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And of course, Delbert Stapp himself.

## LGBT Patients Asked to Share the Experience of Being Diagnosed with Cancer

Members of the LGBT community who have been diagnosed with cancer are being asked to participate in a study to gain knowledge regarding the experience of being diagnosed with cancer.

The results of the study will be published in healthcare journals, Web sites and presented at appropriate professional meetings.

The online survey should take about 20 minutes to complete, and if you want you can enter a raffle for one of ten \$50 gift cards. Your name or other identifying information will not be collected.

The benefit of participating is that your answers will add to the understanding of how to provide the best care to LGBT people who are being told of their cancer diagnosis.

To learn more and to take the survey, visit National LGBT Cancer Network's Web site at [www.cancer-network.org](http://www.cancer-network.org).

## Turn Over a New Leaf with SMUD's Greenergy Program

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has teamed up with local auto dealer, Nissan of Elk Grove, to give away a two-year lease of a Nissan Leaf - a 100 percent electric, zero-emission vehicle - to one lucky customer who signs up to help the environment.

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In addition, SMUD will match 40 percent of all Greenergy contributions to develop new, local renewable energy sources.

To date, the Greenergy program has built three wind turbines, rebuilt a dam in the Upper American River Project, built solar panels at Arden Fair Mall and built a generator at the Kiefer Landfill.

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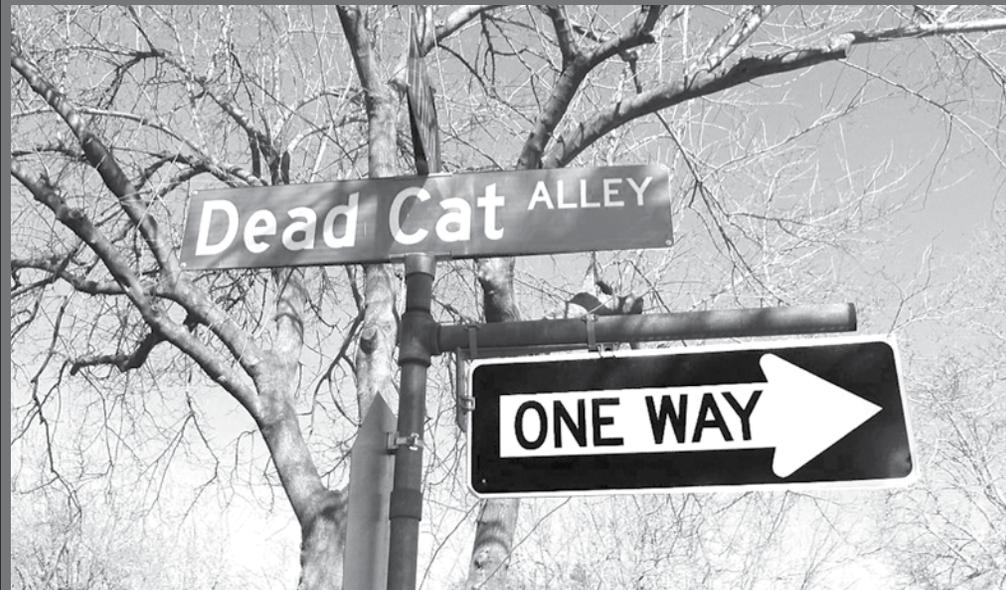
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## Sac. Stonewall Dems Petition Mayor, Elect New Officers

The Sacramento Stonewall Democrats have presented a petition to Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson asking him to sign a pledge promulgated by Freedom to Marry, and have elected new officers, including president, secretary and membership chairman.



Assemblemember Mariko Yamada swears in Stonewall's new officers: Mario Guerrero, Membership Chair; Elaine Verbarg Secretary; and Sam Catalano, President.

In a symbolic gesture, the petition was presented to Mayor Johnson on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, and while the Mayor was out of the office on official duties, the petition was accepted by R. E. Graswich, Special Assistant to the Mayor.

The pledge simply reads: "I add my voice to those supporting the freedom to marry. I pledge to work to enable same-sex couples and their families to share equally in the responsibilities, protections, and commitment of marriage."

Freedom to Marry's non-partisan effort has already been signed by mayors across the country, including West Sacramento Mayor Chris Cabaldon, as well as the mayors of New York City, Boston, Houston, San Diego,

Los Angeles and many other cities.

At the Club's monthly meeting held Monday, Feb. 13, the club elected Sam Catalano as President, Mario Guerrero as Membership Chair and Elaine Verbarg as Secretary.

Catalano is one of the founding members of Sacramento Stonewall and is replacing President Dan Roth who had to resign to take a job out of state. At the meeting Catalano, who was elected unanimously, said that one of his main goals would be to increase the club's membership and to once again live up to the club's reputation as the



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# Lavender Library To Archive Sac. G&L Center's History

The Lavender Library has entered into an agreement with the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center to begin archiving the Center's extensive collection of records, documents and memorabilia.

"The staff at the Lavender Library is very excited about this new acquisition that will be deposited at the library in the next few years and years of Sacramento gay and lesbian social and community history." The process to transfer the items began



Sacramento G&L Center Executive Director Shara P. Murphy hands one of the 28 boxes of records memorabilia to Ron Grantz, Head Archivist of the Lavender Library.

weeks," said Ron Grantz, the Library's senior archivist. "It's big news for Sacramento's gay and lesbian community and it's big news for the Lavender Library. We're talking about under former Center Board President Gail Mancarti and is being accomplished mostly

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# Sacramento Gay Chamber Launches Non-Partisan PAC

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce has announced the formation of Rainbow PAC, a non-partisan Political Action Committee, that will support candidates and issues that foster equality, inclusion and a prosperous business environment.

Rainbow PAC Chair Dr. Darrick Lawson said the new PAC will fill a gap created with the dissolution two years ago of the Capital Political Action Committee (CAPPAC), a non-partisan Political Action Committee focusing on LGBT candidates and causes.

"The Rainbow PAC will allow LGBT people of all political persuasions to once again have a voice in the political process," Lawson said, "as well as support candidates and policies that promote business growth and job creation."

To help get the fledgling organization off the ground, Rainbow PAC is holding a party and fundraiser on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the historic California Governor's Mansion, 1526 H Street (16th & H streets). The event will feature a wine and cheese reception, and guests will enjoy unlimited access to the historic Governor's Mansion property, home to 13 Governors, one who became a Chief Justice, one who became President of the United States, and one of the

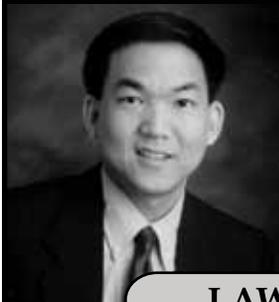
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Sponsorship levels for the event range from \$100 to \$1,000, with all proceeds going to Rainbow PAC. Rainbow Chamber of Commerce members are invited to attend at the special member rate of \$50.

Established in 2001, the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce serves gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender business owners and professionals and allies in the Greater Sacramento region. The Chamber works to build a prosperous and inclusive business community and to support issues that promote business development and equal rights for all people. The Chamber and its non-profit affiliate, the Rainbow Chamber Foundation, have contributed more than \$50,000 to charitable causes, including youth scholarships, programs for at-risk LGBT youth and the services of the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center.

For more information, visit [www.rainbowchamber.com](http://www.rainbowchamber.com).

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## Pelosi Endorses Freedom to Marry Plank in 2012 Platform

Coming just two days after Freedom to Marry announced its *Democrats: Say I Do* campaign calling on the national Democratic Party to include a plank supporting gay and lesbian couples' freedom to marry in the party's 2012 platform, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has endorsed Freedom to Marry's proposed plank in an exclusive to *Metro Weekly's* Chris Geidner.

The *Metro Weekly* article quotes Democratic Leader Pelosi's spokesman, Drew Hammill, as saying "Leader Pelosi supports this language."

"Freedom to Marry is proud to have Leader Pelosi joining our call to put the Democratic Party squarely on record in support of the freedom to marry as part of the national platform," said Freedom to Marry founder and President Evan Wolfson. "A strong majority of Democrats and Independents support the freedom to marry, and standing up for all families is not just the right thing to do morally, it's also the

right thing to do politically. I hope more people will quickly join Leader Pelosi by signing Freedom to Marry's *Democrats: Say I Do* petition so together we can get the party, and the country, where the majority of Americans already are."

