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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 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.

The Lafayette Community Foundation is excited to announce the first ever Garage Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10, featuring four custom garages, shops and mancaves in the Lamorinda area. In addition to some great ideas for transforming your garage into 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 Ct., Lafayette. (See story page D1)

Veterans Day Mass and Luncheon. **Join members of the Saint Mary's** community for a special mass honoring our veterans in the Chapel, followed by lunch in the Soda Center from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 at Saint Mary's College. For info, call (925) 631-8744 or email events@stmarys-ca.edu.

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.

The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will hold its November meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 in the Ball Auditorium at John Muir Medical Center- Walnut Creek Campus, 1601 Ygnacio Valley Rd. The speaker, Steve Molinari OTR, will discuss the John Muir Health Driver Assessment and Rehabilitation Program. After the program, attendees will break up into three coping groups: stroke survivors without aphasia, stroke survivors with aphasia, and caregivers and families of stroke survivors – each group led by a trained professional. For further information about the Stroke Support Group, contact Ann Dzuna at (925) 376-6218. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Governor Jerry Brown: Leadership and Legacy. Explore the history, philosophy, and impact of this fascinating political leader during a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 in the Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. A Communication Department Leadership Speakers Series event.

Saint Mary's College Guild Annual "Treasure" Sale and Luncheon benefiting the SMC Scholarship Fund will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, with a traditional Thanksgiving luncheon served at noon at Saint Mary's College Soda Center. Tickets: \$27. A free preview night with boutique shopping will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, which includes appetizers and no-host beverages. For more info, call (925) 254-3997.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Lamorinda Hills Branch 174, a social club, invites you to attend its luncheon meeting from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 at Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. The after-lunch speaker will be David Messinger, whose topic is "A Structural Engineer Looks at Earthquakes." One of David's particular interests is first-hand observation of earthquake damage. His presentation will include photos showing damage to structures from major earthquakes. For membership info and reservations, call Fred at (925) 284-1763.

All Lafayette residents are invited to a town hall meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. to hear a "State of the City" address by Mayor Mike Anderson, followed by a question and answer period from the audience.

The Moraga Women's Society's Goodwill Bags Fashion Show and Luncheon at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18 will present a museum collection of antique clothes that span over 100 years 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.

Free book launch event in Lafayette. **Everyone is invited** to help launch the new book, "Ending Anger: The Couple's Guide," by local author Suzanne Bare from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at La Boulange Bakery, 3597 Mt Diablo

Bld., Lafayette. Bare will be signing books and answering questions. Get the eBook for free that day, and receive a free raffle ticket for a prize. For more info, visit endingangerbook.relatedgreat.com.

The 35th annual Community Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Cost: \$20 per person. Begin the holiday season in a significant and meaningful way. Register online at www.lafayettechamber.org or call (925) 284-7404. Keynote speaker will be Semifreddi's CEO and president Tom Franier.

For the 16th year Bobbie and Tom Preston will be holding the Cycle Recycle, collecting repairable bikes to be refurbished and given to charitable groups to distribute at Christmas. New

and/or used bikes and trikes—in working order or repairable – or useable bike parts may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home at 1307 Larch Avenue in Moraga throughout the month of November only. No skateboards please; no need to call beforehand. For info, contact Bobbie or Tom Preston at (925) 376-8474.

through May, will feature Ted Kipping, arborist who travels the world, locating rare flora and fauna, who will discuss "Flowering California Native Shrubs for Gardens" at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,, 66 St. Stephens Dr., Orinda. Visitors welcome. For info, visit www.montelindogarden.com.

Moraga Garden Club meeting will feature Dr. Anthony O'Geen, soil specialist at UC Davis, who will discuss "Fascinating Information about Soil and Its Ecosystems" at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 at Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Guests are welcome.

GARDEN

The Lafayette Garden Club's next meeting will feature author Stephanie McInnis who will discuss "Encouraging Children to Garden" at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Dr., Lafayette. Visitors and New members welcome. For info, call Carolyn Poetzsch, (925) 944-1737

The Montelindo Garden Club, which meets every third Friday, September

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorinda-weekly.com

MOVIE REVIEW

"Valentine Road"

By Adam Reeves



"Valentine Road" Photo provided

"Valentine Road" is a gripping documentary about hate and intolerance, and about the story of eighth-grader Larry King. When he was attending school in Oxnard, Calif., Larry began to be aware of his tendency to be more feminine and he began to explore this outwardly by dressing more and more as a girl in school. Some of the other students teased him. Some tolerated him, while others ignored him.

But there was one student, Brandon McInerney, who decided that all the other students needed to be protected from this "freak." He came to class the next day and shot Larry twice in the back of his head in front of fellow students and the teachers in attendance.

What took place next was an amazing journey of emotions and opinions from the parents, teachers, fellow students, city officials, and the lawyers handling the situation. The outrage that some said "Brandon was the victim" caused national press coverage. Many in the public eye, such as Ellen Degeneres, Anderson Cooper, and the talk show host Larry King, got involved and gave voice to the issues. This 89-minute documentary by Marta Cunningham does an excellent job of showing all sides of the story – the past child abuse, the family support, the school's lack of responsibility, the public and private opinions – and you will be moved to tears, anger, and disbelief as this true story is revealed.

"Valentine Road" will be shown at the Orinda Theatre as part of the California Independent Film Festival at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

CAIFF Must-See Films and Events

By Derek Zemrak

The California Independent Film Festival starts tomorrow, Nov. 7! I know the film festival can seem a bit overwhelming with over 60 films and events to choose from, but I would like to help you out. As the founder of CAIFF, here are my daily must-see films and events to attend.

Thursday, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. – Come to the Opening Night Reception and screening of the highly acclaimed film "Le Week-end." Opening night has become the must attend annual event in Moraga. This year the event, chaired by Caroline Wood, will be over the top with amazing food from Whole Foods of Lafayette, award-winning wine from Concannon Vineyards, beer from Ale Industries and the amazing film "Le Week-end," which recently had its world premiere at the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival.

Friday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. – Do not miss Shorts Program D "Celebrity Shorts" in Orinda. Former Ms. America and Golden Globe nominee Lee Meriwether ("Batman," "Barnaby Jones," "All My Children") will be in attendance to receive the 16th Annual California Independent Film Festival Lifetime Achievement award after the screening of the short film "Remember to Breathe." Golden Globe recipient, Susan Blakely ("Rich Man, Poor Man," "Towering Inferno") will also be in attendance.

Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 p.m. – The place to be seen is at the annual CAIFF party at Shelbys Restaurant. Shelbys will be serving up fabulous food and live music from Johnny Nash and headliner, Thomas Ian Nicholas ("American Pie," "Rookie of the Year"). CAIFF started in 1999, so let's party like it's 1999!

Sunday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. – Wrap up with the Closing Night movie, "Jackpot" – a dark comedy in the vein of "Fargo" that previously screened at the Tribeca Film Festival and the Palm Springs International Film Festival, where it was a festival favorite of Jo Alice Canterbury (Orinda's International Film Showcase).



See you on the Red Carpet!

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