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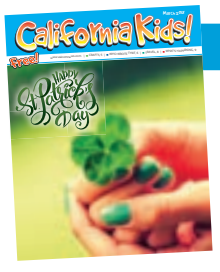
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Local actor's cancer inspires 'Treasure Island' adaptation

By LAURA I. WINN





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(above) Taylor Lewis, Anna McFatter, Sarina Krastev

(left) Taylor Lewis, Anna McFatter

With a towering stature and bushy red beard, 41-year-old Taylor Lewis looks primed to play Long John Silver in Theater One's production of "Treasure Island" running weekends March 3 to March 25. Ask Lewis just how tall he is and he deadpans, "I'm about 6-foot-4. Well, I'm a foot shorter now." It's a bad joke that still elicits a chuckle from his director, Lonon Smith, 72.

Lewis lost part of his right leg to bone cancer in January of last year. But for the father of two teenage boys, the missing limb isn't so much of a loss as a trade: a limb for a life. "I couldn't think of a better thing to trade, and I'd do it again," he says.

That trade inspired Smith, a former Hollywood screenwriter, to adapt Robert Louis Stevenson's famous pirate book for the stage. Smith and Lewis are poker-playing friends who attend Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, home to Theater One. As Smith tells it, in December 2016, the two were on their way to their regular poker game when the conversation turned to how Lewis' upcoming amputation would affect his ability to get theater roles. "Well, you can always play Long John Silver," Smith offered. After a moment of silence in the car, Lewis laughed and then said OK.

With Lewis' blessing, Smith got to work adapting the story of Dr. Livesey and Squire Trelawney's voyage to find buried treasure with the help of Long John Silver and a 13-year-old boy named Jim (played by 15-year-old Anna McFatter). While diving deeper into the story of violence, mutiny and heroics in the Caribbean, Smith says he saw parallels to modern American society. "There was massive economic inequality. There was no Social Security. The treasure was their safety net," he said.

This, he adds, brings up questions about who had the right to the treasure and the lengths–including murder–they go to find it. Smith says his version touches on these issues without being heavy-handed.

To par down the book for a two-hour stage production with a cast of about 20, Smith says he looked at the long paragraphs of pirate talk and focused on the heart of what was being expressed. The result is a PG-13 story that takes itself seriously with violent deaths, an added "sizzling" love interest for Long John Silver, and a big set with a lot of moving parts. "You won't hear one 'argh' on stage," Smiths adds.

What you will see, Smith promises, is the charm and defiance Lewis brings to Long John Silver. As unpredictable as his character, Lewis has been known to "plop his stump right on the table" surprising his cast mates in the middle of rehearsals.

Playing the peg-legged pirate gives Lewis a chance to to "one-up" the people who see his prosthetic and look at him with pity, he says. "It's like, I'm going to be able to do all these things you think I can't… plus. It's almost like it gives me an advantage in a weird way."

"Treasure Island" runs March 3 through March 25 with Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. For ticket information, call 916-521-1032. Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento is located at 2425 Sierra Boulevard in Arden-Arcade.

"Hang out with us"

Tallac Village tap house owners encourage neighborhood gathering

By BILL LAWS



Todd, one of four owners of the Sac City Brews Neighborhood Tap House, works the 12-stool bar at the new pub in Tallac Village Shopping Center.

Despite the charming, small tables in the dining area, the action is outside: a broad parking lot, patio dining and a bright, fresh sign hanging in what has been for some time a rather blighted shopping center. Even in the winter, in our unseasonably warm evenings, the patio area is a great dining spot substantially away from the car traffic on 14th Avenue.

"Hang out with us," says one of the owners when I tell him I want to write an article about his business. True to their word, the owners actually "hang out" at their own establishment.

Originally from the Georgetown area in the El Dorado National Forest, the owners import and promote a genuine, small-town atmosphere at the pub.

