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Dear Outward Readers,

Capital City Squares, Sacramento's LGBT square dance club, is starting a new square dance class for beginners on Wednesday, February 6.

The weekly classes will be held on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Fruitridge Community Center, 4000 Fruitridge Rd. There is plenty of parking in the lot in front of the center.

The first two sessions (February 6 and 13) are free to new dancers, so come give it a try (no strings attached; no pressure).

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Thank you,

Larry Lauszus



Volunteers Sought for 2013 Sacramento Pride

The weather outside may be wintery, but summer and Sacramento Pride are just around the corner and it is not time to start looking for volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for both the planning committees and for the day of Pride and the Parade.

Pride requires that planning committee volunteers commit to a five-month period, donating about five hours of their time a week.

Please contact the Center's Pride management team by e-mail. Send a cover letter and resume to Details@SacramentoPride.org.

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Remembering Jeanne Manford (1920-2013)

PFLAG National Statement on the Passing of Founder Jeanne Manford:

Today, January 8, 2013, the world has lost a pioneer: Jeanne Manford, the founder of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and the Mother of the Straight Ally movement.

Jeanne was one of the fiercest fighters in the battle for acceptance and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender

members and supporters, and the creation of similar organizations across the globe.

Jeanne's work was called "the story of America...of ordinary citizens organizing, agitating, educating for change, of hope stronger than hate, of love more powerful than any insult or injury," in a speech by President Barack Obama in 2009.

All of us—people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and straight allies



Jeanne Manford marching alongside her son, Morty, in June of 1972 at the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade (predecessor to NYC's Gay Pride Parade), carrying a placard stating, "Parents of Gays: Unite in Support of our Children"

(LGBT) people.

It is truly humbling to imagine in 1972—just 40 years ago—a simple schoolteacher started this movement of family and ally support, without benefit of any of the technology that today makes a grassroots movement so easy to organize. No Internet. No cellphones. Just a deep love for her son and a sign reading "Parents of Gays: Unite in Support of Our Children."

This simple and powerful message of love and acceptance from one person resonated so strongly it was heard by millions of people worldwide and led to the founding of PFLAG, an organization with more than 350 chapters across the U.S. and 200,000



Jeanne Manford at a celebration of her 92nd birthday held in December 2012.

alike—owe Jeanne our gratitude. We are all beneficiaries of her courage. Jeanne Manford proved the power of a single person to transform the world. She paved the way for us to speak out for what is right, uniting the unique parent, family and ally voice with the voice of LGBT people everywhere.

(To read more about Jeanne Manford and her contributions, visit www.outwordmagazine.com/inside-outword/glb-news/1085-in-memoriam-jeanne-manford-1920-2013.)

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SF Supes Consider Renaming Airport "SF Harvey Milk International"

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is considering a proposal to rename San Francisco International Airport to Harvey Milk International Airport, after the former supervisor who was the first gay man elected to office in America.

The proposal is being presented to the Board by Supervisor David Campos, as a charter amendment that would eventually require voter approval. The first step, though, would be getting five other Supervisors to approve the measure. If that happens, voters could decide the issue as early as November.

"Renaming the airport for Harvey Milk would be an international symbol of hope and freedom, and an enormous educational opportunity," said John O'Connor, Equality California executive director. "People from around the world - including countries where being gay is still against the law -- will learn about Milk's great legacy. This is a chance to lead the world and affect positive change on a global scale."

San Francisco International Airport serves over 40 million passengers a year, with 59

airlines serving 105 airports throughout the world. This would be the first airport in the world named after an openly LGBT person.

"Having San Francisco name its international airport after my uncle is a wonderful and fitting tribute to Harvey and the spirit of inclusion that embodies the core values he taught and lived by: respect for human rights; equality; collaboration; understanding; and a world view," said Stuart Milk, Harvey Milk's nephew, board member of EQCA, and co-founder of the Harvey Milk Foundation. "Led by SF



Supervisor David Campos, this

action sends a powerful message across the globe; that San Francisco continues to be a beacon of light moving us all forward, leading new generations of Americans and foreign visitors alike ever closer to equality for all."

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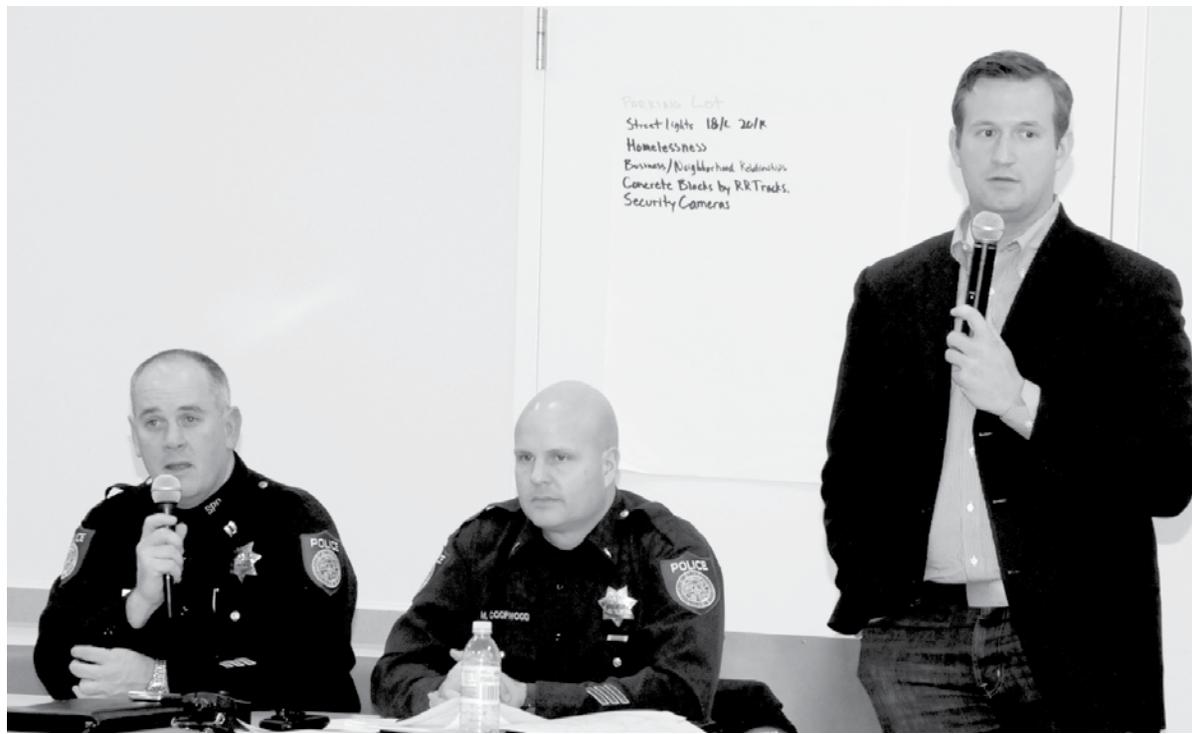
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Councilmember Hansen Holds Midtown Safety Meeting