In the two days since launching the campaign, Freedom to Marry's petition has garnered nearly 10,000 signatories from across the country.

From now through the September convention, Freedom to Marry will organize to secure inclusion of a freedom to marry plank in the party platform. Freedom to

Marry's *Democrats: Say I Do* campaign will enlist Democratic party leaders, elected officials, activists, and voters to make the case to the Platform Drafting Committee in support of the freedom to marry plank.

As the Committee holds field hearings and other mechanisms for public participation, Freedom to Marry will mobilize committed same-sex couples, both married and those unable to marry, as well as family members, friends and allies to make the case.

Public opinion data from 2011 shows that 69 percent of Democrats support the freedom to marry, as well as 59 percent of Independents (Gallup, May 5-8). A National Journal Political Insiders Poll conducted in July 2011 showed that 84 percent of Democratic party professionals believe their party should embrace marriage. Multiple states have already included planks in support of marriage in their state platforms.

For more information or to sign the petition, visit [FreedomToMarry.org](http://FreedomToMarry.org)



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## Houston's Lesbian Mayor Offers Advice For Local LGBT Candidates

by Rosanna Herber

It's hard to believe, but Houston Mayor Annise Parker is still the one and only openly LGBT mayor of a large metropolitan city in the U.S., making history in 2009 when the fourth largest city in the nation, elected her as mayor.

She kept the streak going when she won a second term in November 2011, in spite of anti-gay commercials that punctuated the campaign, earning 51 percent of the vote, just enough to avoid a nasty run-off.

I had the chance to interview Parker shortly before the November vote. She was frank, direct and eager to get back to the business of running the city of Houston. I shared Sacramento's recent redistricting process and the LGBT community's successful efforts to draw City Council and County Supervisor districts to support openly gay candidates.

Parker is well-known for supporting budding LGBT leaders. Here's her advice about running for office.

**What do you think an LGBT person should consider before running for office?**

Anyone who runs for office should consider why they want to do it. If you don't want the job, don't run. I regularly hear from people who say 'I want to be in public office one day' and that's the wrong statement. What public office? Why? What do you intend to accomplish? If you just want to be an elected official, you don't belong there. For an LGBT person who chooses to run for a position, make sure you're comfortable with who you are and how you deal with gay questions.

**What made you run for office and why did you think you could get elected?**

I never intended to run for office, but I wanted to make changes in my city and a difference in people's lives. I was a neighborhood activist, constantly working on getting an abandoned building torn down,



Houston Mayor Annise Parker with writer Rosanna Herber.

getting illegal dumping cleaned up, removing graffiti, etc. I got frustrated with the council members who represented me and decided to run myself.

**What's the biggest mistake you made while running for office?**

This is my eighth race, so by now I think

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# Marriage Equality: A Win, A Loss and Still Waiting

Same-sex marriage bills have advanced in Washington State and New Jersey, with Washington's Democratic Governor having signed the bill into law, while New Jersey's Republican Governor has vetoed his state's bill.

Washington's Democratic Governor Chris Gregoire has signed the new law, which will go into effect on June 7. However, opponents of marriage equality have vowed to file a referendum to repeal the law, and have until June 6 to obtain the necessary 120,577 signatures to place the referendum on the November ballot.

Whether or not they succeed, same-sex marriages should begin taking place on June 7.

New Jersey's legislature passed marriage equality bills through both houses earlier this month, however Republican Governor Chris Christie vetoed the bill, saying that he believes it is an issue that the state voters should decide, despite polls in the state that show that 54 percent of New Jersey voters support the freedom to marry.

The legislature has until January 2014 to override his veto.

California's own marriage equality status remains muddled in the courts after a three judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that Proposition 8 was unconstitutional. However Prop 8 supporters have stated that they plan to file an appeal of that decision, either to a larger panel of the 9th Circuit Court or to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A stay has been placed on the 9th Circuit Courts decision, pending appeal.

For more information, visit [FreedomToMarry.org](http://FreedomToMarry.org).



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# Chely Wright to Receive Out & Equal Advocacy Award

Out & Equal Workplace Advocates has announced that famed country music star Chely Wright will be honored at the 2012 Leadership Celebration, along with Golden State Warriors COO Rick Welts and Houston Mayor Annise Parker.

Wright, who launched her music career nearly two decades ago, made headlines in 2010 when she came out as a lesbian, becoming the first major country music star to live her life openly. In May 2010, she released her book *Like Me*, a highly praised autobiography in which she tells the story of her personal journey of living in the closet and eventually deciding to live her life honestly.

The awards will be presented to Wright, Welts and Parker at the Out & Equal Leadership Celebration on Wednesday, March 14, at the InterContinental Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco. To learn more about the Leadership Celebration, and to purchase tickets, please visit: [OutAndEqual.org/2012-Leadership-Celebration](http://OutAndEqual.org/2012-Leadership-Celebration).

# New Web Site For Sober LGBT Adults in Recovery Launched

A Web site devoted to the sober LGBT community living and practicing the principles of 12-step programs of recovery has been introduced, hoping to make it easier for its members to meet each other.

Even in the largest of cities, it is often difficult for gay adults living clean and sober lifestyles to find and connect with other gay friends in 12-step meetings of recovery. Friends who understand not only what it's like to be in recovery but what it's like to be gay, and in recovery. Worldwide, 12-step meetings for the GLBT community are rare and hard to come by, although fortunately in

Sacramento several groups do meet at the Sac. G&L Center (SacCenter.org). SoberGayDating.com is the new site that offers a safe, discreet place for gay adults living clean and sober lifestyles to find others for friendship, love and support. Features offered include a monthly newsletter informing members of upcoming recovery events. The site is free to join and post profiles and photos.

# Gay Republicans Urged to Refuse to Endorse Anti-LGBT Candidates

The National Stonewall Democrats have kicked off a petition campaign to urge Log Cabin Republicans to refuse to support anti-LGBT GOP Presidential candidates.

In recent media reports, the leaders and members of Log Cabin Republicans have indicated a willingness to endorse Mitt Romney should he become the nominee; yet Romney - just like Rick Santorum and Newt

community for supposedly suppressing religious conservatives from 'exercising key civil rights to organize, to speak, to donate or to vote for marriage.'" National Stonewall Democrats is asking

**"Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, and Newt Gingrich have all pledged to support a federal amendment to ban same-sex marriage..."**

Gingrich - has signed a draconian anti-LGBT pledge. "We're launching this action to highlight the anti-LGBT rhetoric on the right and to hold accountable our friends at Log Cabin Republicans who are flirting with disaster," said Jerame Davis, National Stonewall Democrats Executive Director. "Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, and Newt Gingrich have all pledged to support a federal amendment to ban same-sex marriage and to launch a McCarthy-style investigation of the LGBT

supporters and concerned allies to join them in petitioning Log Cabin Republicans to rise above the partisan rhetoric and put the interests of LGBT people above and before the Republican political machine's bid to defeat President Obama. "Partisan politics should never trump the constituency you represent. Log Cabin Republicans needs to hear that message loud and clear from every corner of the LGBT community," said Davis. The petition can be found at [Change.org](http://Change.org).

# Whitney Houston: An Appreciation

by Chris Narloch

While we wait for the toxicology reports to weigh in on what caused her death, the family, friends, and fans are left to mourn the tragic loss of Whitney Houston. Her true fans don't really care about toxicology reports, of course; all they know is that she was great, and she is gone.

Houston's death hit me especially hard since I grew up on her music, and we were the same age, 48, when she died.

I have so many goals left to achieve that I can't imagine dying that young. I wonder what goals Houston still had for herself after a phenomenal career filled with one record-breaking achievement after another.

Houston was the most awarded female artist of all time, according to Guinness World Records, with a total of 415 career awards as of 2010, including two Emmy Awards, six Grammy Awards, 30 Billboard Music Awards, and 22 American Music Awards.

Her second album, *Whitney*, released in 1987, became the first album by a woman to enter the Billboard charts at No. 1, and it included four No. 1 singles. She could even turn the National Anthem into a pop hit, the only artist ever to do so.

Even those who were not crazy about her music - and I took exception to some of the material she was given, despite being a fan - had to be in awe of her voice, a spectacular mezzo-soprano instrument with a three-octave span.

