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ORGANIZATIONS & WORKSHOPS ... continued

Words of Wisdom discussion group led by Paul Fillingier. Take part in this free-wheeling exchange of inspiration, information, and humor September 18 from 10:30am to noon in the Lafayette Community Center Elderberry Room, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Cost: \$1 for members; \$3 for non-members. For more info or to sign up, call (925) 284-5050.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting. Kathy Courtright of Orchard Nursery will speak on spring blooming bulbs, deer and gopher resistant, tried and true as well as less popular but wonderful varieties of bulbs September 21 at 9:30am at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For more info, call (925) 254-3906.

Avoiding Falls an Anne Randolph Workshop. If you are worried about falling or are at risk of falling, you should know about activities that improve balance. Learn how to improve your balance and avoid the risk of falling Friday, September 28 from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Sequoia Room, Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette. For more info or to register, call (925) 284-5050.

Entertaining Seniors. Are you a retiree who enjoys singing, dancing, or telling stories? Consider joining Silver Wings Repertory. Members put on variety shows for residents of assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and other places seniors gather. They perform twice a month, plus meet monthly at Faith Lutheran Church, 50 Wordsworth Lane, Pleasant Hill. The next meeting is October 4 at 10 a.m. For info, call (925) 935-0861.

OTHER

Campolindo sophomore Sam Larson is collecting new and gently used items for a fall Back to School Give-away shop benefitting disadvantaged families of neighboring San Pablo. Clothing, shoes, accessories, jump ropes, soccer and other sports balls, toys, and sports equipment for ages pre-school to adult are welcomed. Drop off on the porch at 243 Paseo del Rio, Moraga before September 15, or call (925) 284-8142 for pick up. Thank you for your support!

Lamorinda Dance Social. Enjoy afternoon dancing every Wednesday and learn some great new dance moves. Professional dancers Karen and Michael will provide a dance lesson and live DJ services, playing your favorites and taking requests every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3pm, Lafayette Community Center Live Oak Room, 500 St. Mary's Road. Cost: \$2 for members, \$4 for non-members. For more info, call (925) 284-5050.

Nature Walk and Bird-Watching led by Ben Pettersson. Experience nature at its finest along our local trails. Delight in the beauty that unfolds around each bend, all the while learning to identify a variety of birds. Bring a

water bottle; binoculars will be helpful if you have them. The walks are every Wednesday from 9 to 11am. Please call (925) 284-5050 to find out the weekly meeting place.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the TAO House. The Tao House was built by Eugene O'Neill and his wife, Carlotta, in Las Trampas Hills, just outside of the town in 1937 shortly after his reception of the Nobel Prize for Literature. The 13th annual Eugene O'Neill Festival in Danville runs from September 7-30 at the Tao House which is now a National Park site. You must take a shuttle from The Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville. For more info, contact Dan Cawthon at (925) 946-0108.

Hearing Screening by Audiologists from Hearing Science/Diablo Valley Ear, Nose, and Throat September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5 in the Cedar Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road. An appointment is required and a minimum of two sign ups are required in order for screenings to take place. Please call Lafayette Senior Services at (925) 284-5050 to sign up for one of the following appointment times: 1, 1:20, 1:40, or 2pm. Cost: \$1 for members; \$3 for non-members.

The public is invited to a dedication ceremony for the newly replicated and relocated Orinda Historical Mural, Tuesday, September 4, 5:30pm, kinder gym wall at the Orinda Community Park. Bay Area Muralist, Ellen Silva, was commissioned to precisely replicate the original mural which was created by artist Lonnie Bee to depict Orinda's historical sites and was dedicated on the exterior BART wall on July 9, 1978.

Fall into Fashion show featuring the latest styles from Coldwater Creek in Walnut Creek. The fall show features the latest in fall fashions September 8 from 11:30am to 2:30pm at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Attendees can take part in a silent auction, and opportunity tickets will be available. This event is presented by the Diablo Valley Foundation for the Aging. Cost: \$45 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more info, contact Carmen at (925) 956-9269 or visit www.dv-fa.org.

Lafayette Community Center offers free yoga class. The Lafayette Community center wants to give people an opportunity to try yoga without having to make a commitment Saturday, September 8 from 11am to 12:15pm at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Reservations required. For more info and to register, call (925) 284-2232.

Natural Health Care Open House. Running from Mexico and Canada for Natural Health. There will be free massage and natural skincare treatments, free handouts and natural product samples, and Naturopathic doctors speaking about treating pain, fatigue, and bio identical hormones September 10 at 4pm, Tara Natural Medicine, 3186 Old Tunnel Road 6536 Telegraph Ave, #C201, Lafayette. Free. For more info, call (925) 949-8604 or visit www.taranaturalmedicine.com. (photo)

Volunteers needed to transcribe Braille. Volunteers interested in learning how to transcribe literary works for the blind or sight impaired are needed by the Contra Costa Braille Transcribers. A volunteer must complete a 7-month course to be certified by The Library of Congress. Weekly training classes are every Tuesday in Concord beginning Tuesday, September 11 from 9:30am to noon, 1201 Monument Blvd., Concord (near the 680 Freeway). For more info, call Fran Whipple at (925) 298-2344 or visit www.ccbraille.com.

