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Join the Oktoberfest celebration from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. An "oompah" band and authentic German food and beverages will liven up the action at this fundraiser for the Hacienda Foundation. There will be pumpkin painting and games for children. Cost: \$5 per adult; children 12 and under free. Free parking and shuttle from AAAAA Storage on Moraga Road. For info, contact Claire Roth at (925) 376-1686.

The 16th Annual California Independent Film Festival will be held once again at the Orinda Theatre and the New Rheem Theatre in Moraga Nov. 7-10, with the biggest lineup of films to date for this festival. For more info, visit CAIFFA at www.caiff.org. (See story page B7)

Wildlife in Contra Costa County! Learn about the wildlife in Contra Costa County from well-known zoologist, Doc Hale, at this free public lecture sponsored by Friends of Orinda Creeks from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 in The Garden Room at the Orinda Library. Hale will give a presentation on the Wildlife of Contra Costa County and link it to his research and to his involvement with the various organizations. He will talk about how the area is a unique bio-geographical region and begin his presentation with a brief prehistoric Native American cultural perspective of the region.

Screening of "Speaking in Tongues," an award-winning film about bilingual education follows four diverse kids on a journey to become bilingual, will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at the New Rheem Theatre, Moraga. This charming story will challenge you to rethink the skills that Americans need to succeed in the 21st century. Panel discussion follows the film. Tickets: \$12 in advance at www.casabilingue.org/events; \$15 at door, space permitting. Event sponsored by Casa Bilingüe Spanish Immersion School. Questions? Email info@casabilingue.org.

Performers for Progress: BuildOn. Miramonte High School's fall show at 7 p.m. Oct. 17-18 will benefit BuildOn, an organization aimed at enhancing education and empowering youth in the U.S. to make a positive difference in their communities, while helping people in developing countries increase their self reliance through education. BuildOn is breaking the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations through service and education. (See story page B2)

AAUW Hands-On iPhone Workshop for 'technologically challenged' people who want to make the most of the advanced functions of an iPhone. The workshops will be conducted from 9 to 10:30 a.m. (basic) and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (advanced) on Friday, Oct. 18 in Orinda. Bring your iPhone fully charged, your apple ID number, a bag lunch and your checkbook. Cost: \$35 per workshop, registration via email at xenija@aol.com or by phone at (925) 708-0770.

The Moraga Historical Society will hold its 48th Anniversary Banquet Friday, Oct. 18 at Saint Mary's College. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served in Dryden Hall followed by dinner. "Celebrating Saint Mary's 150 Years" will be the topic of featured speaker Brother Ronald Gallagher, Saint Mary's 28th president. For more info about the banquet, contact either Colleen Lund at (925) 376-3520 or Susan Sperry at (925) 376-3053. For membership info, visit the History Center at 1500 St. Mary's Road Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. or online at www.moragahistory.org.

Help "Punch out Breast Cancer" in October with Curves of Moraga and the American Cancer Society. Individuals can purchase a "10-Workout Punch Card" for themselves or a friend for a \$10 donation. Silent Auction and Potluck Luncheon to be held Saturday, Oct. 19 at Curves in Moraga. Other special events and speakers will be featured throughout the month. For more information contact Curves of Moraga at (925) 376-0110, 594A Moraga Rd., Moraga. All Punch Card and Auction

proceeds go directly to the American Cancer Society.

On Monday, Oct. 21 the Moraga Women's Society members and guests will have the opportunity to hear about and preview some of this year's California Independent Film Festival films, and learn about independent film and how it's different from major studio film. Led by Edy Schwartz, representing CAIFF, the screening will begin at 11 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Free. For more info, call Susan Sperry at (925) 376-3053. More information on CAIFF is available at caiff.org.

Daughters of the Goddess welcomes women and girls of all ages to join their Annual Spiral Dance beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 at the Orinda Masonic Temple, 9 Altarinda Rd., Orinda. Opening is a spectacular marketplace filled with beautiful crafts and services from women all over the Bay Area. The ritual, led by Daughters of the Goddess Kahuna and High Priestess Leilani, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$23 advanced before Oct. 22; \$29 at the door. Student and Crone discounts are available. Daughters of the Goddess asks that you please bring your drums and rattles, as well as pictures of your loved ones that have passed to be placed on the Ancestor Altar. For info, contact Leilani at (925) 787-9247.

Lafayette Hiking Group - Lafayette Reservoir - rim and side trails. Discover new areas of this favorite strenuous 5-6 mile Lafayette walk with leader Alison Hill on Saturday, Oct. 26, following part of the rim trail, then hiking down into a valley on one trail and back up to the rim on another. There is a possibility of seeing some interesting birds - bring binoculars. There are steep hills so bring hiking sticks if you use them. The hike will be modified if the ground is very muddy. Meet in the parking lot out from Lafayette BART's main entrance at 8:30 a.m. We form carpools to the trailhead. Bring lunch or snacks, water, layered clothing, good walking shoes, sun protection and money to contribute toward gas, bridge tolls and parking. Cost: \$3 local.