Among her contemporaries, Madonna and Michael Jackson were more prolific and made better albums, but they could not touch Houston for sheer vocal ability - at her peak in the '80s, before Mariah Carey arrived on the charts, Houston's range and power were unrivalled in pop music.

Who could forget Houston's song "One Moment in Time," which became the soundtrack for the 1988 Summer Olympics as well as a pop hit. And then there was the gazillion-selling soundtrack for her first movie, *The Bodyguard*, which spent 20 weeks at the number one spot on the album charts in the early '90s, a record that stood until Adele came along with "21."

Houston's songs were so ubiquitous in the '80s and '90s that I can still recall where I was the first time I heard most of her hits.

Ironically, "The Greatest Love of All" debuted for me booming out of an open door to a straight strip club as I walked down Market Street in San Francisco one afternoon, back in the day.

I will also never forget a gaggle of gay men spilling over the balcony outside a dance club in the Castro district, lip-synching to a thunderous remix of Houston's "It's Not Right But It's Okay."

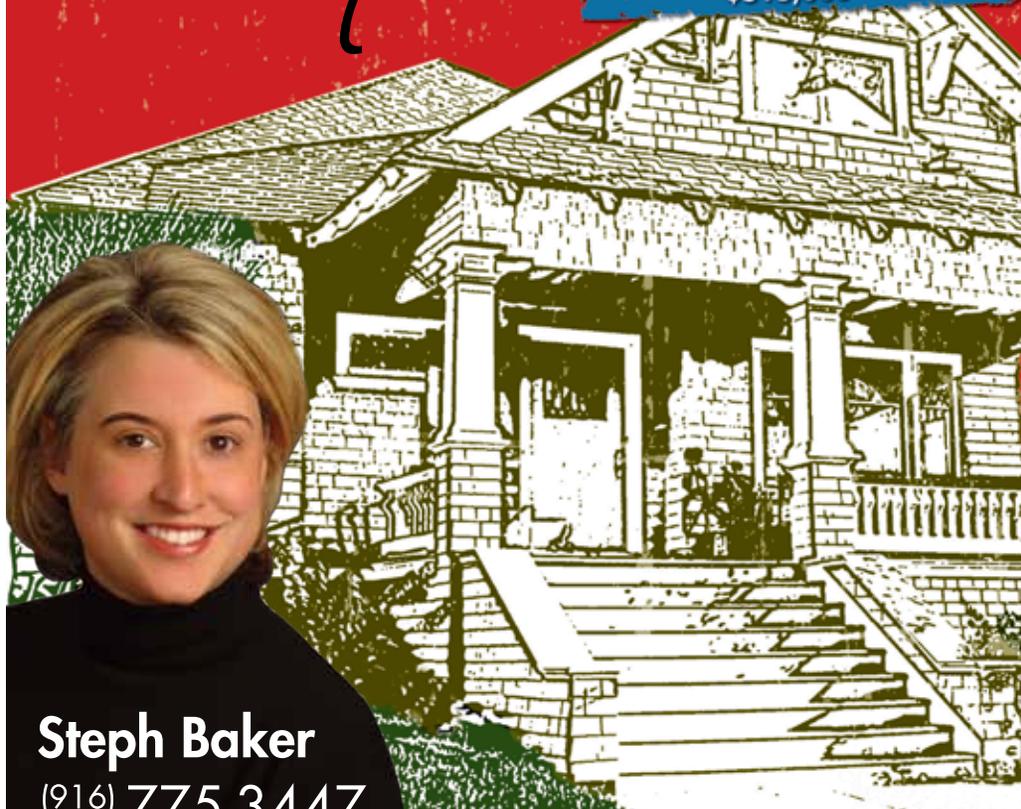
Her fans will each have their own memories of her music and what it meant to them. What I regret that I never had

the pleasure of seeing Whitney Houston perform live, and now I never will.



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# Word on the Street

## What Are You Doing for Your Spring Fling?



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**Shelly Bailes**

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**Patti Uplinger**

We are going to New Orleans.



**Dennis Mangers**

I will be spending a week in Palm Springs with my husband.



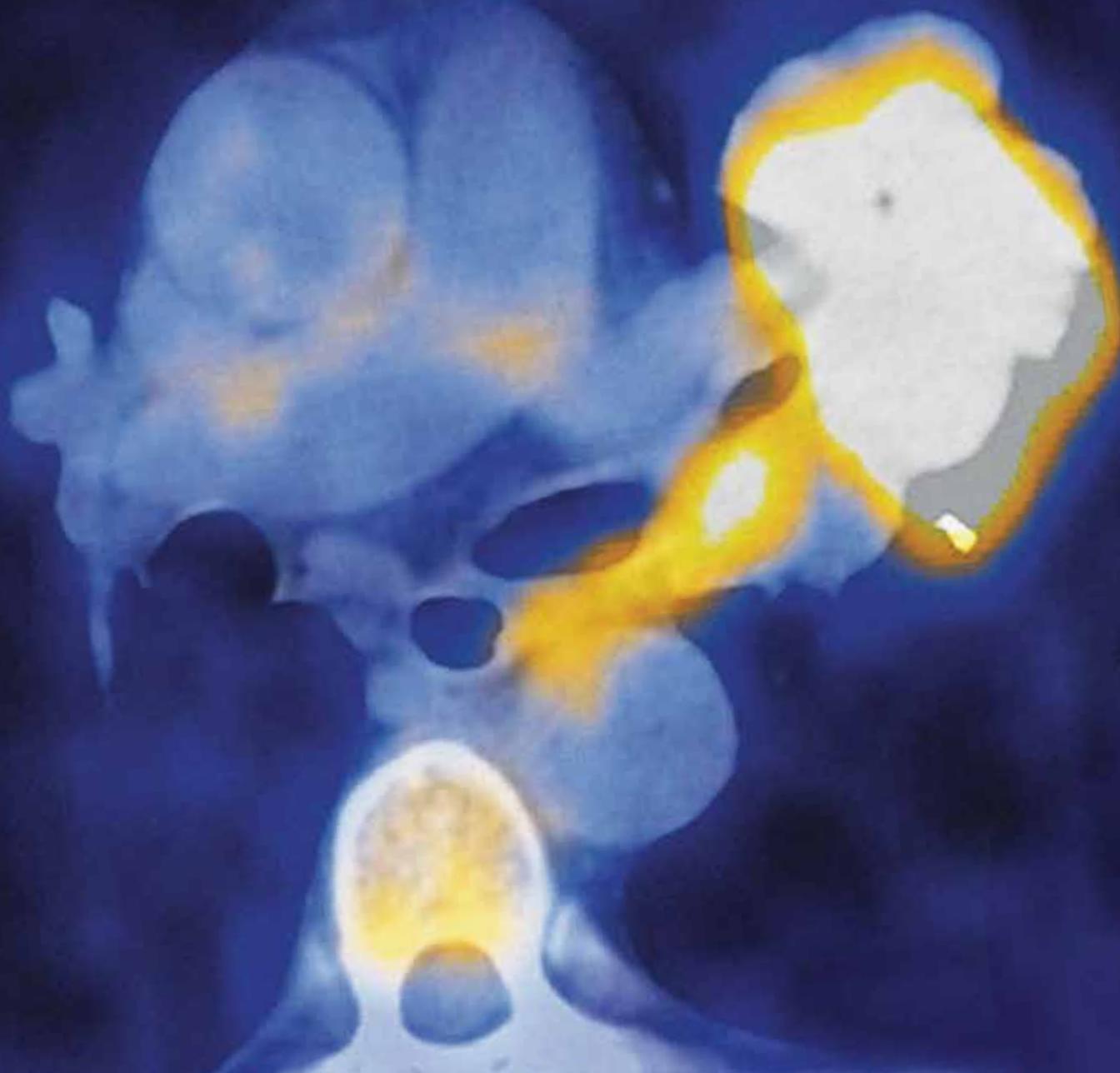
**Matt Bunch**

I'm going on vacation to Chicago and the International Mister Leather contest.



**Val Simon**

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# First-Ever LGBT Super Bowl Survey Shows Surprising Results

For the first time in history the LGBT consumer was directly asked for their opinion of the Super Bowl; the hype, the half time show, and of course, the commercials.