Sacramento City Council District 4 Councilmember Steve Hansen and Sacramento PD Capt. Ken Bernard and Lt. Marc Coopman met with Midtown residents on Thursday, January 10 to discuss public safety concerns in Midtown neighborhoods. While noting that Midtown has some of the safest neighborhoods in the city, Hansen pointed out that the safety recommendations presented should be observed by all residents throughout Sacramento. The recommendations are online at sacpd.org/besafe/safetyguides.



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Early Champion for Safe Schools Takes Leadership Role

Early in his career, Jay Hansen worked with state Rep. Sheila Kuehl on groundbreaking legislation to help ensure LGBT students would be safe from harassment and discrimination in California public schools. Now, as the first openly gay member of the Sacramento City Unified School District board, he's in a position to appreciate the results of that legislation firsthand.

In December Hansen was appointed by a 5-1 vote to serve the two years remaining in the term of resigning Area 1 trustee Ellyn Bell, representing Sacramento's Midtown, downtown and Land Park neighborhoods. Hansen was one of six nominees considered. He was encouraged to run and endorsed by the Sacramento Stonewall Democratic Club, of which he is a founding member.

Hansen currently serves as chief strategy officer for the California Medical Association. He previously served as legislative and political director for the State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. He and partner Jesse Kaplan, a Certified Public Accountant, recently celebrated four years together.

Although Hansen has been avidly involved in Democratic Party politics for many years, he has never run for elected office. He caught the political bug as a high school student participating in the American Legion Boys State Youth in Government program, which

brings students to Sacramento from throughout the state for a mock legislative session. "I had always been opinionated and had things to say. Boys State taught me how to say them," Hansen recalls. "That experience taught me about public service, and I found out I had a passion for it."

Since then, Hansen has put in his time on numerous political campaigns, walking precincts and knocking on doors. In 1993 he got his first offer for a paid position in politics, working for then-California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown.

It was during his time in the Speaker's Office that Hansen worked with Sen. Sheila Kuehl, then a state assembly member, to draft AB 537, the California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000, which added sexual orientation and gender identity to the nondiscrimination policy of the California Education Code. "I was assigned by the Speaker to help facilitate the bill through the House. It had failed twice before," Hansen says.



Jay Hansen is the first openly gay member of the Sacramento City unified School District Board.

"That was one I was certainly very proud of."

As a SCUSD trustee, Hansen hopes to see health and wellness, of students and staff alike, become a bigger part of the district curriculum, taking advantage of the abundance of locally grown produce and expanding on schools' existing partnerships with local small farms.

"There is a salad bar in every school in the district," he says. "I don't think there were any vegetables when I was in school." He also is a booster for expanding technical education opportunities in the district. At press time he was looking forward to a tour of the district's Health Professionals High School.

With less than a month in the trustee seat, Hansen and fellow board members are negotiating the painful prospect of closing several schools due to declining enrollment. "We need to have a product that is as good as or better than the charter schools," Hansen says. "Principals should have the tools to innovate and work with teachers to provide a better product. That's how we're going to keep enrollment high." SCUSD schools have improved over the past few years, Hansen says, an improvement he attributes in large part to the "enlightened" leadership of Superintendent Jonathan P. Raymond.

Sacramento residents have historically been supportive of district schools, Hansen says, noting recent passage of two school bond initiatives totaling \$410 million. "The majority of Sacramento residents do not have students in the school district, yet voters have continually supported our schools," he says.

He hopes community involvement will

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New EQCA Executive Director Sees Bright Future

It is no secret that Equality California (EQCA) has had their problems in the past. While the organization still holds the distinction of being California's foremost lobbying powerhouse for LGBT rights, their own organizational history almost brought them to ruin.

After a little more than a year of being without a leader, EQCA has finally found someone who has a track record of building organizations and making them viable.

John O'Connor seems to be the perfect person to take EQCA and rebuild it to its former glory, or so says several community leaders and former bosses of O'Connor. This seasoned executive with extensive management, fundraising, strategy and advocacy experience has over 15 years of excellent accomplishments.

O'Connor was the founding director of The California Museum of History, Woman and the Arts. He began his work there by producing all aspects of The California Hall of Fame institution and took a key role under Maria Shriver. He was National Director for the Gill Foundation and Program Director of David Giffen Foundation.

The LGBT Community Center of the Desert in Palm Springs was O'Connor's most recent success, where as executive director he planned and executed a complete turnaround and restructuring of the struggling center. With his strong financial skills he left them a solvent and growing organization before heading to EQCA.

Recently, O'Connor visited Sacramento, meeting with community leaders, legislators, and EQCA's respected Director of Government Affairs, Alice Kessler and transgender EQCA Legislative Fellow Jo Michael who are both based here in Sacramento.

Between meetings, I sat down with O'Connor and asked him a few questions about his recent hiring and the future of Equality California:

During the last 15 years you have been



EQCA Executive Director John O'Connor

involved with several organizations either building them from scratch or reviving them from being close to extinction. You seem to have a strong background in fundraising. Do you think you were hired specifically for that reason?

Well, you would have to ask the committee that question. Of course, today, for any organization their financial health is an important factor, however, I suspect my background in reorganization was another reason for choosing me over other candidates.

I was interested in learning that your roots in gay activism back in the late 80s and early 90s were with Act Up and Queer Nation. Act Up fought for the rights of AIDS patients and was known to be

somewhat militant by their own admittance. Do you think that type of civil-disobedience was effective, and is there still a need for such direct and attention-grabbing protest?