The beer, as well, helps in spades the friendly atmosphere. One of the most popular beers (an IPA called Make It Rain) is brewed at New Glory brewery only three miles away, a block off of Power Inn Road. Holding a softly bitter edge, this local pint is full of a rich, satisfying and fruit-forward flavor. Sac City Brews, although not a brewery in its own right, features 16 or more brands from sources in the Sacramento area.

Inside the pub, which sits on the Southeast corner of Tallac Village, the ambience is friendly, full of windows, lighting and the happy faces of neighborhood families. A large metal shelf in the middle of the pub displays baskets of toys that children can choose when moms and dads are busy ordering off the simple but original menus.

On the menus, perhaps the most popular items are the well-dressed gourmet hot dogs. My wife enjoyed the sumptuous chicken sausage and feta cheese comes with a bun that was surprisingly fresh and tasty.

The recommendation is certainly that this is a place to check out. Valentines Day might be a good time to swing by as the staff explains that they have champagne options in addition to the beer.

Closed on Tuesdays, Sac City Brews offers lunch on the weekends and both lunches and dinners at other times of the week. Because of staggered hours, though, it is always OK to call ahead at 916-400-4109. The tap house is located at 3940 60th St.

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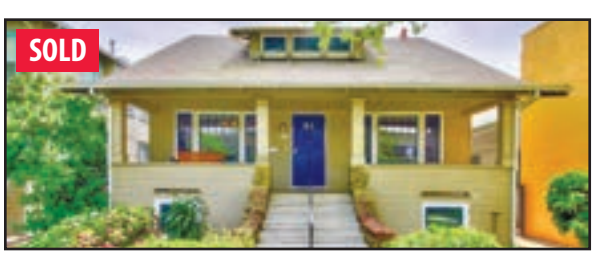
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Alhambra Theatre documentary debut draws large crowds, evokes memories



Photos by Stephen Crowley

A long line formed outside of the Tower Theatre on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 21 for the premiere of "Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy," a documentary by local moviemakers Matias Bombal and Chad E. Williams. The sold-out event had two screenings.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

The Alhambra Theatre, the palatial movie palace that once stood on Alhambra Boulevard in East Sacramento, has been gone for nearly 45 years. But for one evening last week – through the power of film – it was as if the place magically came back to life.

Crowds packed the Tower Theatre – another historic Sacramento cinema house, in Land Park – to view the first two public showings of "Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy," a 55-minute documentary by Sacramento filmmakers Matias Bombal and Chad E. Williams.

The film was the culmination of Bombal and Williams' yearlong quest to capture the undying love that people have for this theater, which opened in 1927 and met the wrecking ball 44 years later.

During that process, these filmmakers interviewed dozens of people, gathered historic photographs and ephemera and sifted through old films that highlight the theater, the majority of which were TV newscasts from the 1970s.

A unique portion of the film is color, home movies from two early years of the theater's life: 1928 and 1936.

Besides the theater itself, its pipe organ is featured, as well its early sound system, the failed effort to save the theater from demolition, and its replacement by a Safeway supermarket.

As many longtime Sacramentans and others made their way through the doors of the Tower Theatre, Bombal and Williams stood in the lobby, taking in the scene and occasionally greeting some of the guests, which included former Sacramento Mayors Anne Rudin and Burnett Miller, and former Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Melarkey, who was the campaign coordinator of the Save the Alhambra Committee in 1973.

While enjoying the occasion of the documentary's debut, Williams noted that it was satisfying for him to finally show the film, which was financed by Wendell Jacob, who also served as the project's executive producer.

"We really put everything we had into this film, and some people have traveled quite far to be here today," he said. "It's a little hard to comprehend right now, but I'm very excited, very proud."

Bombal said that the documentary provides a "visceral sense" of how important the Alhambra was in the Sacramento community.

"Many people who worked directly to try to save the theater are here to see tonight the movie that celebrates their efforts and the great legend of the building," he said. "It warms my heart."