Although some of the results were consistent with the national response as reported by Stuart Elliott of the *New York Times*, the LGBT survey offered many surprising insights:

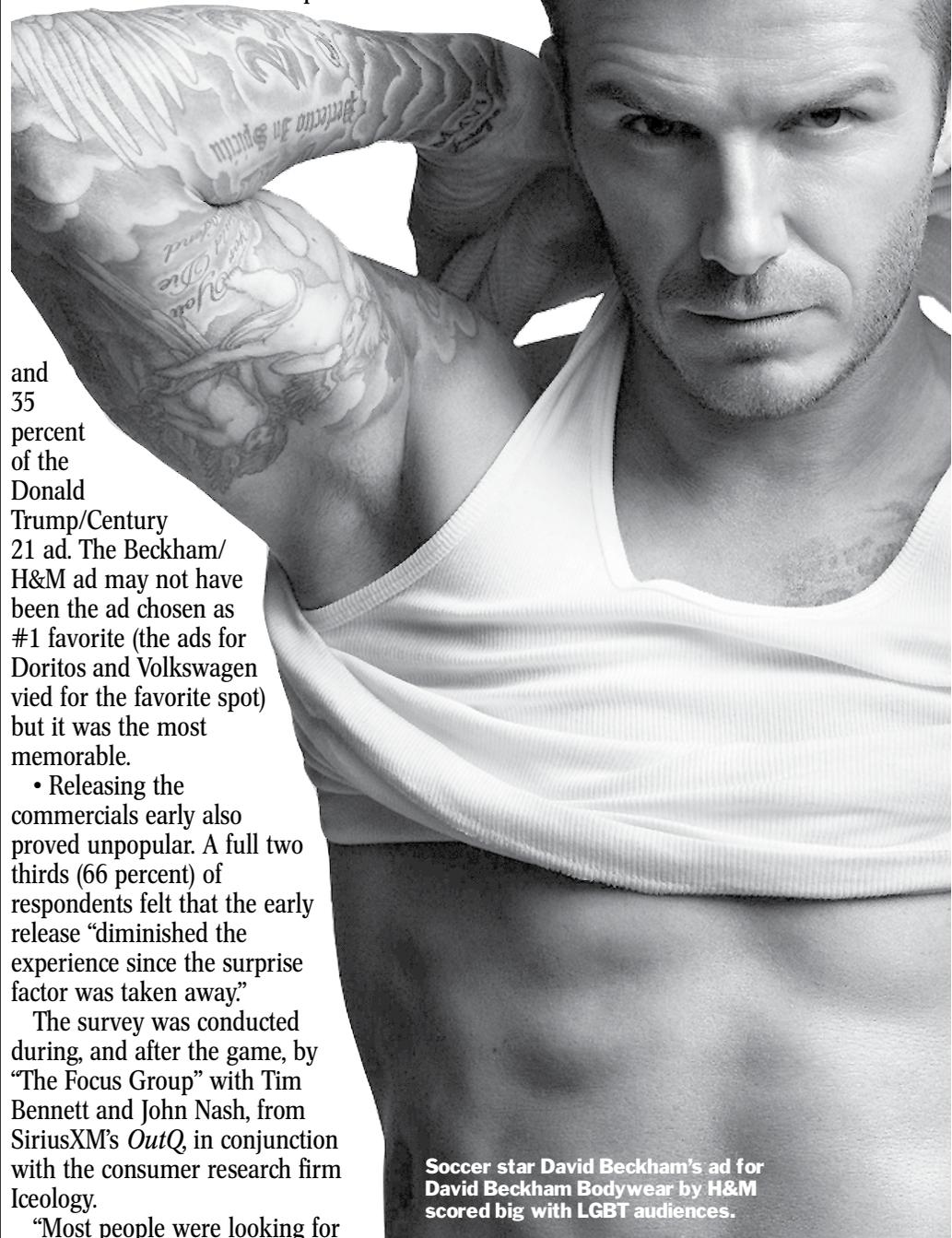
- When asked what they were most looking forward to about the Super Bowl, the game itself ranked behind the Madonna halftime show, at-home parties and festivities and the commercials.

- Watching the commercials is considered part of the Super Bowl experience. Most respondents indicated that they do not normally watch commercials in their everyday life, but 61 percent reported that they saw nearly every ad and 94 percent said they saw more than half the ads aired during the game.

- Even though there were no major ad winners among the LGBT crowd, the David Beckham H&M commercial was a huge hit. A full 88 percent of respondents knew what Beckham was selling and for whom, as compared to 66 percent of the Vampire/Audi ad

an element of surprise during the Super Bowl and missed it with the commercials, as so many of them were viewable before the game," said Bennett. "So aside from who would win the game, the biggest remaining surprise of the evening was what Madonna was going to do."

"Even though this year's half-time show with Madonna was the most looked-forward-to element of the evening, the entire experience of Super Bowl is still very important to LGBT people," said Nash. "And because they exhibit higher than average recall numbers for the commercials, the LGBT audience will remain a highly prized and savvy demographic for smart marketers."



Soccer star David Beckham's ad for David Beckham Bodywear by H&M scored big with LGBT audiences.

and 35 percent of the Donald Trump/Century 21 ad. The Beckham/H&M ad may not have been the ad chosen as #1 favorite (the ads for Doritos and Volkswagen vied for the favorite spot) but it was the most memorable.

- Releasing the commercials early also proved unpopular. A full two thirds (66 percent) of respondents felt that the early release "diminished the surprise factor was taken away."

The survey was conducted during, and after the game, by "The Focus Group" with Tim Bennett and John Nash, from SiriusXM's *OutQ*, in conjunction with the consumer research firm Iceology.

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The menu is filled with mouth watering sandwiches, salads and lots of yummy choices to choose from. They offer small plates like chicken, half slab of St. Luis Ribs and larger platters too. The platters are larger portions and come with red mashed potatoes, fire roasted veggies and are priced in the \$13-15 range. The sandwiches priced around \$7-9 include krispy or char broiled chicken, several tri-tip choices with items on top, like smoked applewood bacon, roadhouse grilled onions and blue cheese crumbles. For the veggie folks there's a fantastic portabella sandwich with romesco sauce.

Buckhorn is well known for offering some of the freshest burgers in town, available with some of the same tasty toppings. I strongly suggest that you get a little cup of their BBQ sauce or horseradish sauce to pour on top!

Let's talk salad. My favorite is the Spring Mix Fruit and Nut Salad with locally grown fruit, and I add salmon or grilled tri-tip onto mine. The YIK YAK salad is interesting too and has a great sweet sesame dressing. And of course, there is the Roadhouse salad topped with a heaping mound of super-thin fried onion rings.

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Zocalo

### Best Americana Food

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Hamburger Patties  
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### Best Italian Food

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Paesanos

### Best Pizza

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Zelda's

### Best Breakfast/Brunch

Fox and Goose  
Head Hunters / Cornerstone

### Best Meal for Two Under \$50

Paesanos  
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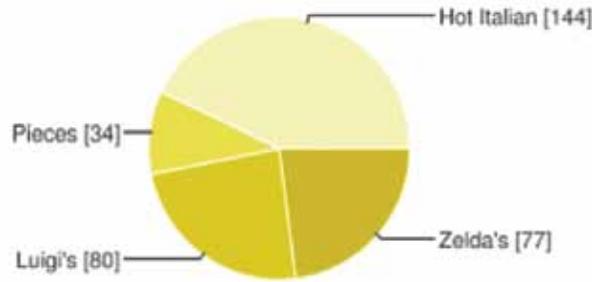
### Best Meal for Two Over \$50

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### Best Place for a Glass of Wine

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Taylor's Kitchen

### Best Pizza



### Best Place for a Cheap Cocktail

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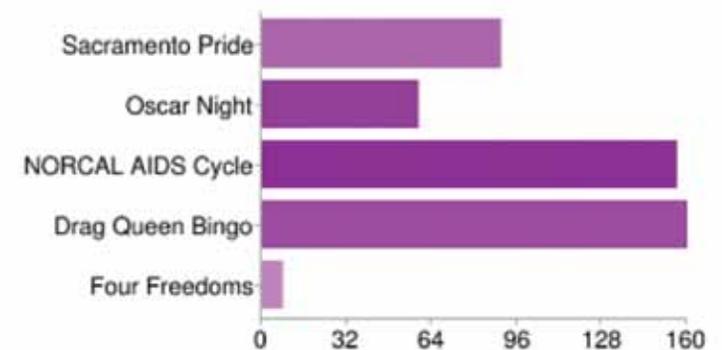
### Best Local Fundraising Event