Certainly back then we needed to bring awareness to the fact that little attention was being paid by our government and the public about a disease that was killing a population that wasn't focused on just the gay community. Act Up served a purpose and results were certainly positive.

As far as today, we've come a long way and many of the issues we were fighting for then have been resolved. Now we sit down with legislators and iron out issues and create laws that protect LGBT people. This is why I wanted to work for EQCA. I am excited to work for an organization that is on the forefront of protecting our rights. My work with them directly affects me.

At a recent meeting with the Sacramento Regional LGBT Youth Task Force they were discussing how laws protecting youth in schools, such as Seth's Law, seem to be being ignored. How can EQCA help make sure that the laws, many of which were sponsored by EQCA, are followed?

The first part of a battle to protect targeted students is getting the law passed. The next battle is getting schools to follow the law so that we can curtail the harm bullying does to youth. I'm just getting started but I do plan on sitting down with our leadership and come up with a strategic plan on how we can follow up on laws we sponsor.

The California Department of Education is in the process of auditing schools concerning implementation of Seth's Law and I am looking forward to reading their report when it is released.

By the way it isn't just the youth I am worried about. We have a growing community of older LGBT persons who are being separated from their partners and placed in nursing homes. Many feel they have to go back in the closet after decades of being out.

Right now, Prop 8 is in the hands of the Supreme Court; if the Court decides that Prop 8 is Constitutional, what course do you think EQCA take?

I will be sitting down with our leadership soon and discuss options. One option will be to work with the super majority legislature and get it on a future ballot. Either way we will be ready strategically to face whatever happens to bring about full marriage equality.

Are you hopeful for the future of EQCA?

I am extremely hopeful. EQCA already had several impressive staff leaders that were helping to keep the organization moving in the right direction before I came onboard. I will be looking at the structure and going over the financials and taking a cautious and guarded approach to growing the organization. I think jumping ahead too fast is what hurts in the long run. I estimate it will take an entire year to completely rebuild. I am really excited about our future.

Ken Pierce is a freelance journalist, and also works with Equality Action NOW, B.R.A.V.E. Society and the Sacramento Regional LGBT Youth Task Force. He can be reached at kpierce8272@yahoo.com.

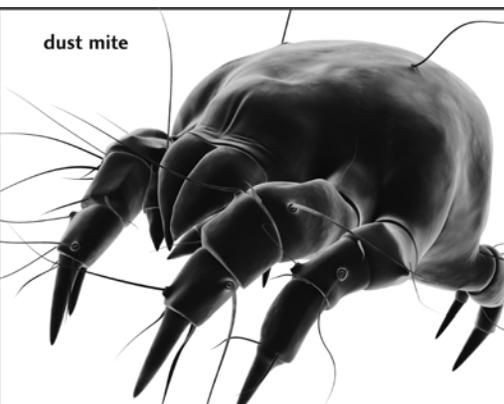
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Former G&L Service Members to Receive Full Separation Pay

Former service members who are part of a class action lawsuit challenging a Defense Department policy that cuts in half the separation pay of those who have been honorably discharged for “homosexuality” will receive their full pay after a settlement announced January 7.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of New Mexico had filed a class action lawsuit against the policy, which was not part of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” statute and so was not changed when that law was repealed.

“There was absolutely no need to subject these service members to a double dose of discrimination by removing them from the armed forces in the first place, and then denying them this small benefit to ease the transition to civilian life,” said Laura Schauer Ives, managing attorney for the ACLU of New Mexico. “This decision represents a long-delayed justice to these veterans.”

The ACLU’s class action lawsuit represented approximately 181 honorably discharged veterans who had their separation pay cut in half because of the discriminatory policy. The total amount of separation pay withheld from those veterans is approximately \$2.4 million.

The lead plaintiff in the case, Richard Collins, was a decorated former staff sergeant in the Air Force who served for nine years until he was discharged under “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

Collins was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico before being seen by a co-worker exchanging a kiss with his boyfriend in their car while stopped at an intersection off-base.

“This means so much to those of us who dedicated ourselves to the military, only to be forced out against our will for being who we are,” said Collins. “We gave all we had to our country, and just wanted the same dignity and respect for our service as any other veterans.”

Under the settlement, all service members covered by the lawsuit will be contacted by the government and notified that they are eligible to opt in to the settlement and receive 100 percent of the separation pay

that they would have received had they been discharged for any other honorable reason.

Federal law entitles service members to



Staff Sergeant Richard Collins was discharged from the Air Force under DADT when a co-worker reported seeing him kissing his boyfriend at a traffic stop off-base.

separation pay if they have been involuntarily and honorably discharged from the military after completing at least six years of service in order to help ease their transition to civilian life.

The settlement covers service members who were discharged on or after November 10, 2004, which is as far back as the settlement could extend under the applicable statute of limitations.

“It makes no sense to continue to penalize service members who were discharged under a discriminatory statute that has already been repealed,” said Joshua Block, staff attorney for the ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Project. “The amount of the pay owed to these veterans is small by military standards, but is hugely significant in acknowledging their service to their country.”

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Supreme Court Schedules Oral Arguments in Prop 8 & DOMA Cases

The United States Supreme Court has announced that it will hear oral argument in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, the federal constitutional challenge to California's Proposition 8, on Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

The Court also indicated that it will hear oral argument in *United States v. Windsor*, a challenge to the constitutionality of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), on Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

Both hearing dates were announced by the Court on Monday, January 7.

Enacted by Congress in 1996, DOMA nullifies the marriages of gay and lesbian couples for all purposes of federal law. Enacted in November 2008, Proposition 8 eliminated the fundamental freedom of gay and lesbian Californians to marry.