Bombal mentioned that the current version of the documentary is the "television cut." He added that he is interested in making a longer, 90-minute version of the film, but would need another $30,000 to complete that project.

The longer version of the film would be available for Netflix, Amazon and film festival use.

Because the Alhambra was once one of the capital city's grandest landmarks, the documentary drew many people who attended films at that theater and took strolls through its scenic gardens, which featured tiled, reflecting pools, 14 cascading fountains that flowed into the pools and basins, plaques containing classic quotations, winding walkways, Mediterranean foliage, multicolored flowers and tall palms.

Burnett, who was accompanied by his wife, Mimi, said that he learned many things about the Alhambra through the documentary.

"It was very interesting," he said. "There were lots and lots of things new that I didn't know anything about."

Having made many visits to the Alhambra, Burnett recalled one of his favorite memories of the place.

"I can remember Mimi and I taking our kids there," he said. "It

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Former mayor Anne Rudin stands with moviemaker Matias Bombal at the screening of "Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy."


Local moviemakers Matias Bombal and Chad E. Williams stand outside of the Tower Theatre at the screening of "Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy" on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

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was a nature (film) and a spider came down and grabbed something, and Mimi screamed, and our kids got so embarrassed and wanted to go."

Chuckling, Burnett acknowledged that he was the only one in his family who was entertained by that experience.

While standing alongside his mother, Anne, Jay Rudin commented about a large banner that hung from the large Alhambra sign.

"(The sign read), air-conditioned," he said. "That was a big deal. Not that many theaters were air-conditioned in the hot Sacramento summers when Mom would drop me off to see a movie."

One movie that Jay recalled seeing at the Alhambra was "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines," which was released in 1965.

Bob Warren, a 1956 C.K. McClatchy High School graduate, said that he saw the film, "Gone with the Wind" at the Alhambra.

"Oh, yeah, (that film) was great," he said. "We've known the Alhambra from the time we were kids, and at one time I was selling advertising and we advertised for them. Just walking through the gardens after you parked your car, the atmosphere was great around."

Another attendee of the first showing of the documentary was Cindy Anderson, who grew up in Sacramento and attended Loretto High School.

Anderson said that she would often visit the gardens of the Alhambra with her grandmother, Martha Mae Sullivan (1897-1987).

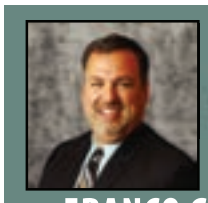
"I have a lot of fond memories of going there with my grandmother," she said. "She lived a few blocks from there (at 316 Santa Ynez Way), and we used to walk over and see movies all the time.

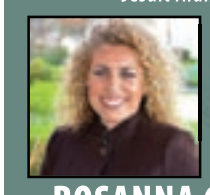
"I really liked the gardens, because I spent a lot of time in the gardens with my grandmother, and when they started reading what was on the plaques in the garden, that's so vivid to me, because I remember her reading those to me."

Also attending the event was Liam Bakerscott, a 10-year-old Crocker/Riverside Elementary School student, who said that the failure to save the Alhambra from being demolished provides a lesson for preserving other Sacramento historical buildings.

"It's important for me (to save such structures)," he said. "It's history. It's our city. I don't want them to tear down (those buildings). I mean, these are historical monuments from the town I was born in. I just feel it's a little unfair to see the very important (historic) places in my city go away."

Fortunately for Bakerscott and others who love the history of the Alhambra, the recent documentary does well in its attempt to capture the grandeur of this historical cinema treasure of Sacramento's past.