Drag Queen Bingo  
NORCAL AIDS Cycle  
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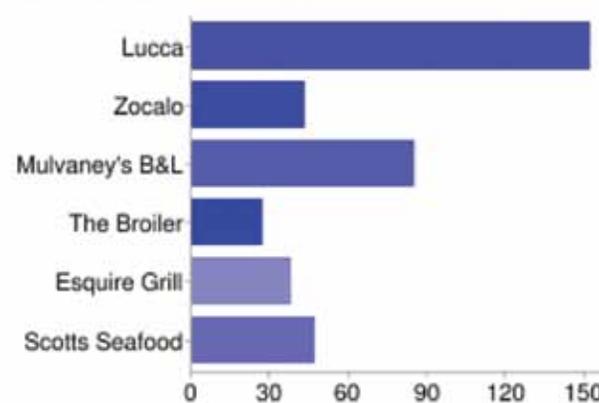
### Best California Pride Event

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### Best Local Fundraising Event



### Best Meal for Two Over \$50



### Best Place for a Gay Weekend Getaway

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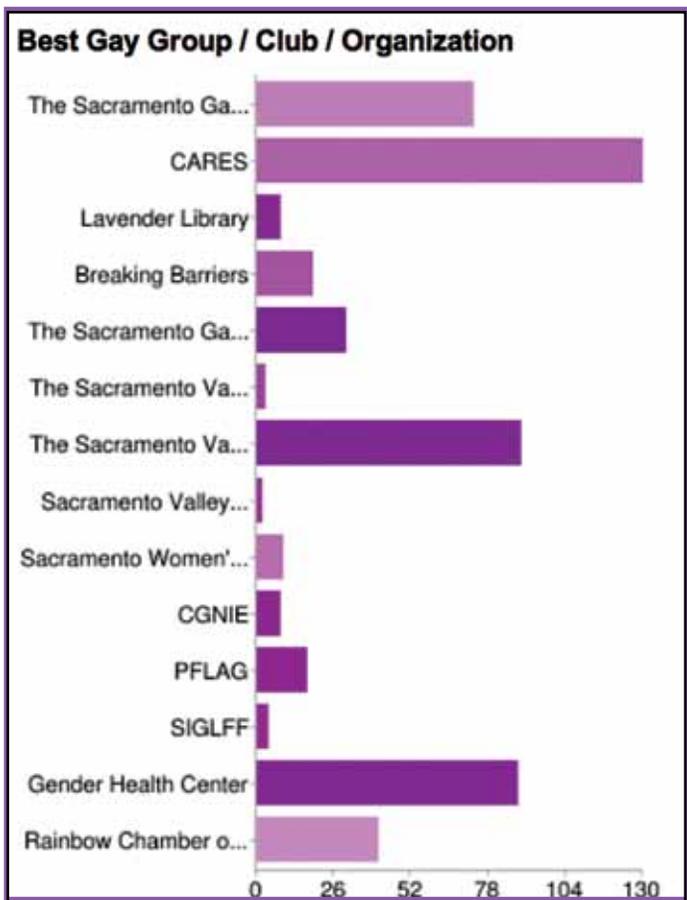
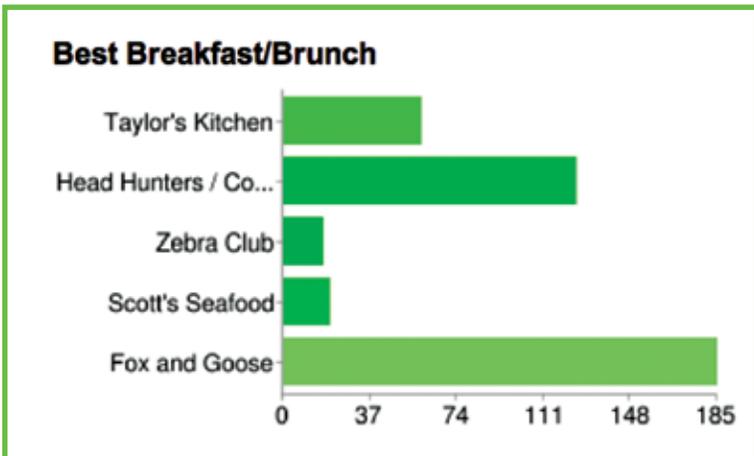
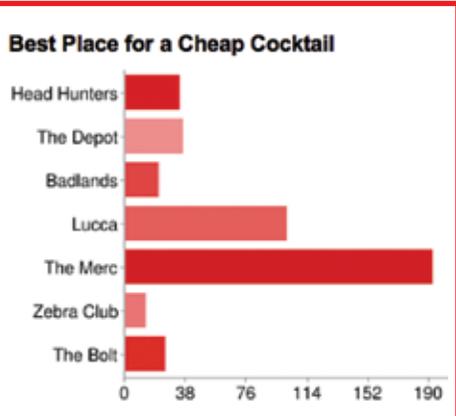


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**Outword's 2012 Best Of Survey - Things We Forgot to put on the List**

Upon setting up this year's survey for our Best Of, we tried to choose places and entities that we felt have been supportive of the GLBT community here in Sacramento, or just a place we seem to like.

We knew there were going to be other ideas about who, or what, should have been on this list, and we wanted to know what they would be. The answers we got back were interesting, at times self-serving and a couple that were very funny.

Thanks to everyone that participated in this year's survey! It was good to hear from you.

**Things we forgot to put on the list:**

**Best Nightclub - Faces (we have them in the Best Gay Bar category)**

**Black Butterfly Salon (never heard of it)**

**"My personals ad" (umm, ok)**

**Best Sushi (Yeah, we forgot that one)**

**Best Coffee (house)**

**Chicago Fire (Yes, they should have been under best pizza. Next year.)**

**Rainbow Festival! (Ok, for what?)**

**Petra - Greek Restaurant (Yeah, didn't put down Greek food either)**

**Best Gym/Athletic Facility**

**Best Gay Owned business (non bar)**

**Better Independent restaurants**

**Stonewall Democrats (Yeah, they should have been on the list for Best Gay group - but we did include the Four Freedoms annual dinner.)**

**Best Bakery / Best Desserts**

**Best Christmas Trees**

**Lake Tahoe - Best Weekend Getaway**

**Best Yogurt**

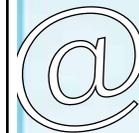
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# Entertainment by Chris Narloch

## Janis Joplin & Amy Winehouse Reviewed Posthumous CD's for Two Troubled Divas

The untimely death of Whitney Houston got me thinking about how hard the music industry can be, especially on women. There will no doubt be reissues or tribute discs in Houston's memory before long, and her music sales were up considerably after news of her passing became public.

I recently received several review CDs by Janis Joplin, another singer we lost way too soon, as a result of a drug overdose in 1970, at the age of 27. The death of Amy Winehouse last year, again at the age of 27, prompted an unusually good posthumous CD, which I also review below.

### Amy Winehouse

*Lioness: Hidden Treasures*

Fearing an exploitive, post-mortem cash-grab, I at first avoided buying this CD, until I learned that it was developed and approved by Winehouse's family and her producers, Mark Ronson and SaLaAM ReMi.

I was a huge admirer of the singer and her breakthrough disc, *Back to Black*, and although this cobbled-together collection of alternative takes and previously unreleased tracks could never touch that Grammy-winning classic, it is a must-have for fans of the late, great artist.

A couple of the alternate takes ("Tears Dry" and also "Wake Up

Alone") are less compelling than the versions of those songs on *Back to Black*, but it's still interesting to hear Winehouse experimenting with different tempos and vocal approaches.

"Body and Soul," the singer's duet with Tony Bennett, was already available on his recent *Duets II* release, but it makes a nice lead-in for Leon Russell's great "A Song For You," which closes out this CD. Her vocal on the latter is pretty mushy but not awful for an impromptu studio one-take.