Walk n' Roll. Join us for a fun one mile or 5K Walk n' Roll event to support people with developmental disabilities Saturday, September 22 from 9am to noon, starting at Las Trampas, 3460 Lana Lane, Lafayette, continuing towards Olympic Blvd and ending at Las Trampas. The trail is wheelchair-friendly. Registration: \$25 per person and includes: the event, T-shirt, gift, refreshments, prizes, music, and more. For more info, visit www.active.com/running/lafayette-ca/walk-n-roll-for-las-trampas-2012.

Free memory screening by Caring Solutions September 28 in the Cedar Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. An appointment is required. Appointments are at 12:30, 12:50, or 1:10 pm. For more info or to sign up, call (925) 284-5050.

The Lafayette Library and Learning Center Board of Trustees, which manages Foundation assets, implements major fundraising plans, oversees non-county library budget operations and staff, and coordinates activities of the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium, is seeking new members. Applications, which are available at LLLCF.org or available in the LLLCF office on the mezzanine floor of the library, will be accepted until September 30.

NOMINEES REQUESTED

The Contra Costa Philanthropy Awards program recognizes individuals, businesses and service organizations that have made significant

contributions of time, leadership and financial support to benefit Contra Costa residents. This is the 2nd Annual awards program. Help promote and honor philanthropy in Contra Costa County by submitting your nominations to the Contra Costa Council's 2nd Annual Contra Costa Philanthropy Awards program by Friday, August 31. Please visit <http://www.contracostacouncil.com/forms/form1.html> for your nomination form. A special breakfast honoring award recipients will be held at 7:30am November 8 at the Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord. For more info, call (925) 246-1880.

Peace and Justice Awards 2012. The Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center is asking residents of Contra Costa County to nominate local peacemakers for a Peace and Justice Award to be given by the Center at its annual Peace Awards Celebration. Deadline for nominations is September 7. Forms for nominating candidates are available at www.mtdpc.org or by calling the Peace and Justice Center at (925) 933-7850.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS (see event articles on pages A10-A11)

The Big Band of Rossmoor Show and Dance featuring The Fred Astaire Dance Book Friday, September 14 from 6:30 to 10pm at the Rheem Theater, 350 Park Street, Moraga.

Annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival 10am to 7pm Saturday, September 15 and 10am to 6pm Sunday, September 16 in Downtown Lafayette.

5th Annual Orinda Restaurant Tour, featuring over 20 restaurants from 5 to 9:30pm Tuesday, September 18 at the Theatre District on Moraga Way.

The Orinda Annual Classic Car Show Saturday, September 22 from 10 am to 2pm in Orinda Village at Orinda Motors, 63 Orinda Way.

Moraga Pear & Wine Festival from 10am to 4pm Saturday, September 29 at the Moraga Commons Park.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

MOVIE REVIEW

ParaNorman
Great animated film but not for the little ones!

By Derek Zemrak



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Just because a movie is animated does not mean it is appropriate for kids. ParaNorman is a prime example. Laika Entertainment based in Portland, Oregon, which previously produced Coraline – another edgy animated film – created ParaNorman. Laika has shown that they have the creative edge that we experienced during the early years of Pixar. They are not following the “traditional” Hollywood model but are leading the way to fresh new ideas in the animation arena.

ParaNorman follows a young schoolboy, Norman Babcock (Kodi Smit-McPhee) who sees and speaks to dead people. Yes, everyone including his family thinks he is crazy, but soon they will all need him when the zombies take over their small town and must stop the evil witch, who is determined to destroy it. The voice talent is mainly made up of voice actors and not Hollywood stars, which proves that you do not need Brad Pitt, Ben Stiller or Chris Rock to sell your animated film.

Talent is talent and the cast of ParaNorman delivers outstanding performances. The visual effects of the movie are outstanding, setting the tone of the scary, spooky feel of the film, which is one of the best animated feature films this year. I predict an Oscar nomination in January for ParaNorman, as Coraline received in 2010. The film is co-directed by newcomer Chris Butler, who also wrote the screenplay, and Sam Fell (Flushed Away, The Tale of Despereaux).

This edgy, spooky film filled with zombies and ghosts will have you jumping in your seat in a few scenes. I question the PG rating of the film with scary action, spooky images, and rude language. ParaNorman will be enjoyed by the pre-teen and above audiences but it is not for the youngsters.

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