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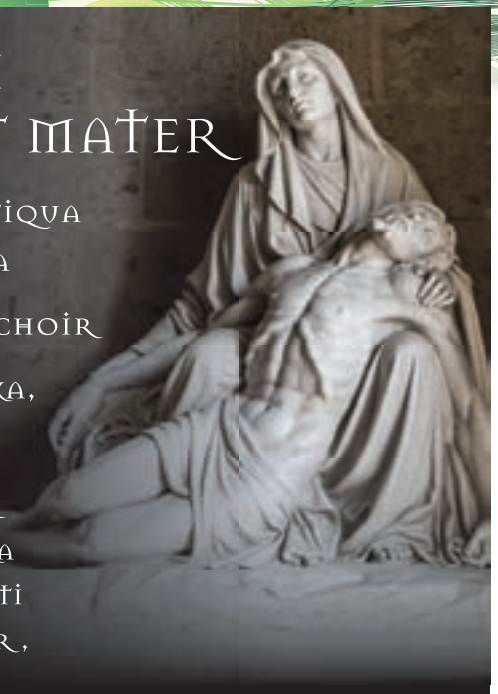
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Thrill of the Chill: Polar Plunge to raise funds for Special Olympics

By LAURA I. WINN

While the Olympics in Pyeongchang will come to a close the last weekend of February, a local Olympic event will bring together a diverse group of zany, costume-clad participants, law enforcement agents, local business workers and special athletes. On Saturday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., brave souls will run into the wintry waters at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center for the Polar Plunge, an annual event that raises funds and awareness for local Special Olympics programs. Anyone who raises a minimum of $125 can partake in the chilly challenge, and "chickens" are welcome to fundraise without getting wet.

Since 2014, the Sacramento Polar Plunge has raised over $130,000 for free-of-charge athletic, health and educational programs, including the Schools Partnership Program, which serves over 4,000 Sacramento County students. Through the partnership, Special Olympics sports are available during the school day, giving special education students a chance to compete with the support of general education students who volunteer as teammates, coaches and mentors.

"The partnership program builds inclusion and understanding in our schools," explained Tyler Krochmal, a volunteer coach who serves as Public Relations and Communications Manager for Special Olympics Northern California.

Money raised in the Polar Plunge will help grow the partnership in Sacramento. "We are working diligently to engage the local community and provide opportunities to create more inclusive schools through sports and awareness initiatives," stated Emma Holcombe, the Sacramento Senior Area Manager of the Schools Partnership Program.

Athletes can begin competing in local Special Olympics sports at age 8 and continue for the rest of their lives. Sacramento offers 11 seasonal sports. Currently, hoops players are gearing up for the Sacramento Basketball Regional Competition on March 17 and 18 at The Well at Sac State. In March, athletes start training for competitions in swimming, tennis, volleyball, track and field, and especially popular on East Sacramento courts, bocce. All competitions are free to attend.

By training and competing, these differently-abled athletes gain valuable life skills. "A lot of the qualities you gain in sports – social interaction, confidence, team work and sportsmanship – athletes can use them to get jobs and be active members of the community," said Krochmal.

For local athlete Karissa Krater, 26, the program has been life-changing. After Krater began Special Olympics swimming at age 12, the sport "built a confidence that wasn't there before," explained her mom, Christa Trinchera. "Now she's incredibly confident and takes on any challenge and conquers it. She has developed the spirit of a champion."

Krater's dedication in the pool, combined with her winning attitude, has earned her 50 state-level gold swimming medals, as well as the honor of being named a Special Olympics Global Messenger and the 2015 Special Olympics International Athlete of the Year.

"The drive and determination of a Special Olympics athlete is no different than that of an average Olympian," Trinchera said.

Coach Krochmal echoed those comments. "Our athletes are so inspiring. There are so many obstacles they overcome on a daily basis that the general population takes for granted. Our athletes have to struggle every day, so winning a medal, finishing a race or just participating is really special for them."



Although Krater loves collecting medals – she has over 200 – she said her favorite part of Special Olympics is meeting the law enforcement officers who support the organization by volunteering and fundraising. In 2017, Krater took the Polar Plunge twice, joining a group of officers from the California Department Of Corrections and Rehabilitation and another group from the Elk Grove Police Department, where she volunteers.