Highlights on *Hidden Treasures* include a buoyant, scatting cover of "The Girl From Ipanema," a

similarly sweet version of "Our Day Will Come," and a successful collaboration with the rapper Nas on "Like Smoke."

For me, the new disc's best track is an exquisite cover of the old Shirelles' hit, "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" – it actually compares favorably to the great original, which was written by Gerry Coffin and Carole King.

Ronson's production on that track is perfection, especially the snare drums, and Winehouse lends her vocal, a heartbreaking mixture of strength and vulnerability that is all the more poignant after her passing.

Amy Winehouse



### Janis Joplin

*The Pearl Sessions*

It seems inconceivable that Janis Joplin, had she lived, would be 69 years old now. To commemorate her birthday (January 19), the fine folks at Legacy Recordings have put out both a previously unavailable live album by Big Brother & The Holding Company featuring Janis Joplin, and a two-disc edition of Joplin's final studio album, the masterpiece, *Pearl*.

Although I wonder if Joplin would have wanted her every between-take aside preserved for posterity, the rest of the expanded edition of *Pearl* is noteworthy, with newly discovered studio outtakes and other sonic rarities. The live versions of "Tell Mama" and "Half Moon" on Disc 2 are especially worthwhile.

The *Live At The Carousel Ballroom 1968* CD, featuring Joplin with Big Brother, is less compelling than *Pearl*, but her diehard fans will want to get it anyway.



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# Movies

by Chris Narloch

## Chronicle & The Vow Reviewed

Hollywood makes a point of not releasing any really good new movies around Oscar time, so as not to take attention away from Tinseltown's annual pat on the back, the Academy Awards telecast, which will air on Sunday, February 26.

I did manage to find a superb dance documentary recently, which popped up out of nowhere on several Sacramento screens. Also reviewed, two sleeper hits at the box office that should have stayed asleep.

### The Vow

This odd love story arrived just in time for

### Chronicle

Movies for teenagers have become so simple-minded and pandering that I approach any film containing an underage cast with extreme trepidation.

*Chronicle* is essentially *Carrie* with a sex change, but without any of the wit or style of



Channing Tatum as Leo in a scene from *The Vow*.

Valentine's Day and managed to snag the top spot at the box office, probably thanks to its romantic ad campaign and Channing Tatum's growing popularity with straight women and gay men.

Tatum, an ex-male model and stripper who doesn't mind showing off his buff body onscreen, has a nice nude scene (from behind) in *The Vow*, but that will be the only takeaway that I remember from this "inspired by a true story" but still unbelievable movie.

The actor plays a guy who runs a recording studio and is happily married to Rachel McAdams, until their car is rear-ended one snowy night, and wifey wakes up from a coma with no memory of her husband.

*The Vow* is like a Lifetime movie with better acting, and all involved - including the hunky Tatum, McAdams, Jessica Lange, and Sam Neill - do surprisingly good work in it.

The problem is the script, which has no interest in the medical and psychological issues raised by the real-life premise and instead invents a predatory family and ex-beau for McAdams's character who are all alarmingly eager to exploit her memory loss.

that classic Brian DePalma movie. The premise involves three teenaged friends (all male) who develop telekinesis after a brush with some kind of alien debris and decide to chronicle their growing superpowers on film.

The lead character, annoyingly saddled with both an alcoholic father and a terminal mother, ends up abusing those powers and takes his revenge on downtown Seattle, including the Space Needle, in a climactic CGI showdown.

Just as *The Vow* would be right at home on Lifetime or the Hallmark Channel, I can't really explain how *Chronicle* came to top the weekend box office instead of ending up on the SyFy Channel or going straight to DVD. It must have been a slow week.

### Pina 3D

This hypnotic dance documentary by the great director Wim Wenders (*Wings of Desire*) slipped into a handful of Sacramento theaters recently, without benefit of any publicity aside from one tiny ad in *The Bee*.

A shame, since the film is beautifully shot

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# Entertainment

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Based on the Grimm's fairy tale, *Blanche Neige* (*Snow White*) is set to music by Gustav Mahler, with costumes by Jean-Paul Gaultier and set design by Thierry Leproust. Due to brief nudity and mature themes, it is not appropriate for young audiences.

*Blanche Neige* plays two performances only, March 17 and 18, at the Mondavi. Please visit [www.MondaviArts.org](http://www.MondaviArts.org).



Céline Galli and Lorena O'Neill in a scene from Ballet Preljocaj's *Blanche Neige*. Image by JC Carbonne.



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## Escape with the New Ecstasy

DJ Escape has mixed a new CD, *Global Groove: Dance 5*, filled with his signature style of vocals, high-energy heart thumping beats and exclusive mixes that has club dancers movin' and grovin' across the nation.

"I chose the songs for this project based on what I am playing in the clubs right now with a mix of high energy tribal and vocal anthems," shares DJ Escape.

Kicking it off is DJ Escape's exclusive mix of the new Deborah Cox hit "If It Wasn't For Love," already a top ten dance club hit. Next, it's "time for hootchie-cootchie" with the new smash hit from music icon Gloria Estefan, "Hotel Nacional." This song made history for Estefan when it debuted at #1 on the Billboard Latin Song Chart, making her the first woman to do so.

From the multi-platinum group The Jonas Brothers, Joe Jonas follows with his top ten dance track "Love Slayer," heard here with a great Ralphie Rosario mix.

The artists on *Global Groove: Dance 5* read like an international who's who of dance music: Pepper Mashay, John LePage, Stephan Grondin, Ceevox, Eddie Baez, DJ Chus, Chad Jack, Yinon Yahel, and more. John LePage reunites with Debby Holiday on the track "Key to Your Soul." Together, they are best known for their #1 "Heaven."

"DJ Escape was our first DJ when Centaur Entertainment launched the *Global Groove: Dance* series and we are very excited to have him return to this successful series and its

latest volume," said Centaur President Nick De Biase "Escape brings a level of energy to the dance floor like no other DJ. His production on this CD brings that same level of energy. You're going to love this non-stop dance party!"

*Global Groove: Dance 5* is available in stores nationwide beginning March 6, including iTunes and Amazon worldwide.



DJ Escape

# Entertainment

## Phantom Sequel *Love Never Dies* Debuts In Movie Theaters

The original blockbuster musical *Phantom of the Opera* recently celebrated its 10,000th Broadway performance in New York. Now, you can see the follow-up to that famous show in local movie theaters, but for two nights only.

The timeless love story between Christine and the Phantom continues in Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel, *Love Never Dies*, which will make its U.S. debut in nearly 600 movie theaters on February 28, with a second showing on March 7.

Over a dozen movie theaters in the Sacramento area will be offering this exclusive event, a fully staged production pre-recorded at The Regent Theatre in Melbourne, Australia.

The screening will include an in-depth interview with Andrew Lloyd Webber as well as behind-the-scenes footage following Lloyd Webber on set as he provides creative direction to the cast and crew of *Love Never Dies*.

Featuring a 21-piece orchestra and a cast of 36, including actors Ben Lewis as the Phantom and Anna O'Byrne as Christine, the cinematic production was directed by Brett Sullivan.

After his disappearance from the Paris Opera house, the Phantom begins a new life amongst the freaks and sideshows of Coney Island in New York. The only thing missing is musical protégé Christine.

Tickets for *Love Never Dies* can be purchased now at participating theater box offices and online at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com).



Ben Lewis as the Phantom and Anna O'Byrne as Christine in a scene from *Love Never Dies*.

## Spring Awakening Returns to Sacramento



You have until March 4 to see Green Valley Theatre's current production of the sexy and edgy musical *Spring Awakening*, now playing at The Grange Performing Arts Center on V Street in Sacramento.

Set in the conservative and stifling world of late-nineteenth century provincial Germany, *Spring Awakening* follows the fumbling discoveries and inchoate yearnings of a small group of students as they navigate the inner and outer tumult of their awakening sexuality.

The show's lovely alternative/folk-infused rock score, by Duncan Sheik and Steven Sater, gives the audience a window into the inner landscape of the young characters, with songs of confession, admission and denial.

Based on the play by Frank Wedekind, *Spring Awakening* received eleven 2007 Tony nominations, winning eight, including Best Musical, Direction, and Score.

Please visit [www.greenvalleytheatre.com](http://www.greenvalleytheatre.com).

