

# SOUNDLIFE



You'll go through a lot of popcorn if you catch all of the



TACOMA FILM FESTIVAL, which starts TODAY at



THE GRAND CINEMA. It includes 55 FILMS that range in length



from six minutes to 104 minutes, and genres that run from



comedy to drama to horror to animation. They come



from the United States, Europe, Canada and the Middle East.



A LOCAL ENTRY is "FINDING THEA," a documentary about



Tacoma's Thea Foss, the original "Tugboat Annie."



Inside, critic Soren Andersen talks with the filmmakers—



and picks his top five films to see. PAGE E3



## WELL, 'FREEBIRD' WOULD HAVE BEEN TACKY

**What is it:** KFC's theme song.  
**Chicken:** Chicken comes up often in this space. Maybe it's because this column is written too close to lunchtime. Or maybe it's because chicken marketers have gone nuts in the past few years.

**For instance:** Remember the first TV spots for Burger King's Chicken Fries? The ads associated Chicken Fries (french fry-shaped sticks of chicken) with roadkill—sweaty, grimy, greasy, half-human, half-chicken punk rockers.

**POP SHOTS** BILL HUTCHENS who had wandered into traffic. Measmsmsms. The new spots that show real chickens arguing about the merits of becoming fries are only slightly better.

**Don't even start:** With those freakish chicken puppets from the Foster Farms commercials.  
**This week's chicken beef:** Most of us still know KFC as Kentucky Fried Chicken, as in fried chicken whose "original recipe" comes from Kentucky. So why have most of their commercials for the past year or so had "Sweet Home Alabama" as the theme song?

**That'd be like:** Seattle's Best Coffee doing TV spots with "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" as the theme. Or Wuzza footballers changing their fight song to "California Dreamin'." What is up with this horrible mismatch?

**The spin:** Matthew Brown, publisher of fake news site Uncoverer.com, claims to have received written responses from both KFC and the Office of the Governor of Kentucky on the matter. You can see the allegedly real correspondence at [www.uncoverer.com/alabama.htm](http://www.uncoverer.com/alabama.htm). The postings might not offer closure, but they're good for laughs.

Each week in this space, we playfully deconstruct a pop culture phenomenon. To suggest a Pop Shot, e-mail Bill Hutchens at [bill.hutchens@thenewtribune.com](mailto:bill.hutchens@thenewtribune.com).



### COMING SATURDAY IN HOME & GARDEN

Two Tacoma gardens use handmade outdoor art to complement and enhance their natural settings.

### GEORGE THOROGOOD

He's "bad to the bone," and he's the main attraction tonight at the Emerald Queen Casino. George Thorogood is scheduled to rock the 1-5 showroom, 2024 E. 29th St., Tacoma, at 8:30; \$20 to \$45; Ticketmaster (253-627-8497 in Tacoma, 206-628-0888 in Seattle or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)).



[www.twinkiesproject.org](http://www.twinkiesproject.org) It's a site dedicated to Twinkie tests conducted at Rice University. No, really.

"Sometimes I can be tomboyish, and sometimes I can be girly. It depends on what mood I'm in. I like the balance."

**FERGIE** Black Eyed Peas singer, from [RollingStone.com](http://RollingStone.com)

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