On December 7, 2012, the Supreme Court granted review in *Perry* to consider whether Proposition 8 violates the Due Process and

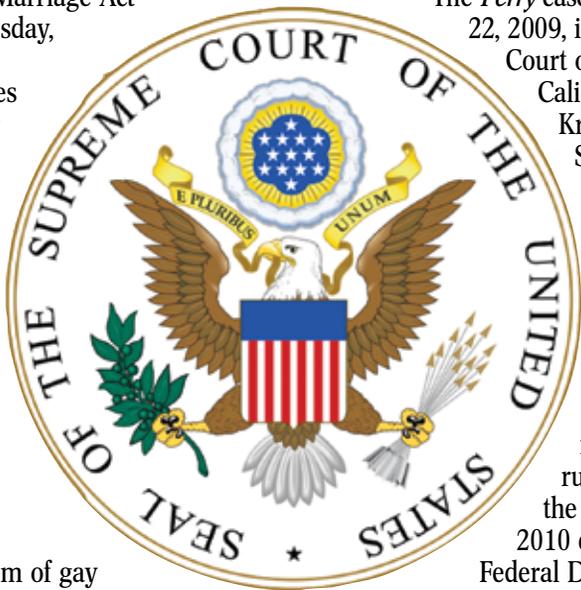
Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The *Perry* case was filed on May 22, 2009, in Federal District Court on behalf of two California couples, Kris Perry and Sandy Stier, and Paul Katami and Jeff Zarrillo.

On February 7, 2012, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued a landmark ruling upholding the historic August 2010 decision of the Federal District Court that found Proposition 8

unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court will receive written briefs from the parties in *Perry* and *Windsor* prior to hearing oral argument.



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Top Names in Music & Comedy Headline Dinah 2013

Club Skirts Dinah Shore, the world's largest girl party/music festival will, for the 23rd year in a row, turn the city of Palm Springs into the ultimate entertainment hub, offering an epic slate of Top Ten Billboard headliners, rising pop stars, comics and celebrities.

As women from all over the world prepare to descend upon Palm Springs to attend the extended weekend party scheduled for April 3 through 7, all will have different expectations, schedules, and friends, but there is one immutable element that continues to link them all together: the music.

Among the headliners on this year's roster are Karmin, the pop sensation duo & *Rolling Stone* magazine's "Woman who Rock" winner, known for their infectious summer hit "Broken Hearted." Karmin will be the top draw at the "Monte Carlo" party held at the Palm Springs Convention Center on Saturday, April 6.

Additional talent lineup includes Havana Brown ("We Own The Night"), Reggae/Dancehall legend Diana King, the *Vampire Diaries* very own Kat Graham ("Put Your Graffiti On Me"), and electropop duo Uh Huh Her as the grand finale (Sunday, April 7).

Also, music's new "it" girls, Anjulie ("Brand New Bitch"), K. Rose ("Sleep When I'm Dead") and KATY TIZ ("Famous") will bring their unique sounds to the clubs and poolside parties.

Comedy is also a favorite, and this year's lineup is stellar, with comics Fortune Feimster ("Chelsea Lately"), Jackie Loeba and Suzanne Westenhoefer, and exclusive

Lesbian Web Series".

This year The Dinah is introducing two inaugural events, hosting for the first time ever an exclusive "Celebrity Poker Tournament" on Saturday, April 6, with all proceeds going to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). The complete list of celebrity poker players will be revealed on March 1.

In addition, The Dinah is launching a Movie Premiere event



Karmin's Amy Heidemann and Nick Noonan are just one of the top acts at this year's Club Skirts Dinah Shore weekend.

appearances by TV reality stars, Lauren Bedford Russell and Kiyomi McCloskey of *The Real L Word*.

They'll be accompanied by some of the LGBT community's favorite lesbian celebrities as OML Media Corporation (www.onemorelesbian.com) has confirmed the return of its ever-popular "Battle Of The

in association with actresses, Web stars, groundbreaking entrepreneurs and a lesbian couple in real life, Jill Bennett and Cathy DeBuono, who will world-debut their latest feature film entitled *Second Shot*.

For more information and to make reservations, visit www.TheDinah.com.

Web Series *In Between Men* Returns For Second Season



The fashion, the music and the beat of New York City are at the heart of this web series that weaves in and out of the lives of Dalton, a successful New York event planner, (played by Nick Mathews), a hotshot advertising executive Ben (Ben Pamies), Dane, a young doctor, (Chase Coleman), and newcomer Brian Sharpe (Mark Tallman). The new season premieres February 12 at www.InBetweenMen.com.

The Great Gatsby Dances into Sacramento

We will have to wait until May of this year to see Baz Luhrmann's big screen version of *The Great Gatsby*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire and Carey Mulligan, but you can see Sacramento Ballet's highly anticipated version in dance this February.

F. Scott Fitzgerald's definitive American novel will be brought to life in a spectacular world premiere by master choreographer Ron Cunningham, complete with "Roaring Twenties" live music by Billy Novick's Blue Syncopators.

Also on the program is George Balanchine's *Who Cares?*, set to the gorgeous Broadway music of George Gershwin.

Sacramento Ballet's *The Great Gatsby* performs February 7-10 at the Community Center Theater. For more information, visit www.sacballet.org.



The Sacramento Ballet's Alexandra Cunningham and Stefan Calka in a promotional shot for *The Great Gatsby*. Auto provided by the California Automobile Museum, photo by Keith Sutter.

Kiss Me Wins AfterEllen.com's Best Movie Award



AfterEllen.com site visitors selected the acclaimed Swedish drama *Kiss Me* for their choice for Best Movie and it was also a Staff Pick. "The love story was sweet and sexy and oh so organic," says AfterEllen.com. "No death, no stalkers, no teacher-student relationships, no hallucinations, no cheating with dudes, no accidental adultery pregnancies. Just beautifully filmed lesbian love. We're still swooning just thinking about it!" You can see a trailer and get the digital version at WolfeVideo.com

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Hansel & Gretel Wander into IMAX, Plus an Oscar Nominee at the Tower

by Chris Narloch

Cinematically-speaking, January is the time for catching up on potential Oscar winners, some of which are only now making their way into Sacramento theaters.

If "spinach movies" (as I like to call them) aren't your cup of tea, you can skip the Oscar-bait films and check out the big-screen blockbuster *Hansel & Gretel*, hunting witches and kicking butt in IMAX 3D.

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D

If you saw the excellent 3D versions of Pixar's *Finding Nemo* and *Monsters, Inc.* or

The Tower

If you haven't seen *The Impossible* yet, get thee to the Tower and witness what great acting is all about. Naomi Watts, playing a woman clinging to life after barely surviving the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, adds another terrific, Oscar-nominated performance to her already impressive resume.

Watts and Ewan McGregor play the



Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton star in the upcoming film, "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters".

the stunning 3D Cirque du Soleil movie *Worlds Away*, then you already know that the current overuse of 3D on the big screen does produce some entertaining exceptions that are in fact more spectacular than their 2D counterparts.