"The Polar Plunge is such a fun event," said Trinchera. "Even if you don't raise money, I encourage everyone to come be a part of the fun, and you'll be hooked for life!"

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Kevin Doherty and Jennifer Reason will perform their concert, "Unfinished Business", with piano music by C.P.E. Bach and Mozart; famous scenes from two of opera's greatest composers, Puccini and Britten; a transcendent movement from Philip Glass's Metamorphoses; and the song cycle Songs of Travel Vaughan Williams. Artists Liisa Davila and Sarah Fitch will also perform.

Baritone Doherty is the Morning Classical Host on Capital Public Radio. In concert, he has appeared as a baritone soloist with orchestras across the United States. Pianist Jennifer Reason is Music Director of the Rogue Music Project, (RMP) a collective that cultivates adventurous music and theater experiences. She is also the Artistic Director for the Reconciliation Singers Voices of Peace, a 16-voice a capella ensemble who donates 100 percent of their proceeds to underfunded charities nationwide. (www.rsvpchoir.org).

Tickets are available at the door for $20. This is the third concert of the historic Pioneer Congregational Church's 2018 concert series.





(above left) Jennifer Reason. (above right) Kevin Doherty

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3

EAST SACRAMENTO LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY: East Sacramento Little League will have its opening day ceremonies from 9 a.m. to noon at 60th and M streets.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

CAL MIDDLE SPRING THING: The 9th Annual Spring Thing is March 10th and is Cal Middle Schools largest "FUN"d raiser. This Evening Gala keeps improving with continued support from several of our best local restaurants, breweries, and wineries. The delicious local fare is coupled with rockin' music, amazing silent auction baskets, fabulous live auction, fabulous student art auction, awesome balloon poppers (think 'Grab Bag'), and terrific raffle prizes! Without these funds, the following Cal programs will either be cut, or will need to charge fees to continue: scholarships for field trips, afterschool tutoring, afterschool sports programs/uniforms, and supplemental supplies for classrooms: all of which are needed for our students to thrive. The event is from 6:30-9:30 in the Social Hall at Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd. in Land Park. For tickets, visit https://lpsf.schoolauction.net/2018auction/homepages/show

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

SAN FRANCISCO SHAKESPEARE COMPANY'S ROMEO AND JULIET – San Francisco Shakespeare Company presents an all-ages version of Romeo and Juliet. The production features both thrilling sword fights and beautiful poetry, performed by a cast of five Bay Area actors in contemporary costumes. Several walk-on roles include the audience in the show! Wednesday, March 14 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

LEPRECHAUN CATCHERS – Get ready for St. Patrick's Day by joining us to design and engineer your very own leprechaun catcher! We will have a variety of materials to support your creativity. School-age. Friday, March 16 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

SACRAMENTO SYMPHONIC WINDS, A 60-PIECE SYMPHONIC BAND, PRESENTS "SPRING FLING": Bring the entire family to this spring concert of dance music entitled "Spring Fling" at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast, starting at 2:30 p.m. The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult symphonic band conducted by Timothy M. Smith. This concert features trombone soloist, Tony Collins, playing Colloquy by W. L. Goldstein. Also The Hounds of Spring by Alfred Reed, Symphonic Dance Music from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein, Mock Morris by Percy Grainger and more dance music! Visit our web site at <http://www.sacwinds.org> or on Facebook! Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento, 95841 (On Date just north of Madison east of I-80 interchange). Tickets at the door: General Admission $15; Student (11-17)/ Senior (65+) $10; Children 10 and under are free. Contact ph. 916-489-2576; www.sacwinds.org <http://www.sacwinds.org>

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

MINECRAFT GAMING – Enjoy this computer game filled with mining, crafting and exploring! Play with new friends on the library's own library server. No experience necessary. Spots are first-come, first-served. Recommended for ages 8 to 14. Friday, March 23 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

