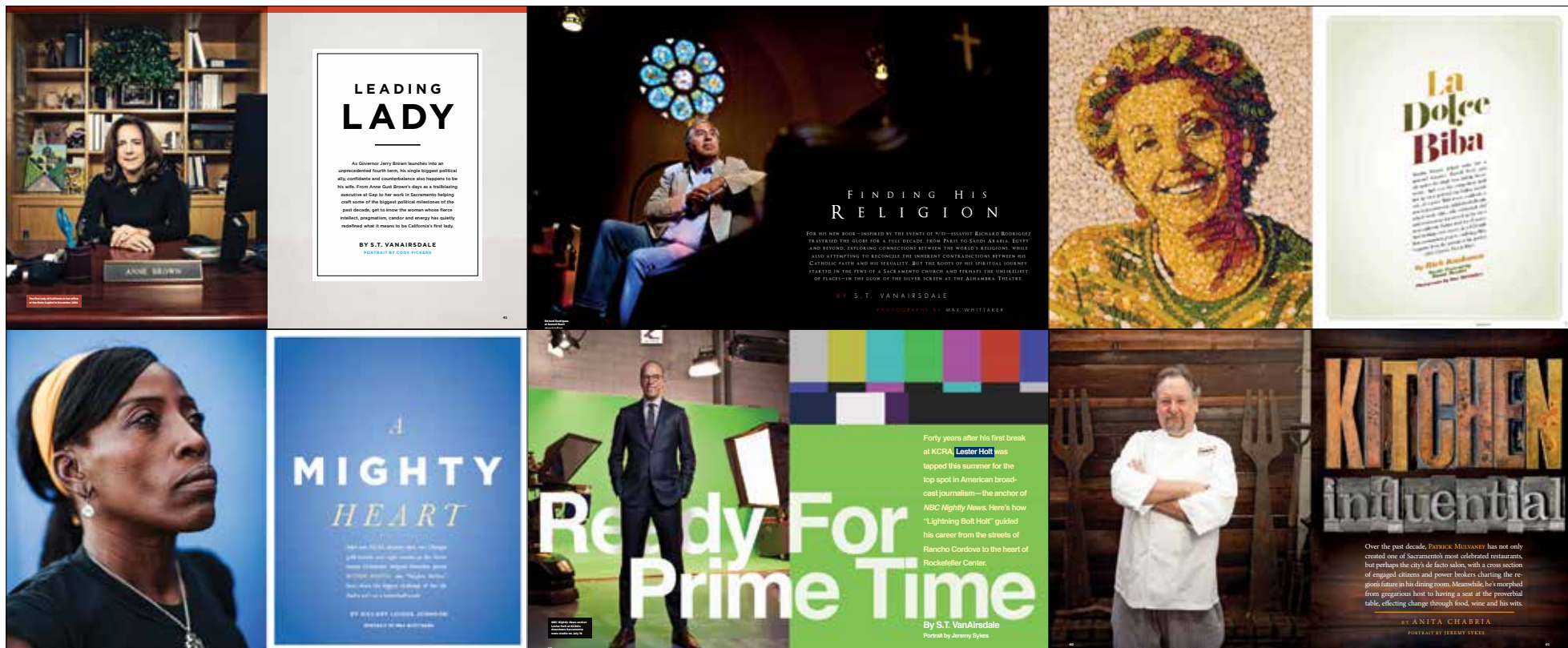
Byrne acknowledged the comparisons in our brief discussion.

Imelda, “he created his own myth.” Regarding the inherent dissonance of a disco musical about the rise of a dictator, Byrne confirmed, “dissonance is the point.”

Seattle Rep’s production of *Here Lies Love* will be helmed by the original director-choreographer team behind the previous productions of the musical. “It will be like nothing we’ve done before,” says Abraham; so much so, that an engineer needed to be engaged to manage the theater’s transformation to accommodate the uniquely interactive production.

