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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.

Fall Festival at the Lafayette United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. Boutique items, jewelry, crafts, plants, food items, note cards, doll clothes, plush animal puppets, and more. Lunch available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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/events/reservoir-run/>.

Widowed Persons Support will have its monthly meeting at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 in the Davies Room, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Learn about the new Panama Canal to be built by 2015. The program begins after the social half-hour with refreshments. No charge, reservations not required. All widowed persons and guests welcome.

"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. Tuesday, 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 info, call (925) 254-4212 or visit www.christianscienceorinda.org.

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

John Muir National Historic Site reopened to visitors on Oct. 17. Visitors can access the site between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday year-round, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The park has been closed since Oct. 1 due to the lapse in Congressional appropriations. John Muir NHS, located at 4202 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez. Admission to the site is free

of charge. For more information, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/jomu or call (925) 228-8860.

Come and start your holiday shopping at the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary [OCCA] 37th Annual Holiday Bazaar from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way. There will be lots of vendors featuring products including jewelry, cards, food varieties, accessories, arts and crafts, as well as family entertainment.

Lafayette Juniors 20th Annual Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive in Lafayette. Special early bird entrance fee \$3 per adult from 7 to 8 a.m. Pre-loved designer clothes, baby and kid clothes, toys, and gear, furniture, household goods, and much more. For info, visit www.lafayettejuniors.org.

Join Boy Scout Troop 224 for an open house with activities and dessert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4 at Happy Valley School, 3855 Happy Valley Road, Lafayette (behind the multi). Boy Scouts is open to boys who are at least 11 years old or who are completing fifth grade in 2014, and you do not need to have been a Cub Scout to join Boy Scouts. If you have any questions, please contact assistant leader Cheryl Tyler at ctcaltbear@comcast.net or (925) 283-2506.

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School St. Moraga. Social hour 11 a.m., lunch at noon. The after lunch speaker on Nov. 6 will be Wayne Korsinen, who, in monologue style, will portray Secretary Knox as he visits with the Chief of Naval Operations during the early hours of December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. For membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

Travels through Southern Asia. Filmmaker Nateon Ajello and his wife Pam traveled 1,300 miles by bicycle, bus and train through India, Nepal and Bhutan. Come and hear about their adventures abroad, the people they met and the sights that they saw at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the Arts and Science Discovery Room, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette.

Maintain Your Home's Interior. Mark Shaw, 15-year real estate broker, will discuss interior maintenance tasks that are critical to the long-term performance of your home from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Lafayette Library, Arts and Science Room. Regularly-scheduled maintenance can help you avoid serious problems, or at least identify issues early so problems can be addressed in a timely manner with minimal adverse effects. Cost: \$1 Members; \$3 Non-Members.

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 ad page A11)

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.

Reaching out to Korean War Era Veterans. Contra Costa County is seeking connections with Korean War era veterans who served in the "Forgotten War" and to encourage them to be a part of the 2013 Veterans Day celebration. If you or a family member served on the Korean Peninsula or provided support back home, please contact the Veterans Service Office at (925) 313-1481 or email veterans@vs.cccounty.us.

Tired of that boring, cluttered old garage? Come to the Lafayette Community Foundation's first ever Garage Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 featuring custom garages, shops and man caves in the Lamorinda area. In addition to some great ideas for transforming your garage in to the retreat of your dreams – there will be classic cars, live music and food trucks. Tickets are available for \$35 online at www.LafayetteCF.org, and locally at Blodgett's Flooring, Lafayette Car Wash and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Day of the Tour tickets will be available at Blodgett's Floor, 3291 Mt. Diablo Court, Lafayette. Proceeds from the Garage Tour support neighborhood projects through the Lafayette Community

Foundation. Learn more at www.LafayetteCF.org.

The Moraga Women's Society's Goodwill Bays Fashion Show and Luncheon will present at 11 a.m. on Monday a museum collection of antique clothes that span over 100 years Nov. 18 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Check-in and social time starts at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served following the fashion show. Cost: \$35. For tickets or questions contact Nancy Comprelli, (925) 376-3187. Please mail check to Moraga Women's Society, c/o Nancy Comprelli, 1844 Joseph Dr., Moraga, CA 94556-2711. Deadline is Nov. 11.

Alison McKenzie, who has been recruited by the California State Department to train county leaders about the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) and its implications, will discuss the ACA provisions starting at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Nov. 19 at the Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School St. in Moraga. She will answer the following questions: What is the ACA? Who does it cover? How does it work? Free for all ages. Sponsored by the Lafayette-Orinda-Moraga (LOM) Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). For more info, email communication-publicity@aauwoml.org.

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Tuesday, October 29, 5:00 pm – 6:30pm

Presented by: Littorno Law Group
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Meet us after the Reservoir Run at **the Lafayette Reservoir Oct. 27 - 1pm – 4pm** for an afternoon of Celebration featuring the versatile Singer, Dancer, DJ and Emcee - **Diamond Dave**. Sponsored by Trust In Education & the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

