

# GOOD NEWS

**PEARLY WHITES** Get your kids free dental checkups, cleanings, fluoride treatment and orthodontic evaluations — more than \$100 worth of services — at “Give Kids a Smile,” the Sat., Feb. 7 dental health fair hosted by University of the Pacific’s Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry at its new campus, 155 Fifth St. at Minna. At last year’s event, 100 kids got services, and the school expects more this time. “Building oral health habits from an early age, along with regular dental checkups, is vital to a

child’s growth and development,” says Dr. A. Jeffrey Wood, chair of the school’s pediatric department. According to Children Now, chronic tooth decay is four times more common than childhood asthma, and, for 28% of California children, the decay goes untreated, leading to missed school days and lower grade-point averages. Do your kids need incentives to get their chiclets checked? Lure them to the 10 a.m.-2 p.m. event with fun activities: games, entertainment

and the Little Explorers Petting Zoo—goats, rabbits, pigs and more. Services are for kids citywide up to 17, who must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP for a group, 929-6550.

## SOMARTS MAKES THE CUT

SOMArts has received an NEA grant to support “Making a Scene: 50 Years of Alternative Bay Area Spaces,” an exhibition that opens this summer. Curators, artists and historians from artist-run visual arts spaces are contributing to the free, month-long show of works, from the 1960s to now. “I’m pleased to be able to share the news of our support through Art Works including the award to SOMArts,” said Jane Chu, National Endowment for the Arts chairwoman. “The arts foster value, connection, creativity and innovation for the American people and these recommended grants demonstrate those attributes and affirm that the arts are part of our everyday lives.” SOMArts was one of 1,474 eligible applications requesting more than \$75 million in funding from NEA in its Art Works category. Of those applications, 919 were recommended for grants worth \$26.6 million. And SOMArts gets \$15,000. ■

— Marjorie Beggs



LISE STAMPFLI/TORME

**Barbara Sizelove**, Tenderloin Community School teacher for 13 years, admires the 2015 SFUSD Arts Festival poster that features self-portraits by four of her kindergarten students.

## TL kids’ art goes up in museum

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color to create a layered effect.

“During the whole process, students are using real materials and learning how to mix colors, mix paint to get a desired viscosity and move the paint over the canvas with the brush,” Sizelove says. “They’re also learning how to be critical, revise their work and own their identity as an artist.”

She expects that art experiences like these can have long-lasting effects, especially for students who may be struggling socially and academically.

In a mostly hardscrabble neighborhood like the Tenderloin, every leg up for kids is golden.

“When I found art, it saved my life,” she recalls. “I could feel really good about something I did, and that spills over into other areas of your life.” ■

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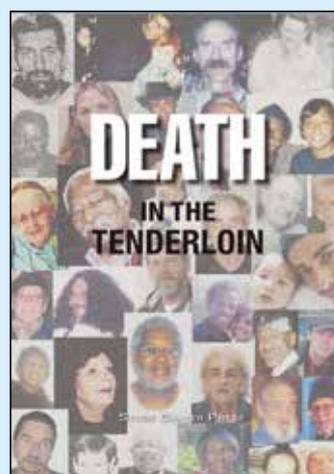
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