“The undertaking is so considerable, that San Francisco’s American Conservatory Theatre (ACT), with which the Seattle company originally partnered to bring the musical to the west coast, cancelled its run due to the prohibitive cost of mounting the show. This means that the Seattle production may be your only chance to catch this unique musical theater production.

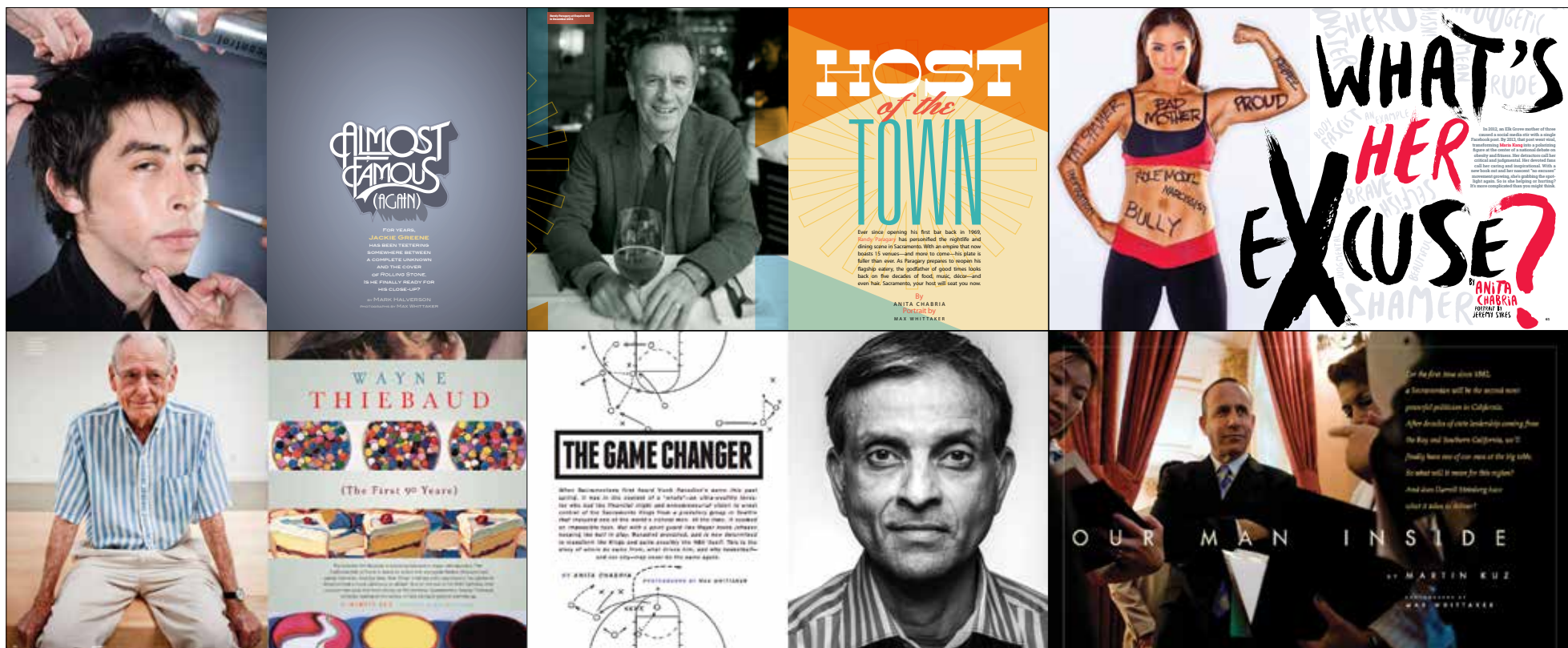
Here Lies Love, runs from April 7 through May 28, 2017 at the Seattle Repertory Theatre. Tickets are on sale now from \$75 at seattlerep.org or 206-443-2222 or 877-900-9285.



