

Bruce

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by various audience members. Her expressions indicated her compassionate reactions to words she heard, and feelings of kindhearted connections were most apparent. Impressive for a young person to be so aware. It sent ripples of joy to my own heart with hope for the future.

Kyah is an energetic young lady who has an infectious spirit. She loves singing, reading aloud and playing with her pets, which includes many, many stuffed animals. She also enjoys anything that involves being outdoors, extending, but not limited to, her numerous creations such as a mud chef extraordinaire.

Being an aspiring poet, Kyah recognizes that love has so many meanings spanning from acts of kindness or sharing, appreciating an animal or the celebration of nature. She describes the word friend as: reliable, imaginative, energetic, neat and dazzling. When asked about love, her reactions are open, valuable, electric.

Reading Kyah's poems, she points out very clearly through her young voice that love is multifarious. She goes deeper than merely defining the meanings of love, she metaphorically relates these views to the significance of caring. Love is certainly felt throughout her poems.

Enjoy Kyah's creative voice! It is important we listen to the youth, taking in their visions and perspectives and how they express to us their reflections of the world.

Pizza

I love pizza that's full of cheese... Add some pepperoni, please! Mushrooms, pineapple, peppers, too.

I would like to share it with you!
Take a slice, or maybe a few.
Smells so good, there's pizza in the air.
If I ate it alone, it wouldn't be fair.
It tastes so good when you take a bite.
I would eat it morning, noon and night.
And when you add friends, it makes it just right!

Love for My Pets
I love my cats, Bobby and Jumby. One is lazy, and the other is jumpy. Bobby is a boy, Jumby is a girl, When they get on my lap, they purr and curl. Bobby likes to scratch his tennis ball, Jumby doesn't seem to like them at all. Around the house, they meow and run, Playing with them is so much fun! I love them and they love me, Our family was meant to be!

My Seedling and I
Love for nature is a powerful thing, To help flowers bloom, I usually sing. May you grown from a seed into a flower, In time you'll be as high as a tower! Have some sunlight, CO2 and water, And I'll try to shade you when days are hotter. When you're all grown, I'll gently pick you, And in a vase I'll carefully stick you. Like a baby, a plant is born, With love and care, it starts to transform!

Poems must be sent to Suzanne Bruce at fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Please include a short introduction about yourself, such as if you are a student, where and why you enjoy writing poetry.



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Cole Sprouse stars as The Creature and Kathryn Newton as Lisa Swallows in "Lisa Frankenstein."

Scares more common than hormones at this high school

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FAIRFIELD — A little more horror comes to the theater this week with a teenage zombie and the girl who loves him going on a road trip.

Opening nationwide are:

"Lisa Frankenstein," in which a misunderstood teenager and her high school crush, who happens to be a handsome corpse, embark on a murderous journey to find love, happiness ... and a few missing body parts along the way. The film is rated PG-13.

Opening in limited release are:

"Out of Darkness," in which it's 45,000 years ago and a group of six have struggled across the sea to find a new home. Finding land, they struggle to find food and

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shelter. Soon they realize the new home they have found hides some things that are terrifying and deadly. The film is rated R.

"Molli and Max in the Future," a sci-fi rom-com in which a man and woman whose orbits repeatedly collide over the course of 12 years, four planets, three dimensions and one space-cult find that they are very much compatible in a nice way. The film is not rated.

"Double Blind," in which test subjects find out they can not go to sleep or they will die after

an experimental drug trial goes wrong. Trapped in an isolated facility, panic ensues as they try to escape and somehow stay awake. The film is rated PG-13.

"Popular Theory," in which 12-year-old Erwin is a genius, far smarter than any of her high school classmates. Erwin finds herself isolated from classmates and even her family. Determined to win the State Science Fair, she teams up with classmate Winston, a fellow outcast and chemistry guru, to create a popularity chemical, which they add into sticks of chewing gum. The film is rated PG.

"The Taste of Things," in which Dodin Bouffant (Benoit Magimel) is a chef

living with his personal cook and lover Eugénie (Juliette Binoche) in 1889 France. They share a long history of gastronomy and love but Eugénie refuses to marry Dodin, so the food lover decides to do something he has never done before: cook for her. The film is rated PG-13.

For information on Edwards Cinemas in Fairfield, visit www.regmovies.com/theatres/regal-edwards-fairfield-imax. For Vacaville showtimes, visit www.brendentheatres.com. For Vallejo showtimes, check www.cinemark.com/theatres/ca-vallejo. More information about upcoming films is available at www.movieinsider.com.

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gala will feature various fundraising activities, including silent auctions and raffles.

Tickets for the Rock and Roll Gala are available for purchase at glasscactusgala.eventbrite.com

with special packages for those looking to make an extra impact.

The Glass Cactus Booster has a vested interest in the success of the Vacaville School of Rock House Band program. The primary purpose of the organization is to assist the music director and general manager in the development of excellence in music education,

performance skills and leadership for the House Band students.

The Glass Cactus Booster accomplishes this by providing financial, logistical and moral support for the House Band program and the students who participate in it.

For more information, send an email to glasscactusbooster@gmail.com.

Week

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7 p.m. Monday
Townhouse Ramblers
Townhouse Cocktail Lounge, 401A Georgia St. <https://artvallejo.org/locations/townhouse>.

7 p.m. Tuesday
Family Friendly comedy
Bambino's, 301 Georgia St. www.bayareacomics.com.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday
What Makes People Happy Music
Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St. www.empresstheatre.org.

8 p.m. Wednesday
Open mic
Townhouse Cocktail Lounge, 401 A Georgia St. www.facebook.com/groups/451924138259850.

8:30 p.m. Friday
'80s Night
Townhouse Cocktail Lounge, 401A Georgia St. <https://artvallejo.org/locations/townhouse>.

5 p.m. Saturday
Ron McGee Trio with Bryan Girard
Manny's Steakhouse, 295 Mare Island Way. <https://mannyssteakhousevallejo.com>.

10:30 p.m. Saturday
Divas Drag Show
Townhouse Cocktail Lounge, 401A Georgia St. <https://artvallejo.org/locations/townhouse>.

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