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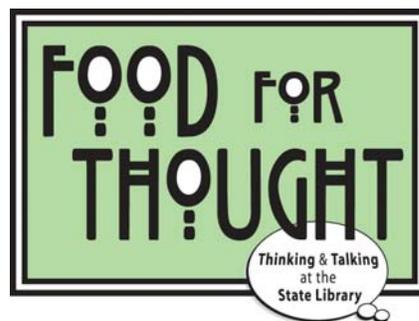
Food for Thought Presents *The Legend of Pancho Barnes*

Sacramento - The March event in the California State Library's cultural series, ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the State Library***, will be held on Wednesday, March 16. This free evening program includes refreshments, an engaging film, and a lively post-film discussion.

In honor of Women's History Month, ***Food for Thought*** will screen *The Legend of Pancho Barnes and the Happy Bottom Riding Club*, a documentary about acclaimed 1920's aviatrix Florence "Pancho" Barnes. Born into privilege, Barnes careened from rebellious tomboy to Mexican revolutionary to barnstormer to Hollywood stunt pilot. Just before World War II she opened a fly-in guest ranch near Edwards Air Force Base that became a notorious hangout for test pilots and movie stars. The club's destruction by fire in 1953 ended a golden era in post-WWII aviation.

One of the most important women in 20th century aviation, Barnes' exploits were largely forgotten until the 2009 release of this film, produced and written by Nick Spark and narrated by Tom Skerritt.

The California State Library launched ***Food for Thought*** because it believes libraries and the free expression of ideas are essential to a healthy democracy. ***Food for Thought*** is a unique venue that encourages thoughtful discussion of ideas and issues. By helping Californians stay intellectually invigorated, the California State Library is taking an active role in shaping the future of this great state.



Join us on Wednesday, March 16, from 5:00 to 8:30 pm in the California History Room, Room 200, California State Library, 900 N Street, Sacramento. Doors open at 5:00 pm; the program begins at 6:00 pm with time for discussion afterward. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; 8th and O light rail access is nearby.

Seating in this venue is limited, so attendees must RSVP to Rebecca Ann Fontaine at (916) 653-9942 or rfontaine@library.ca.gov.

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