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Camellia Symphony & Sac Ballet Ring in the Holidays

by Chris Narloch

With so many events to choose from this holiday season, it can be stressful trying to decide which seasonal spectacles to spend your precious time and money on. Here are a couple of ideas you might consider, and coincidentally both of them put the spotlight on *The Nutcracker*.



The Nutty Nutcracker. Photo by Jay Mather.

Sacramento Ballet

Any ballet fan worth their salt has seen *The Nutcracker* at least once if not several times. But have you seen *The Nutty Nutcracker*?

The off-the-charts reaction to last year's Sacramento Ballet production of *The Nutty Nutcracker* practically blew the roof off the Sacramento Community Center Theater.

It's no surprise then that this zany, madcap send-up of your favorite holiday classic will perform not once but twice this year. Don't miss *The Nutty Nutcracker* at 7:00 p.m. this December 9 or 16.

The Nutcracker has enjoyed enormous popularity, especially since the late 1960s, and is now performed by countless ballet companies each December.

The Nutcracker is a two-act ballet, originally choreographed by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov with a score by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. The libretto is adapted from E.T.A. Hoffmann's story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*, by way of Alexander Dumas' adapted story *The Nutcracker*.

For you purists out there, the "non-nutty," original version of Ron Cunningham's *The Nutcracker* will perform as usual this holiday season, from December 10-23. Visit www.sacballet.org before tickets are all gone.

Camellia Symphony

The second concert of the Camellia Symphony season occurs on December 17, 2016 and is appropriately titled, *Holiday Celebration*.

And what better way to celebrate the holiday season than by featuring two of the most beloved musical icons in history?

Tchaikovsky's colorful music from *The Nutcracker*, featuring dancers from the Bellissima European Dance Academy, will be showcased in the first half of the program.

The evening will conclude with a symphony referred to by E.T.A. Hoffmann in 1813 as the "indescribably profound, magnificent symphony in C minor," *Beethoven's Fifth*.

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Gifting and Party Ideas To Jingle All Your Bells

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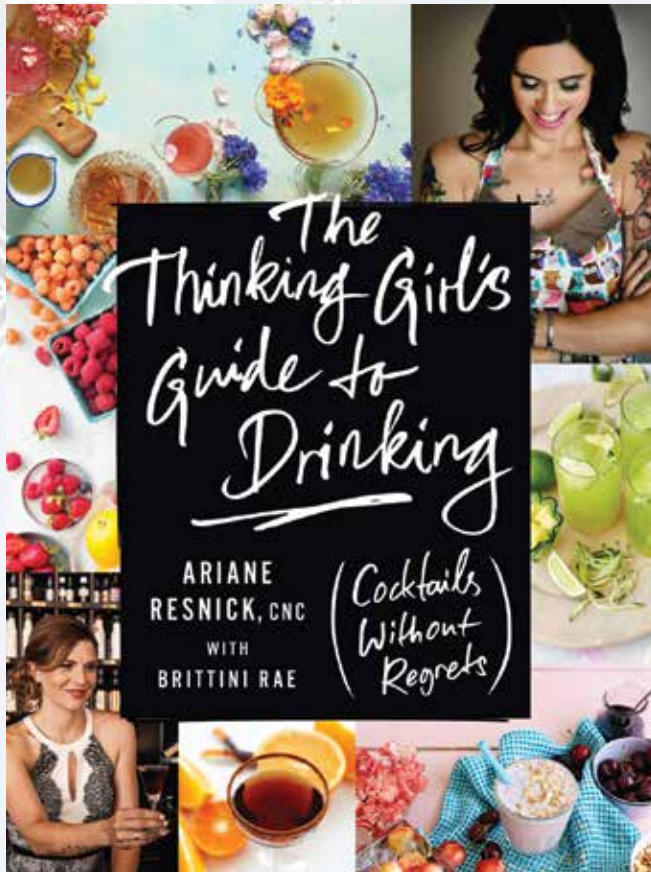
Shopping for the adults on your list can be a bit daunting, because basically, if they want it they probably already have it! So here are some suggestions that they may have not seen yet, along with some full-proof recipes, gift ideas, and party accessories with a tipsy twist.