**Herr Sonnenstich (Craig Howard) threatens Melchior Gabor (Elio Gutierrez) for having interrupted the lesson in Green Valley Theatre's production of *Spring Awakening*. Photo by Christopher Cook.**

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# Calendar

## Feb.

compiled by Charles Peer

### Saturday, 25

**ACT OF VALOR W/ SVV**  
Vets, active duty members and allies are invited to join the LGBT Sac. Valley Veterans for lunch and camaraderie, then

if you want, a showing of the new movie *Act of Valor*. Noon for lunch, movie is at 1:40. Downtown Plaza Food Court. Info: [Saclgbtveterans.org/](http://Saclgbtveterans.org/)

toast, live music and more. 4 p.m. \$75 or \$125. Hyatt Regency. Info: 916-488-1110 [CapCityAIDSFund.org](http://CapCityAIDSFund.org)

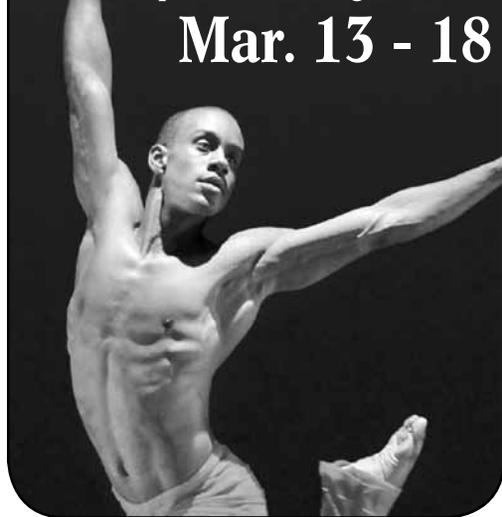
### Wednesday, 29

**SVGLSL INFO NIGHT**  
The Sacramento Valley G&L Softball League is actively recruiting new coaches, managers, players, and sponsors for the spring season and is hosting a meet & greet for anyone interested in joining the league. 6 - 8 p.m. Sac. G&L Center, 1927 L St. Info: [www.svgls.com](http://www.svgls.com).

### Thursday, 23

**FREEDOM TO MARRY**  
EQCA and Sac G&L Center are hosting a reception and discussion on California's fight for marriage equality, with appetizers, wine and beer. \$50. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Kennedy Gallery, 1114 20th St. RSVP 916-442-0185 [Ted@SacCenter.org](mailto:Ted@SacCenter.org)

**Alvin Ailey American Dance**  
Eight separate works including the Bay Area premiere of *Home*, plus *Revelations*, *Arden Court* and the high energy audience participation piece *Minus 16*.  
Cal Performances, UCB.  
[calperformances.org](http://calperformances.org).



Mar. 13 - 18

### Friday, 24

**RIGOLETTO**  
A psychologically disturbing drama about a "corrupted clown who belittles the misfortune of others, and takes out a contract on his employer, who has designs on his daughter Gilda. Sacramento Opera with the Sacramento Philharmonic. 8 p.m. Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St. info: [SacOpera.org](http://SacOpera.org)

**SNOWSHOE HIKE**  
Find your snowshoes, or rent some, for this moderate hike near Echo Summit, off Hwy. 50. Huff and puff through fluffy snow up a forested ridge to enjoy lunchtime views of Lake Tahoe. Then downhill to frozen Echo Lake, passing snow covered cabins. Enjoy the winter wonderland! G&L Sierrans. Info: 916-379-0724

**COLLAGE**  
A group for folks aged eight and older with one or more parents that are LGBTQ. Come and play games, make friends and plan fun activities. 2-4 p.m. Sac G&L Center, 1927 L St. Info: 916-514-2251 [colage.org](http://colage.org) [facebook.com/colage.sacramento](http://facebook.com/colage.sacramento)

### Sunday, 26

**OSCAR NIGHT SACRAMENTO**  
Take a stroll down the red carpet for an enchanted evening with Oscar, plus fabulous silent auction, free champagne

## Mar.

### Thursday, 1

**DRAG QUEEN BINGO**  
Join Hamburger Patties and *Outword* for a night of very fun Bingo to support CARES. Eight games, \$15. Come early for cocktails and dinner and to get a great seat, first

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## Friday, 2

### HUSH LADIES NIGHT

Joy's hosting a night a special night with the *Real L Word* star Tracy Ryerson in person, plus Dina Shore Games, Make-A-Date and more. 9 p.m. No cover. The Depot, 2001 K St.

### SVGLS MEET & GREET

Spring is in the air, and that means softball, so come find out what the

Sacramento Valley G&L Softball League is all about - they may even have a mitt with your name on it! 6 p.m. Head Hunters, 20th & K Sts. Info: SVGLS.com

### SVL FETISH NIGHT

Whatever your fetish is - from leather to sports - put on your gear for this night dedicated to you and hosted by the SVL. 8 p.m. Free, no cover. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com sacvllythrcorp.org

## Saturday, 3

### SVGLS PLAYERS CLINIC

New and returning player clinic for the Sacramento Valley G&L Softball League. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tahoe Park, 59th St. at 8th Ave. Info: SVGLS.com

### VALLEY BEARS BEER BUST

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for a soda and beer bust. \$8 for all you can drink. 8 p.m. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBears.org SacBolt.com

## Sunday, 4

### LGBT SQUARE DANCING

Club caller Tom Kaiser invites new dancers and returning dancers for an afternoon of lessons and square dancing. 3 - 5 p.m. The Met HS, 8th & V Sts. Info: tmkaiser@ucddavis.edu

### BRUNCH AFTER DARK

The Sacramento Valley Leathermen is hosting a special pancake brunch and fundraiser, with a bit of the Irish thrown in

### Drag Queen Bingo

*Outword* readers have voted for DQB as the Best Local Fundraising Event! Come find out why, but here are some hints: lots of laughs, great Patties burgers shots, shots, shots - and oh yeah, raising over \$45,000 for local charities and nonprofits. See: **Mar. 1**



for luck, and a chance to pie-in-the-face some local celebs. 8 - 11 p.m. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com

## Wednesday, 7

### VALLEY BEARS MEETING

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for their monthly meeting. Say hi to old friends and make some new ones! 7:30 p.m. Lavender Library, 1414 21st St. Info: SacBears.org

**Hush: The 'L You Say**  
It's ladie's night at the Depot, and it doesn't get any better than a live appearance by the *Real L Word's* Tracy Ryerson! Plus your buxom host, Joy, has got some fun games, hot dancing, to some naughty tunes, and Make-A-Date. See: **Mar. 2**



## Cher: The Clothes, the Times, the Attitudes



Cher, the platinum selling singer, award winning actress and a performer for the ages is also now the star of a 32-page comic book biography. Written by *New York Times* Best Selling author Marc Shapiro and drawn by Zach Basset with a cover by DC Comics artist Joe Phillips, Cher is the newest member of the "Female Force" comic series, which offers a broad examination of strong and influential women who are shaping modern history and culture. Available on Amazon and your favorite comic book store.

# SPRING SOFTBALL IS HERE!

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**Meet & Greet:**  
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Headhunters

**Player Clinics at Tahoe Park:**  
Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am-1pm  
Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm  
Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm

**Mandatory Coaches' Meeting:**  
Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
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One of Catalno’s first duties was presenting the petition to the mayor, and leading a delegation to the mayor’s office. The Mayor was away at a press conference at the time, but was asked at the press conference if he would sign the pledge. *Outword* was not present at the press conference, however, the Mayor’s Press Secretary Joaquin McPeck told *Outword* that the Mayor said “that he will certainly look at what’s being proposed and would love to meet with some of the members of the Stonewall community and make a decision in the not too distant future.”

In other business at the meeting, Stonewall voted to endorse Kevin McCarty in his bid for reelection to the city council and contributed \$2,000 to his campaign. It also endorsed Nancy Bui who is running for reelection to the SMUD Board, contributing \$250 to her campaign. Steve Hanson, who had already been endorsed by the club in his run for the City Council, was given an additional contribution of \$2,550, bringing his total contribution from the club to \$5050, the maximum the club can contribute for a primary.

For more information about the Stonewall Democrats, visit [www.sacstonewall.org](http://www.sacstonewall.org)

through the work of Center volunteer Jonathan Williams. To date, 23 letter-size banker boxes of materials have been boxed up, roughly sorted and identified, and labeled as to general contents.