31ST ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT: You are welcome to a fun filled morning at Clunie Clubhouse for the 31st Annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Breakfast includes unlimited pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee- served from 7 to 11:30 a.m. Adults, $6; Children, $4. Carnival games and face painting will be available. Tickets-50 cents each.
Easter Egg Hunt Age Groups and Start Times Below:
Ages 0-1 9:30 a.m.; ages 2-3 9:45 a.m.
Ages 3-4 10 a.m. ages 5-6 10:15 a.m.
Ages 7-8 10:30 a.m., Ages 9-10 10:45 a.m.
The Clunie Community Center is located at 601 Alhambra Blvd.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 1

41ST ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW SPONSORED BY SEKIYU KAI: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Buddhist Church 2401 Riverside Blvd. Demonstrations both days at 2:00pm by Yuzo Maruyama, followed by a benefit raffle. The event will include trees and bonsai materials for sale and the food vendor Haole Pig BBQ. Admission and parking are free. For information, email BonsaiSekiyuKai@gmail.com

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3) FVRCP vaccination ($20) prevents three potentially deadly airborne viruses: rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia in cats,
4) Rabies shot ($6) -- this vaccine is required by animal control or to license your dog. The first vaccine is valid for one year, subsequent vaccines if given on time will last 3 years.
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FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: Is your friend or family member in a domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking situation? This free, drop-in group is for you. Learn how to support your loved one, and receive some support yourself among people who are in the same situation. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

#METOO SUPPORT GROUP: Every third Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: This drop-in support group is free, confidential, open to all genders, and available to sexual assault survivors at any point in their healing. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ANNOUNCED: The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2018 - 2019 academic year. The program offers 14 categories of scholarships ranging from $1,000 - $2,500 each with varying eligibility requirements. Categories include: agriculture, art, academic excellence, business, culinary/hospitality/event management, education, international relations, trade school, viticulture and enology. Applicants may apply for one scholarship category of their choice per year and will be evaluated based on academics, community service, quality of essay and recommendation. Top scholarship winners in select categories may be invited to compete for the $5,000 Ironstone Concours Foundation Scholarship Scholarships are not renewable; however, students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria. The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is a collaboration between the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, the Ironstone Concours Foundation, Blue Diamond Growers and Western Fairs Association. International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), an independent scholarship management company, hosts the online application process and disburses awards for the program. The deadline to apply is March 2, 2018. Learn more at CAStateFair.org/scholarship. For questions about the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program, please email scholarship@calexpo.com.

SAC UNIFIED POETRY SLAM: Jenny Lynn and Joe Montoya's Poetry Unplugged present The Sac Unified Poetry Slam every third Friday at Luna's, 1414 16th St., starting at 7:30 p.m. The show is unpredictable. The special guests and judges won't be known until they sign up. The slam is three rounds. This is a FREE show with purchase at the cafe, donations are encouraged to cover PSI venue dues and show staffing. $5 to slam (except youth 18 and under) winner takes the whole pot. Luna's Cafe will be serving the freshest juices and licuados in town, nothing frozen or concentrated. The menu also includes sandwiches, salads, our famous quesadilla, fresh-ground coffee, mochas, and other espresso drinks. A nice selection of beer and wine is also offered. Enjoy it all in the comfortable atmosphere of Luna's, one of this area's original cafe galleries. Supporting artists of all kinds for over 30 years.

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KNITTING CIRCLE AT MCKINLEY LIBRARY – Any adult interested in knitting — even an absolute beginner — is invited to join. Participants can learn to knit, or get help on current projects and advice from expert knitters. Don't forget to bring your knitting needles and yarn. Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

TEEN SPACE AT MCKINLEY LIBRARY – Looking for something fun to do after school? Need a place where you're free to hang out with your friends and have a snack? Come to the McKinley Library Teen Space, Wednesdays from 3p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

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