And Remember, New Year's Eve celebrations are right around the corner
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Cranberry Moscow Mule

2 oz FRESH Cranberry Vodka
1 oz freshly squeezed lime juice
Ginger beer
Ice
Lime slice for garnish
Fill a mule mug with ice. Add vodka and lime juice. Top with ginger beer and stir.
Garnish with lime slice and serve.



Casa Cider

2 oz Casamigos Reposado
1/2 oz apple cider
1/2 oz fresh lemon juice
1/2 oz agave nectar
1 pinch of cinnamon
Combine all ingredients into tin shaker. Add ice. Shake vigorously for 8 to 10 seconds. Strain into rocks glass. Add fresh ice. Garnish with an apple slice, thyme sprig, star anise and sprinkle of cinnamon.

A Pitcher For Your Thoughts

LGBTQ author and nationally recognized mixologist Ariane Resnick celebrates the holidays a few thoughtful sheets to the wind in the fully illustrated *Thinking Girl's Guide to Drinking*, featuring 100 recipes for cocktails and mocktails, making it equally accessible for those who want to indulge and those who prefer to sip from the sidelines.



Minty Orchard

4 oz Angry Orchard Crisp Apple
1 oz vodka
1/2 oz crème de menthe
1/4 oz lemon juice
Shake and strain over ice in a rocks glass.
Top with Angry Orchard Crisp Apple.
Garnish with a small candy cane and mint sprig.



Winter Break

Created by Public School 303 restaurant in Denver, Colorado
2 oz Shipwreck Spiced Rum
1 oz heavy whipping cream
1/4 Licor 43
1/4 cinnamon maple syrup
1 egg white
Dry shake all ingredients. Add ice, shake, and double strain into glass milk carton. Garnish with ground cinnamon.



Icelandic Hot Chocolate

1 1/2 oz Reyka Vodka
6 oz of Swiss Miss hot chocolate
3/4 oz Ancho Reyes
1 dash of Angostura Bitters
Build ingredients in Hot Toddy glass.
Garnish with mini marshmallows or whipped cream.



Livorno Fizz

1 part Galliano liqueur
1/2 part cranberry juice
4 parts sparkling wine
Prepare in glass or pitcher. Garnish with fresh cranberries.



The Gingerbread Man

1 2/3 oz La Quintinye Vermouth Royal Rouge
6 oz ginger ale
Garnish with an orange twist
Serve over ice in a highball glass.



Trans-Atlantic Eggnog

Created by Jonathan Pogash, The Cocktail Guru

10 large, grade AA eggs, separated
1 cup superfine sugar
3 cups heavy cream
2 cups Tap 357 Canadian Maple Rye Whisky
1 cup Van Gogh Dutch Chocolate Vodka
6 tsp pure almond extract
6 tsp pure vanilla extract
1 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
1 tsp ground cinnamon

Separate eggs into two bowls. Beat yolks until stiff, and beat whites with half the sugar until peaks form. Slowly fold whites and yolks together. Separately, beat cream with almond extract, vanilla and remaining sugar in a bowl until stiff. Slowly fold in cream with egg mixture. Add Tap 357 and Van Gogh Dutch Chocolate vodka, and stir gently. Refrigerate overnight, or serve immediately with ice. Garnish with grated nutmeg and cinnamon.



Old Camp Harvest Sour

1 oz Old Camp Peach Pecan Whiskey
1 oz 100 Proof Applejack
3/4 oz fresh lemon
1/2 oz local honey syrup*

*Honey syrup: Add 1 cup local honey and 1 cup hot water in a bowl and stir until mixed well. Cover and place on counter to cool, roughly 20 min.

In a mixing tin, pour in whiskey, Applejack, lemon and honey syrup. Add ice and shake vigorously. Strain over fresh ice and garnish with dried fall flowers.