Since I haven't seen it yet, I don't know whether the latest 3D blockbuster, *Hansel & Gretel*, will be a doozy or a dud, but it has sexy Jeremy Renner in it, and he's wearing leather, so I will definitely check it out when it opens on January 24 at the Esquire IMAX Theatre.

The famous, fabled brother and sister are "packing" in this version, and they look quite a bit older in the trailer than I remember, which means that this is one of those high-concept, souped up cinematic fairytales, along the lines of *The Brothers Grimm* and *Van Helsing*.

Renner and costar Gemma Arterton are transformed into the ultimate vigilantes in this version. We can only hope that *H & G* fares better than *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*, one of the worst movies of last year (or any year, really).

For more information about *Hansel & Gretel*, visit www.imax.com/sacramento.

parents of three young boys on a family vacation in Thailand whose tropical paradise is destroyed when disaster hits and fate forces them to fight for their lives.

Based on the true tale of a Spanish family who endured the tsunami, *The Impossible* is a spectacular technical achievement – the big wave and its destruction are realized with amazing attention to detail – that is also an extremely moving story of strength and survival.

Cinemark Classic Series

The Cinemark movie chain continues its big screen series showing digitally restored classic films, with the return of 1969's ultimate buddy flick *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* and the disco epic *Saturday Night Fever* from 1977.

Butch and Sundance ride back on to the big screen, for one day only, on Wednesday, January 30. Disco king Tony Manero tears up the dance floor all over again, on Wednesday, February 6.

This is your chance to see Robert Redford,

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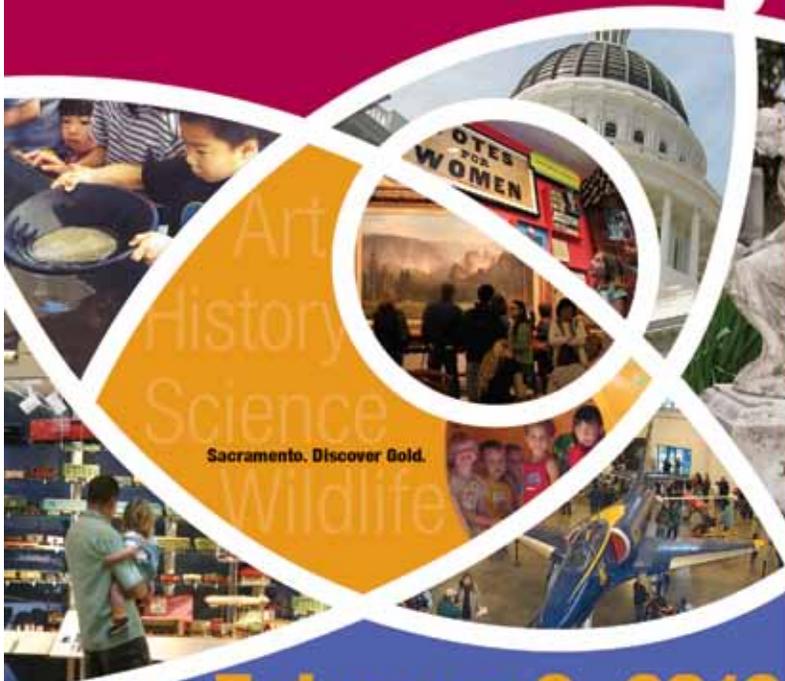


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Jason & deMarco Embark on New Concert Tour

Pop singing duo and real-life partners Jason & deMarco, are setting out on the road again this February to spread their unique brand of inspiring music. However, this time a few more family members are coming along.



jason & deMarco

Jason & deMarco — and family — will be bringing their *Celebrating Families of Diversity Tour* to Sacramento on February 18 at the Guild Theatre.

Jason's parents, Bob and Karen, will board the RV tour bus along with the family's newest additions: Jason & deMarco's one-year old twin sons, Mason and Noah. Their journey of "Celebrating Families of

Diversity" begins February 1 and will continue for 35-days through 22 southwest and West Coast cities.

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The Aerospace Museum of California is one of a record 30 museums participating in this year's Sacramento Museum Day.

A record 28 Sacramento area museums will offer free admission all day on Saturday, February 2, during the 15th Annual Sacramento Museum Day. Additionally, the Sacramento Zoo and Fairytale Town will offer half-priced admission to offset parking control and security costs.

With assistance provided by the Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau, this hugely popular community event is presented by the Sacramento Association of Museums (SAM), supported by Umpqua Bank and Chipotle Mexican Grill and proudly sponsored by *Outword Magazine*.

Sacramento Museum Day event hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with the last guests admitted at 4 p.m.).

While admission is free at 28 of the participating museums during Sacramento Museum Day, admission to the Sacramento

Zoo is \$5.75 for adults, \$3.75 for children ages 2-11 and free for children under two; and Fairytale Town is \$2.50 for everyone and free for children ages one and under.

Due to the popularity of Sacramento Museum Day, some locations must limit the number of admissions for safety reasons. More detailed information about participating museums, limitations, suggested parking and public transit options is available at www.sacmuseums.org (click on "Events"), or by calling the Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau at 916-808-7777.

Participating Museums:

Aerospace Museum of California; California Automobile Museum; California Foundry History Museum; California State Military Museum; California State Capitol Museum; The California Museum; California State Railroad Museum; Center for Contemporary Art; Crocker Art Museum; Discovery Museum Science & Space Center; Don & June Salvatori California Pharmacy Museum; Fairytale Town; Folsom History Museum; Governor's Mansion State Historic Park; Heidrick Ag History Center (Woodland); Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park; Maidu Museum & Historic Site; Museum of Medical History; Old Sacramento Schoolhouse Museum; Old Sacramento State Historic Park; Roseville Utility Exploration Center; Sacramento Children's Museum; Sacramento Zoo; Sacramento Historic City Cemetery; Sacramento History Museum; Sojourner Truth Multicultural Arts Museum; State Indian Museum; Sutter's Fort State Historic Park; Wells Fargo History Museum (Capitol Mall); and Wells Fargo History Museum (Old Sacramento).

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Kris Allen & Dr. John at Sac City College

Sacramento has a new concert venue, at Sacramento City College, in the form of a newly remodeled, 600-seat theater that will host live shows by everyone from Kris Allen to Dr. John.