“As with any archival collection, there will be many surprises to be found once the actual processing of the materials begins,” said Grantz.

In the general rough sorting of materials, some of the general categories identified include: Sacramento Pride and Lambda Freedom Fair, newsletters, programming (internal and outreach), Jane Roundtree Library, Eagles, financial records, newspapers and clippings, magazines, resource information, contractual records, certificates and plaques, meetings and reports, photographs and posters.

Many of the posters are framed and are oversize, which will add at least two or three huge oversize boxes to the above count.

The Center will hold on to the photographs for a short period of time in the hope that members of the community can help identify them. Anyone who has been involved with the Center and would like to help identify the photos is asked to please contact Williams at [Jonathan.Williams@saccenter.org](mailto:Jonathan.Williams@saccenter.org).

For more information, please visit [LavenderLibrary.org](http://LavenderLibrary.org) or [SacCenter.org](http://SacCenter.org)

**Black Butterfly Salon (again)**

**Best Cruise Spot**

**Best Neighborhood for Foreclosures (that just sounds depressing)**

**Bearded Latin Guy!**

**Best Clothing Store... Gotta Look Sharp!**

**Best DJ - Jammin' Jo (that's a given)**

**Where's Mondo Bizarro? (What is Mondo Bizarro? Never heard of it...)**

**Best Doggy Daycare/Dog Walker**

**Best Gay Tree - Barkley (Thank you Anne)**

**Best Yoga Studio**

**Best Place to find your Ex-Boyfriend**

Well, you get the point. So we will keep a copy of this year's list around be sure to look at it when drafting up next year's. Thanks again for helping make this year's survey our Best!

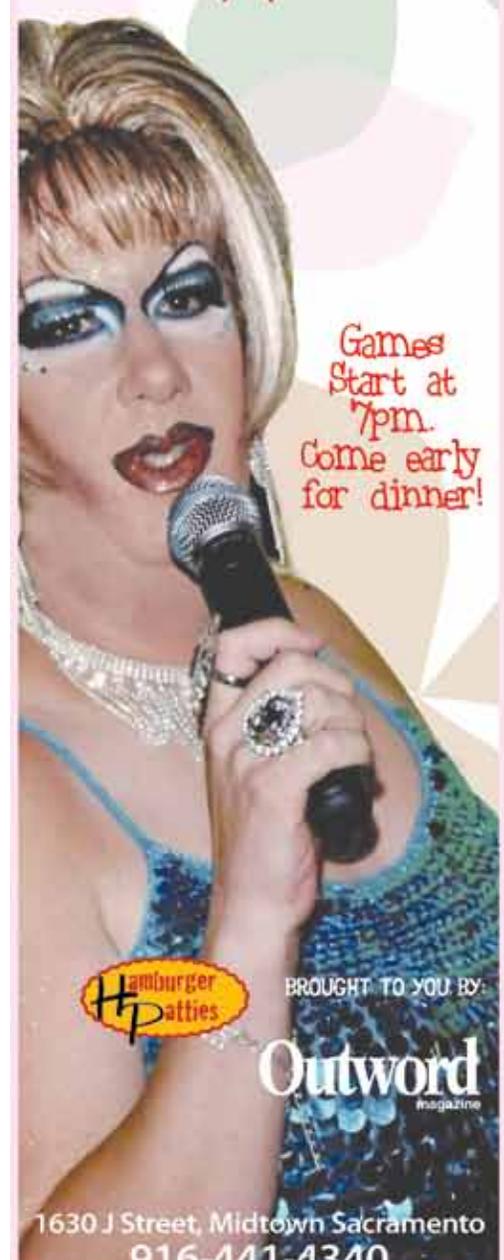
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**Sacramento G&L Softball League Joins NAGAAA**

The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) welcomed the Sacramento Valley Gay & Lesbian Softball League into its ranks at its Winter meeting held January 28, making SVGLS teams eligible to compete in the Gay Softball World Series for the first time.

“As one of the original SVGLS founders, I am very excited,” said Patrick Marsengill, SVGLS Commissioner. “Achieving NAGAAA affiliation was one of our major goals set back in early 2010 when we first started getting organized. I have personally participated in the Gay Softball World Series and it was an amazing experience. It’s truly awesome that we are now able to send a team to the World Series in 2012.”

Just before Christmas, Marsengill received an e-mail inviting the 18-month-old league to attend the NAGAAA Winter Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. The league was subsequently given an opportunity to apply for membership, almost a year before the league would typically be considered eligible for admission. SVGLS Vice Commissioner Joe Jaquez traveled to Minnesota to present the application before the NAGAAA’s Membership Committee, which voted unanimously to accept Sacramento into the alliance.

The league is actively recruiting new coaches, managers, players, and sponsors for the spring season – more information is available at [www.svgls.com](http://www.svgls.com). A free information night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center, 1927 L St. Visit [SVGLS.com](http://SVGLS.com) for more info.

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nearly 275,000 gas-engine cars off the road. Join before April 22, for a chance to win a Nissan Leaf. You can sign up for Greenergy and get more information about the Leaf giveaway at smud.org

## Reynolds Joins Nonprofit Resource Center Board

Tina Reynolds, principal of Uptown Studios, a well-known Sacramento design, website, social media and video firm, recently joined the board of directors of the Nonprofit Resource Center.

The board of directors sets policy and keeps the Center focused on its mission to improve the management of nonprofit organizations in the region. Reynolds will bring a new and fresh perspective on how to engage and inform Center constituents with programs, marketing and social media.

“I am thrilled to become more involved with a team of leaders working to create change through such a vibrant and socially conscious nonprofit whose dedication to their clients and high standards is commendable,” Reynolds stated.

David Ljung, CPA, and Nonprofit Resource Center Board Chair said, “Tina’s energy and her community activism are like a bolt of lightning for the Center and our Board. We are very excited to tap her skills and enthusiasm.”

## Lavender Angels Expand Program

The Lavender Angels have announced that two new services have been added to what they offer in Midtown.

In addition to night patrols, the Angels now have daytime patrols and will begin assisting a homeless drop-in shelter at St. John’s Church.

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## Houston’s Mayor

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I’ve made very few mistakes. I actually ran and lost two races before I learned not to run against an incumbent, unless that incumbent has done something to seriously wound themselves. And the other is that yes, it is about the money. If you’re not willing to go fundraise, you’re not going to be successful. A lot of folks who don’t want to do the fundraising say they’re running a grassroots campaign. Grassroots campaign means you have the money to do grassroots efforts. Volunteers need to have materials, be organized, have a phone and office set up, etc.

### What do you do to encourage LGBT people to run for office?

I meet regularly with LGBT candidates who are considering running. I speak regularly to LGBT clubs around the country that do organizational work. I have been a regular participant as a trainer or speaker in the Victory Fund’s candidate training.

### What strategic advice would you give an LGBT person running for office on how to win?

I’m a big believer in the work of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. They do first-class candidate training that helps candidates learn not just how to manage a campaign, which you could get from a number of sources, but how to manage and deal with a campaign where you’re going to be receiving questions about your sexual orientation. The other advice I would give is that it’s never just about the candidate. If you have a spouse, that spouse is running, too. You both have to be comfortable. It’s never acceptable to say ‘it’s nobody’s business’ or ‘I’m not going to say what my sexual orientation is.’ If you’re gay and you’re going to run, figure out a way to be comfortable saying it.

### Tell us about your coming out story. How did your family respond?

I came out when I was 15 and a sophomore in high school in Germany, but I knew I was gay when I was 12. I fell in love for the first time. My family did their best to ignore the whole thing; her family separated us and forbade us to see each other. As a cover, I would actually date guys to go on a double date with her.

*Rosanna Herber was the Chair of Sacramento’s LGBTQ Redistricting Coalition that successfully lobbied for gay-friendly districts at the City and County. She is a regular writer for The Viewpoint, a neighborhood newspaper in Curtis Park.*

## Movies

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and takes superb advantage of 3D technology to pay tribute to the work of the late, great modern dance choreographer, Pina Bausch.

If you are fan of dance, you owe it to yourself to seek this movie out. If it is no longer playing in Sacramento by the time you read this, look for it in the Bay Area, or add it to your Netflix queue. You won’t be disappointed.

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