Café Con Caliente

Created by mixologist Cassandra Rosen for Jimmy's No. 43 restaurant in NYC

1/2 oz Soltado Spicy Añejo Tequila
4 oz cold brew coffee
1 oz Irish cream liqueur
2 oz cinnamon cream
Cinnamon garnish

Add the coffee, Soltado Tequila, cinnamon cream, and Irish cream to a shaker with ice; shake. Pour into a tall glass. Top with cinnamon. Can also be made hot.

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Have A Country Christmas!

Where has the year gone, dear readers? And what a strange year it's been! Can you believe it's almost December 25 again? All I know is I'm writing my annual holiday hot list, and this year there is an abundance of new country music in the seasonal CD stacks.

Among the releases this year are new holiday discs by Reba, Jennifer Nettles, Rascal Flatts, Chris Young, and Garth Brooks with Trisha Yearwood.

I decided to narrow things down to my three favorite new CDs to soothe your soul this season.



Kacey Musgraves – A Very Kacey Christmas

This country cutie released her first seasonal CD recently, and it's as charming and lovely as she is, with a dozen holiday hits that include familiar favorites such as "Let It Snow," "Feliz Navidad," and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," plus

delightful diversions like "I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas."

Musgraves has a beautiful voice, and she includes several originals that she helped write herself, including "Ribbons and Bows," "Christmas Makes Me Cry," and duets with the great Willie Nelson and Leon Bridges.

Brett Eldredge – Glow

I have a serious crush on this holiday hunk. Eldredge put out his first seasonal CD in 2016, and it's a winner that finds the country hit-maker channeling his inner Frank Sinatra on a delicious disc that sounds more 'big band' than down-home.

Since Eldredge has no twang in his voice, *Glow* should satisfy fans of artists such as Sinatra and Michael Buble, the likely inspirations for these eleven stirring seasonal selections.

The song choices on *Glow* are unsurprising, but there is nothing routine about the lush arrangements or the singer's versatile voice on classic titles such as "White Christmas," "Silent Night," "Winter Wonderland," "The Christmas Song," "The First Noel," and "Baby, It's Cold Outside" (a duet with Meghan Trainor).

Loretta Lynn – White Christmas Blue

The queen of country music gifted her fans with two excellent releases this year, a fine non-seasonal release earlier in 2016 and this dynamite holiday record, her first full-length Christmas album since 1966.

Lynn is an icon for a reason, and the eleven songs on *White Christmas Blue* prove

by Chris Narloch



once again that the coal miner's daughter is incapable of a false musical move, even at the age of 84.

Lynn's down home voice is as distinctive as ever on classic titles such as "Away in a Manger," "Jingle Bells," and "Frosty the Snowman." Even better are Lynn's terrific takes on her original compositions "Country Christmas," "To Heck With Ole Santa Claus," and the CD's title track, "White Christmas Blue."

Pentatonix – A Pentatonix Christmas

For music fans that wouldn't be caught dead buying a country CD I have included the big seller among new holiday releases this year, by Pentatonix.

I'm not really a fan of this immensely successful vocal quintet – something about the combination of beat boxing and group harmonies doesn't do it for me – but many people love them.

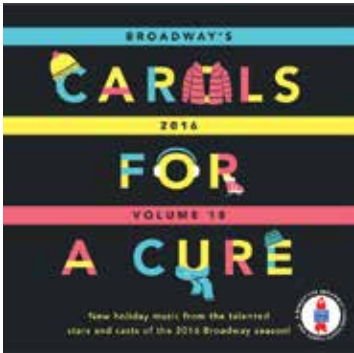
Their fans should enjoy *A Pentatonix Christmas* and its spirited recordings of "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Coventry Carol," "I'll Be Home For Christmas" and more.