The Performing Arts Center of Sacramento City College was originally a 1,200 seat auditorium built in 1937 that has recently been modernized and now features state-of-the-art acoustics and more comfortable seating.

If you act fast, you can see the superb

that year.

Some Lambert fans have never forgiven Allen for that, but the genial, Christian performer has a mellow, laid-back charm all his own.

Allen has two major label albums to his credit, including a self-titled CD from 2009 that yielded the hit single, "Live Like We're Dying."

Kris Allen will play the SCC Performing Arts Center just before Valentine's Day, on Wednesday, February 13.

Dr. John

The Godfather of New Orleans funk-and-roll will make a rare Sacramento appearance in support of his highly acclaimed new album, *Locked Down*.

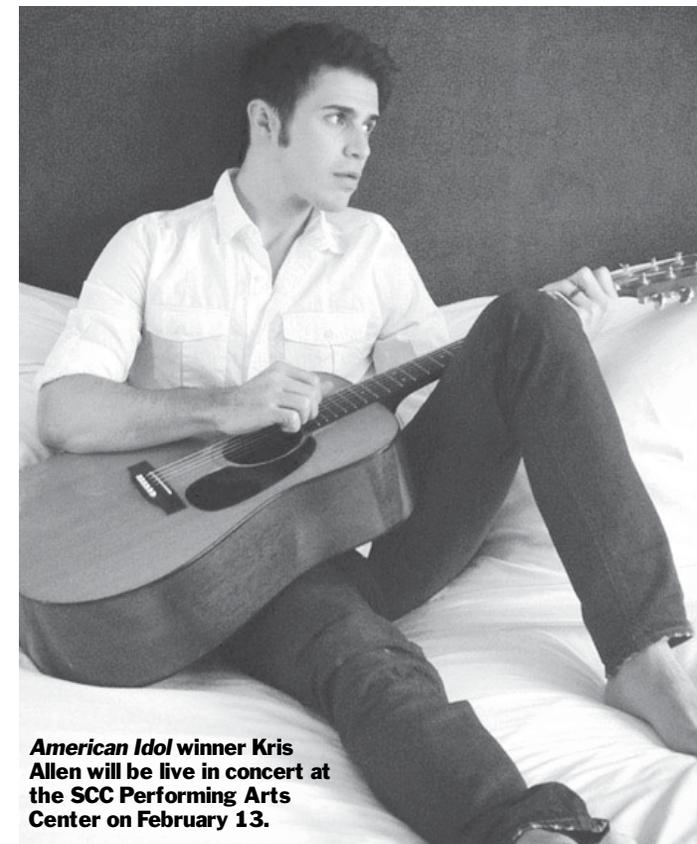
Active as a session musician since the late 1950s, Dr. John came to wider prominence in the early '70s with a wildly theatrical stage show inspired by medicine shows, Mardi Gras and voodoo ceremonies.

The eccentric singer-songwriter, who also plays piano and guitar, is perhaps best known for his timeless single, "Right Place Wrong Time."

Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2011, Dr. John creates a unique musical stew that combines blues, pop, and jazz, as well as zydeco, boogie woogie and rock and roll.

Dr. John will perform at the SCC Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, February 6.

For more information, go to www.sblentertainment.com.



American Idol winner Kris Allen will be live in concert at the SCC Performing Arts Center on February 13.

singer-songwriter Shawn Colvin at the new space, on Sunday, January 27. If you missed that show, Dr. John and Kris Allen will perform separate concerts at Sac City this February.

Kris Allen

This handsome, young singer-songwriter from Conway, Arkansas, was the winner of the eighth season of *American Idol*, leaving gay favorite Adam Lambert as the runner-up

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Have You Broken Your New Year's Resolution Yet?



Ashley Kelly

I actually did not make one so it's impossible to break it!



Josh Norris

To let everything go from 2012 that I didn't like and to reinvent myself in 2013, so it's still a work in progress.



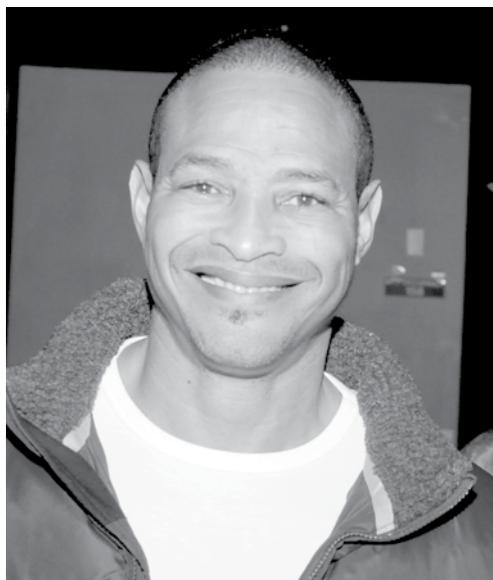
Nathan Marshall

I have not made any.



Jan Wessell

Just to keep working out and to keep physical, and no, I have not broken it yet, I worked out this morning.



Tony Hubbard

Mine is to work out more and get fit (not that I'm not fit). I have not broken it yet.



Richard Moore

I don't do resolutions, I don't want to fail.

Calendar

Jan.

compiled by Charles Peer

Wednesday, 30

SENIOR SUPPORT GROUP

A casual social gathering for seniors. 10 a.m. - noon. Sac G&L Center, 1927 L St. Info: 916-442-0185 or eileen@saccenter.org.