21st Annual Lafayette Reservoir Run - Sunday, Oct. 27, co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Lafayette to benefit local schools and the services and programs of the chamber. Approximately 2,500 participants compete in a 10k or 5k Certified Runs and a 2-mile run/walk for fun through the heart of downtown, around the reservoir and back. Sprinters, walkers, the "stroller brigade" and many of Lafayette's top four legged residents share the streets. Starting location is Mt. Diablo Boulevard between First Street and Moraga Road. Registration opens at 6:30 a.m., staggered start times: 2mi run/walk 8 a.m., 5k Certified Run 8:30 a.m., 10k Certified Run 8:45 a.m. Race Course: 10k Moraga Road west to El Nido Ranch Road, around the Lafayette Reservoir and back to Moraga Road. 5k or 2 mile DO NOT go around the Lafayette Reservoir. Adult registration fee: \$30; or \$35 (day of race). Elementary school fee: \$22; or \$27 (day of race).

For info, visit <http://www.lafayettechamber.org/event/s/reservoir-run/>.

"Security - Living without Fear." The Christian Science Church in Orinda is presenting this special program in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month at 7:30 p.m. Oct 29 in the Orinda Library Auditorium. Hear from international speaker, Suzanne Riedel, a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science who says, "No one needs to feel their lives are controlled by fear of health-issues, safety concerns, or financial disaster. For more information call: (925) 254-4212, or visit: www.christianscience-orinda.org.

Town Hall meeting on The Future of Transportation in California: Challenges and Opportunities 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Orinda Library Auditorium. Hear from a panel of experts: Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Google, Inc., California Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology. For more info, call (925) 942-6082 or rsvp@sen.ca.gov/1565/transportation-townhall.

The Orinda Community Foundation (OCF) invites community organizations to apply for grants for projects that enhance the quality of life in Orinda. To be considered in the current cycle, grant applications must be received by Nov. 8. The application can be downloaded from www.orindafoundation.org. Questions can be emailed to orindafoundation@gmail.com.

SENIORS

Lunch n' Learn: Skype. Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga are pleased to present technology classes taught by Ed Zeidan, owner and CEO of Nerd4Rent, to discuss how to stay in touch with people who matter in your life from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 at Orinda Parks and Recreation. Learn how simple it is to stay connected using tools like Skype. Call Lafayette Senior Services to reserve your spot: (925) 284-5050. Senior Services Members:

\$10/class; non-members \$11/class. Fee includes lunch.

GARDEN

The Walnut Creek Garden Club (WCGC) will hold its October general meeting at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14 at The Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Rd., Walnut Creek. The program will be presented by Leslie Bennett and Stephani Bittner, owners of Star Apple: Edible and Fine Gardening, who create aesthetically-designed organic edible gardens, and authors of "The Beautiful Edible Garden" www.starappleediblegardens.com. The meeting is open to the public. Guests and those interested in membership are welcome.

Moraga Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. The guest speaker will be Matthew Levesque, author and program director at Building Re-

sources, who will discuss "Reuse and Recycle in the Garden." Guests are welcome. For more info, call Elaine Frazel at (925) 376-6452, membership Janet Grant (925) 376-2584.

The Orinda Garden Club invites you to enjoy "A Feast from the Forests & Fields," featuring Kevin Feinstein, author, teacher and foraging expert at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 in the Orinda Library Auditorium. Kevin's presentation will focus on Contra Cost County. Coffee will be served at 10 a.m. prior to the program.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Thursday Nov. 7 - Sunday Nov. 10 at The New Rheem Theatre and The Orinda Theatre

Opening Night Thursday Nov. 7 Schedule:

Reception 5:30PM with Food by Whole Foods & Concannon Wine (Official Wine Sponsor)

Slate Award Presentations

Opening Night Movie 7:00PM



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Comedy/Drama, France, United Kingdom **US West Coast Premier!**

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- Features Films
- Retro College Night
- Iron Filmmaker Contest Viewing
- Members and Filmmaker Lounges
- Kids Program
- Documentaries
- Bullying in Schools
- SAPORO Shorts
- Shorts Program
- Bay Area Showcase of Shorts
- Q & A's with Filmmakers
- Special Q & A with Bruce Burns, Superintendent of Moraga School District K-8 and Heidi Hoehn Felt, PPS., M.F.T. JMIS School Counselor
- Friday, Nov. 9th, 9:30PM

Festival Social Orinda Theatre CAIFF Lounge

Closing Night Sunday Nov. 10, 6:00PM

Catered by Shelby's

Opening Night Movie



Jackpot

Action/Comedy, Norway, 2011

Buy your tickets now - some films will sell out!

Now on sale at Rheem or Orinda Theatre Box Offices or online at www.caiff.org.

Ticket Prices

General admission	\$12.00
Opening Night Reception & Movie	\$50.00
Opening Night Movie Only	\$15.00
Closing Night Film and Reception	\$20.00

All CAIFF Events and Movies are FREE for CAIFF Leading Role Members. CAIFF Members can purchase tickets at a discount from October 7th to 13th at the Rheem Theatre or Orinda Box Offices! One more reason to become a CAIFF Member! Join on www.caiff.org today and SAVE!

Online	In person
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