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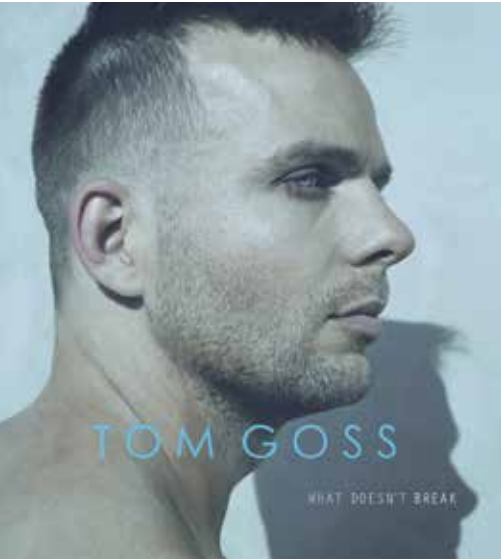
voices and instrumentalists in the world.

Songs on the album include voices from Broadway shows *Chicago*, *Hamilton*, *Waitress*, *Matilda*, *On Your Feet*, and *The Lion King*.

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Tom Goss' New CD and Calendar

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Red Is a Holiday Color – Just Not on the Carpet!

by Diana Kienle

We're moving into that time of year when we might be hosting friends and family. Or maybe we're just relaxing at home alone or with a special someone. Both scenarios present wine-related risk!

Not too long ago, I was getting ready to settle in for an evening of TV. Just as I was about to sit down on the couch, I went to put my glass of red wine on the side table. The glass slipped on the coaster, and the entire glass of wine spilled onto the lovely light beige carpet in the family room.

This freaked me out. What I will tell you is that I am a bit (understatement?) compulsive and love to have the house tidy and clean. There were many wet, ugly red splotches of wine on the rug! It was a big mess and quite upsetting, to say the least.

I ran for the Wine Away and hoped it would help. I had used it successfully on clothes before and really hoped it would work on the carpet. Unfortunately – it didn't, it was really to no avail. It turned the red spots to a lighter purple.

I needed a back-up. I remembered the stain remover named Folex. A good friend had recommended it a few years before, and it was a lifesaver.

We worked diligently on the rug, using Folex and old white athletic socks, which were quite absorbent. The stains faded, to the point that I'm pretty sure no one would even notice. It really was quite a relief.

So, with friends and family visiting over the holidays – be prepared. Folex is your friend for the wine accidents that may happen. You can find it in the grocery store if you don't already have some. I now know what it feels like to see your carpet turn purple and to experience the angst of seeing the mess. It is best to be prepared with white rags and Folex!

Have a wonderful holiday season!
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Holiday Programs Keep The Season From Being A "Drag"

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Back-to-back specials of *Not Today Bianca* featuring Bianca Del Rio, will premiere on Thursday, December 15 at 9:00 p.m., kicking off the network's *Sleigh the Holidays* programming block which will continue through Sunday, January 1.

After winning "RuPaul's Drag Race" season 6, Bianca Del Rio's career has been on fire. She's toured the world playing for sold out crowds and even starred in her own movie.

In two back-to-back comedic specials titled *Not Today Bianca*, the superstar is taking her career to the next level and has moved to Hollywood to take on the world. In the first special, Bianca goes after a booking on *Jimmy Kimmel Live*. In the second, Bianca learns the true meaning of the holidays.

Guest stars include RuPaul, Kristen Johnston, Tori Spelling, Marissa Jaret Winokur, Ross Mathews, Charo, Rightor Doyle and more! Tune-in on Thursday, December 15 at 9:00 p.m. to watch the craziness unfold!

Sleigh the Holidays features *RuPaul's Drag Race* icons Shangela and Ginger Minj, Finding *Prince Charming's* Robbie LaRiviere and Logo favorites Matteo Lane and Michelle Collins, as they throw a holiday party you won't want to miss.