Thursday, 24

CELEBRATION OF CHOICE

Assemblymember Roger Dickinson, Women's Health Specialists and a selected showing of California artist Heather Ault's prints from her *4000 Years for Choice* collection. 5:30 - 7 p.m. Women's Health Specialists, 1750 Wright St., Ste. 4. Info: 916-451-0621 4000yearsforchoice.com

Friday, 25

JAMMIN JO'S DANCE NIGHT

From country/ballroom to hip-hop, Jo will do her best to play the tunes that will get you out on the dance floor. 7 p.m. - midnight. The Skyroom at Country Club Lanes, 2600 Watt Ave. Info: 916-601-3710 JamminJo.com

THE MAKING OF GATSBY

Master story teller Ron Cunningham shows how he brings famous literature to life in dance as he puts dancers through their paces in his newest choreography based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's great American novel, *The Great Gatsby*. \$15. 6 p.m. Sacramento Ballet Studios, 1631 K St. Info: 916-808-5181 SacBallet.org

THE TREES

Sacramento's up-and-coming indie rock band performs live, along with Honeyock and Big Long Now. \$5. All ages. 8 p.m. Bows and Arrows, 1815 19th St. Info: 916-822-5668 bowscollective.com

Monday, 28

SAC VALLEY VETS MEETING

Join this LGBT veterans and active duty group for their monthly meeting and get together. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Lavender Library, 1414 21st St. Info: 916-436-7676 www.sacvalleyvets.com

Tuesday, 29

HISTORIC 3-D YOSEMITE PHOTOS

Don 3-D glasses to view the overlaid stereo photographs of the Yosemite Valley from the early 1900s in stunning 3-D projected onto a big screen, narrated with tour descriptions from the 1908 stereograph set booklet. 6 p.m. Central Library, 828 I St. Info: 916-264-2920 SacLibrary.org

Thursday, 31

COCKTAILS & BALLET

1920's attire is optional, but a "Great Gatsby" attitude is required as the Sacramento Ballet performs at this roaring benefit for the United Way. 7 - 9 p.m. Elks Tower Ballroom. Info: yourlocalunitedway.org/cocktailsandballet

Feb.

Friday, 1

HUSH LADIES NITE

It's all for the women tonight, with lesbian games & prizes, Make-A-Date, hot dancers and bartenders. The Depot, 2001 K St. Info: 916-448-8790

Five Course Love

In Sacramento playwright and composer Gregg Coffin's (*Convenience, Cinderella*) musical *Five Course Love* three actors play 15 different characters in five different restaurants on the hunt for one true love, resulting in a hilarious and imaginative night of musical theater. Jan. 19 - Feb. 17, Sutter St. Theater, Folsom. Tickets: 916-353-1001 SutterStreetTheatre.com



CAST A SHADOW ON SPRING

A full weekend of LGBT square dancing, featuring caller Michael Kellogg. For all dance levels. Info: Tom, 916-459-5869 www.iagsdc.com/capitalcity/

A NIGHT IN THE ROARING 20s

An evening of prohibition style cocktails with excerpts from Ron Cunningham's *The Great Gatsby*. \$25. Sac Ballet Studio, 1631 K St. Info: 916-808-5181 SacBallet.org

Saturday, 2

PARTY WITH THE BEARS

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for a night on the town and their infamous \$8 beer/soda bust. 9 p.m. - midnight. Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com

Wednesday, 6

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES NEW CLASS

Come join the fun as Sacramento's LGBT square dance club begins a new dancers class. Partners not required and no special clothing needed and tonight's lessons are free! Dancers looking to refresh their skills are also welcome. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Fruitridge Community Center, 4000 Fruitridge Rd. Info: Tom, 916-452-5869 tmkaiser@ucdavis.edu

GEN SILENT

Documentary film follows six LGBT seniors who struggle with hiding their friends, their spouses - their entire lives - in order to survive in the long-term care system. Free. 7 p.m. The Guild Theatre, 2828 35th St. Info: SacCenter.org

VALLEY BEARS MEETING

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for their monthly meeting. Say hi to old friends and make some new ones! 7 - 8 p.m. FACES, 2000 K St. Info: SacBears.org

PFLAG ELK GROVE

Support group for LGBT individuals and their parents, families and friends. 7 - 9 p.m. EG United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. pflagsacramento.org

Thursday, 7

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THE GREAT GATSBY

A world premiere by Ron Cunningham, with live music by Billy Novick's Blue Syncopators, brings to life F. Scott Fitzgerald's Roaring 20s, plus *Who Cares*, with the music of George Gershwin. 7:30 p.m. Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St. Info: 916-808-5181 SacBallet.org

Friday, 8

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Saturday, 9

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Sunday, 10

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Monday, 11

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Wednesday, 13

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES NEW CLASS
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Thursday, 14

VALLEY BEARS NIGHT OUT

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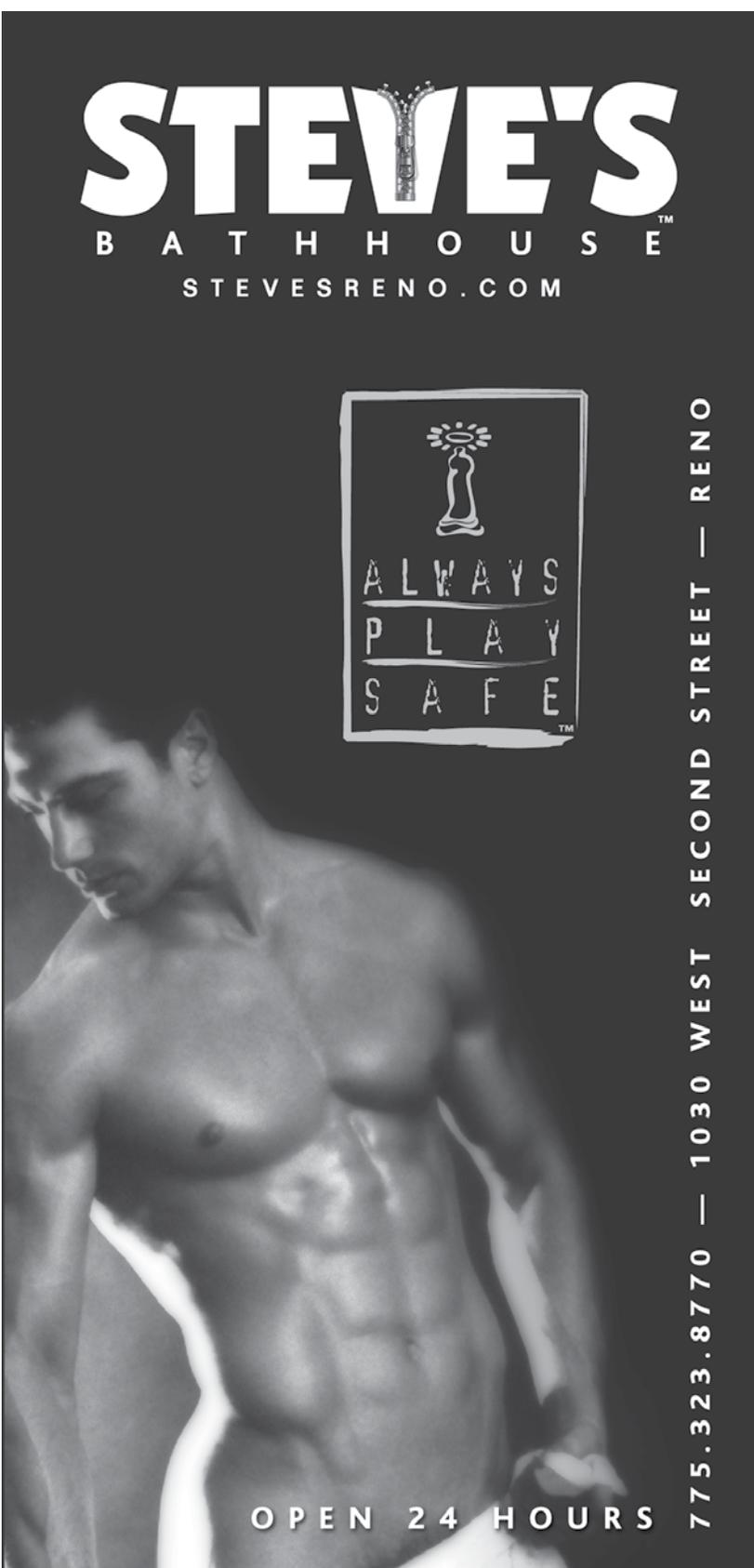
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Bruno Mars & Paloma Faith Bring the Soul