These hilarious hosts will be making appearances on-air throughout Logo's entire lineup, keeping the yuletide gay all season long. There will be holiday songs – including Logo's take on "The 12 Days of Christmas" – thoughtful reflections, champagne and, of course, lots of glitter when the stunt airs Thursday, December 15 through Sunday, January 1.

For more information on *Not Today Bianca* and *Sleigh the Holidays*, visit LogoTV.com.



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Sacramento's LGBT and Allied communities came together on Dec. 1, World AIDS Day, at the Clunie Community Center to remember the lives lost to HIV/AIDS and to end the stigma surrounding the disease.

The evening began with a somber candlelight vigil and march around McClatchy Park and then moved inside the Clunie Center. Organized by WAD Sacramento Committee Chairman Chris Packey, the observance was hosted by Rob Stewart, KVIE's *Rob on the Road*, and included live performances by Spade RoyalGotti and Milla Milojkovic and speakers from the community, including Sacramento Mayor-elect Darrell Steinberg.

Sacramento's WAD continued on Friday, Dec. 2nd with a free showing of the film *Last Man Standing*, hosted by the Sacramento International G&L Film Festival at the Guild Theatre.



Prince Charming Is Still Looking for that Slipper in the Return of *Cinderella* at STC



After its triumphant return last year, this crowd-pleasing adaptation of the classic fairy tale *Cinderella* comes to STC for an encore presentation and once again features a live band led by STC favorite Samuel Clein. STC is also proud to partner with the River City Food Bank during the holidays, and is offering a special discount on *Cinderella* tickets with the donation of non-perishable food items. Plays Through Jan. 1. Tickets at sactheatre.org

The Skivvies Strip Down in SF

by Chris Narloch

You've no doubt heard of "indie" rock, but have you heard of "undie" rock? If not, you will have the chance to see and hear Lauren Molina and Nick Cearley (The Skivvies) when the well-tuned and well-toned duo bring their hilarious cabaret act from New York City to The Strand in San Francisco later this month.



The "stripped down" pair of musicians literally strip down for fans, performing in their underwear for adoring audiences at Joe's Pub and other popular venues in The Big Apple and around the country.

Molina and Cearley are actually seasoned Broadway singer/actors who met while on a national tour and hit on a gimmick that has proved to be very popular.

The *New York Times* called The Skivvies "a hot musical comedy duo specializing in unexpected arrangements, incongruous mash-ups, and of course, highly toned

displays of skin."

This hip holiday show will feature The Skivvies' take on seasonal songs performed with such creativity that you'll feel like you're hearing familiar standards for the first time.

See one of the hottest acts from NYC perform classics such as "Blue Christmas" on an array of quirky instruments when The Skivvies play A.C.T.'s The Strand Theater, on Market Street in San Francisco, this December 22-23.

For more information, visit www.act-sf.org/strand or call 415-749-2228.

Sierra Collage Celebrates Pride Days

by Colt McGraw

On Friday evening Nov. 18, beneath a befitting lavender sky, Sierra College's Spectrum committee celebrated their 6th annual Pride Days.



The Sierra Collage Pride Days culminated with the always popular student/faculty drag show.

Spectrum Committee Chairperson Johnnie Terry unveiled their newest project, titled Narratives of Courage, which documents the stories of LGBT community figures. Terry explained that the history of interviewees such as Dennis Mangers, Jerry Sloan and Linda Birner is not only wanted by the LGBT community but also deserved. Narratives of Courage is being created to be held in what will become the Spectrum

Archives. The goal is to create a resource where the history of the LGBT community will be documented and saved for public access. The event successfully raised funds for the project through an art raffle and ended with a lively student and faculty drag show. To make a check donation to support Narratives of Courage: Sierra College Foundation, Spectrum Archives Project, 5000 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677

Rogue One' blasts in to the Esquire IMAX

by Chris Narloch

Star Wars: Rogue One doesn't even open in movie theaters until December 15, but tickets are already selling like hotcakes for what will likely be the biggest cinematic blockbuster of 2016.

Precious few details have been made public about the top-secret script for the film, but I did receive this brief official synopsis from the publicity folks: "From Lucasfilm comes the first of the Star Wars standalone movies, an all-new epic adventure. In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the plans to the Death

Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction." I can also confirm that Sacramento's Esquire IMAX Theatre will be one of only 15 theatres in North America exhibiting this film in IMAX 15/70MM 2D film format. So what are you waiting for? Go to www.imax.com/imax-esquire-oo and get your advance tickets now.



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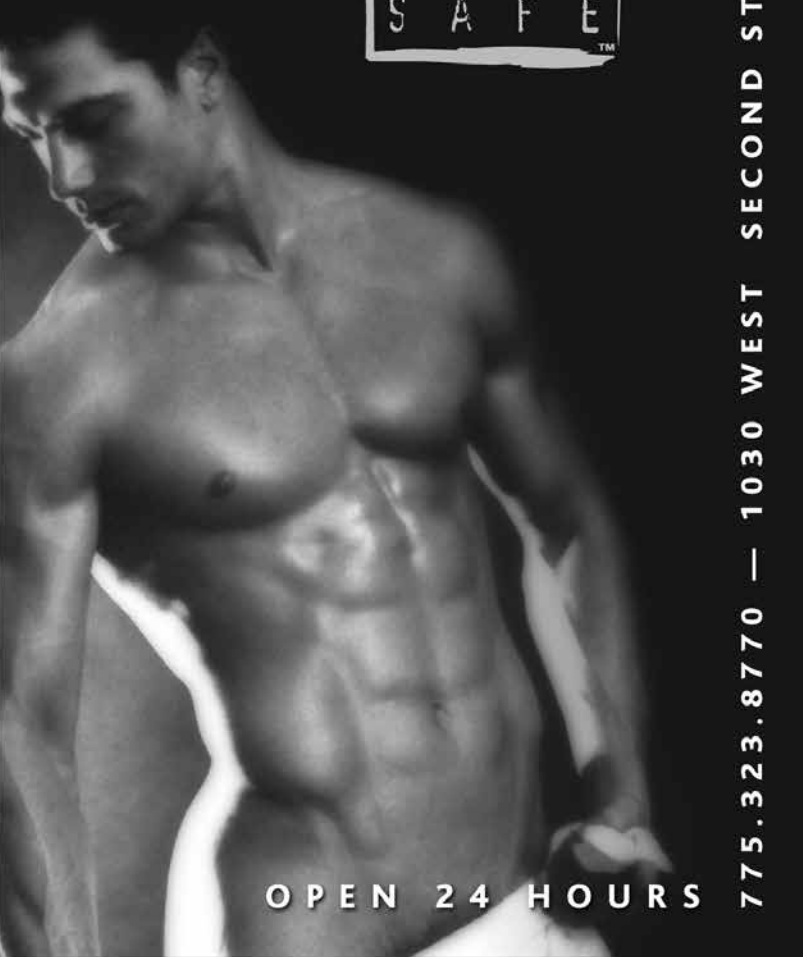
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Feral OK'd for Season Two of Love in the Bible Belt

With so many LGBT stories set in New York or L.A., *Feral* instead is set in Memphis and is a passionate portrayal of young, LGBT people struggling to find love and meaning in the deep South. Season Two of the hit show is now in production, but you can catch up on Season One at the subscription based Dekkoo, which has many other LGBT titles available. Watch the trailer for *Feral* Season One at www.dekkoo.com (plus get a 14-day free trial.) Pictured in a scene from *Feral* are Jacob Rickert and Seth Daniel. Photo by Breezy Lucia.



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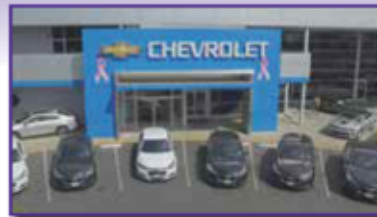


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