by Chris Narloch

Soul music knows no geographical or racial boundaries – the hottest soul singer on the planet currently is a 24-year old white woman from the UK named Adele.

One of the most commercially successful male soul singers on the scene is also not African-American – Bruno Mars is of Puerto

Rican, Jewish and Filipino descent.

This month, I review Mars' second CD, as well as the sophomore disc by Paloma Faith,



Bruno Mars

The Way You Are" or "Grenade."

The first cut, "Young Girls," is catchy enough, but Mars repeats the chorus too many times. He fares better on the hit single "Locked Out Of Heaven," with its intriguing changes in tempo, and also on the intoxicating "Moonshine," my favorite song on the CD.

Mars could have dropped "Money Make Her Smile," since he already has a superior song about a gold digger on the new disc, the addictive "Natalie."

The singer also shines on two ballads, "When I Was Your Man" and "If I Knew," that allow him to play up his lovesick puppy dog side.

I don't know if Mars is a sincere romantic, but his best music makes you believe.

Paloma Faith – Fall To Grace

I can't stop listening to this CD, an addictive dance-pop gem by a newish soul singer from across the pond.

Paloma Faith, who favors retro clothes and high hair, is also old school in her musical leanings, and her taste in songs is as impressive as her big voice.

Faith's first CD, the brilliant *Do You Want The Truth Or Something Beautiful?*, sounds a little like Amy Winehouse – it has a laid-back, pop/soul/jazz vibe that is very appealing.

On her new disc, Faith is aiming for Adele territory. *Fall From Grace* contains mostly full-throated, uptempo tracks, with a few heartfelt ballads thrown in for good measure.

The first cut (and first single) is the terrifically torchy "Picking Up The Pieces," which is equaled in dance-pop perfection by "Agony," "Blood, Sweat & Tears" and the thrilling "Freedom."

Faith also nails the CD's slow songs, especially "Just Be," "Streets of Glory," and an amazingly successful cover of the INXS classic, "Never Tear Us Apart."

another soulful diva from England hoping for Adele-like success in the U.S.

Bruno Mars – Unorthodox Jukebox

If I were to speculate, I would guess that the unusual title of this CD is probably a play on words relating to Bruno Mars' Jewish descent on his father's side, as well as a description of the disc's stylistic eclecticism.

The CD itself doesn't totally live up to that clever title, but it's a respectable and entertaining follow-up to the artist's first release, *Doo-Wops & Hooligans* -- even if it doesn't contain anything as sublime as "Just



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continue to grow in areas such as student internships with local businesses and innovative reuse of vacated school facilities. "I think it's important for the community to be supportive and engaged with our public schools more than ever," he says. "I encourage people to volunteer and get involved."

Hansen is also proud of SCUSD's record on protecting the rights of LGBT students and implementing the legislation he helped to pass. The district hosts a monthly task force meeting that brings together members of the Sacramento LGBT community and district leaders to discuss issues of concern. "Today, SCUSD is one of the most progressive districts in the state in implementing AB 537," Hansen says.

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Paul Newman, and John Travolta at the height of their hotness, back in theaters and larger than life. Visit www.Cinemark.com for more information.

Josh Groban Live

If you can't afford the exorbitant price of a concert ticket, you can still see a "live" show, as more and more artists are allowing their concerts to be shown in movie theaters.

Josh Groban is the latest artist to be broadcast live, and he will also answer fan questions during his show from New York's famed Allen Room, overlooking Central Park.

Josh Groban Live: All That Echoes will hit select movie theaters nationwide, on Monday, February 4. This intimate, one-night event features Groban as he performs hits from his 12-year career, as well as exclusive selections from his new album, *All That Echoes*.

Visit www.FathomEvents.com.

Concert Tour

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One of their first stops will be right here in Sacramento at the Guild Theatre on February 16, with additional Northern California shows in San Francisco on February 18 and Stockton on February 20. San Francisco based singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine will appear with them both in Sacramento and Stockton.

"The timing is perfect," says Jason. "President Obama recently gave his blessing on gay marriage. Prop 8 is being considered by the Supreme Court. We're seeing more and more interracial families, same-sex parents, divorced parents, and single parent households. The non-traditional family is no longer the minority in our society. It's time to celebrate diversity with an evening of great music."

"It's also our ten year anniversary as a singing duo," adds deMarco. Our *Celebrating Families of Diversity* tour will be an opportunity for our fans and friends to learn about surrogacy and the adoption process. We will share our personal story and experience during the concert and tie it all together with our music. We will also have the boys with us for everyone to meet face to face."

During the performance, Jason & deMarco will share their story of meeting, coming out, and building a family. Jason's parents will also share details of their unique experience accepting and coming to love their son's unconventional family.

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