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OTHER ... continued

Campolindo Junior Sam Larson is collecting new and gently used toys, sports and rec equipment, backpacks, athletic apparel, outerwear, accessories, jewelry, and shoes for underprivileged kids preschool to age 18. These items will be given away at a "New to You" event held in September in San Pablo. Collection starts now and continues through August. Drop your items at 243 Paseo del Rio, Moraga, or call (925) 284-8142 for pickup. Email californiasam22@gmail.com for info.

Free cats and kittens to good homes! On May 31 and June 1, Community Concern for Cats, the oldest cat rescue organization in Contra Costa County will participate in Maddie's Pet Adoption Days. Cats and kittens will be

available for adoption for free to qualified homes at: Lafayette Pet Food Express (3610 Mount Diablo Blvd.), Pleasant Hill Pet Food Express (2158 Contra Costa Blvd.) and Walnut Creek Petco (1301 S. California Blvd.) from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For info and pictures, visit www.communityconcernforcats.org. Not all kittens will be pictured and new ones arrive daily. (See story page A13)

SENIORS

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Social hour at 11 a.m.; lunch at noon. The June 4 after-lunch speaker will be Russ Aubry, who will present a unique slideshow of his recent trip to Cuba.

He will provide his assessment of the culture, the current standard of living in urban and rural areas along with what the future holds for the country.

Sons In Retirement, Las Trampas Branch 116 luncheon meeting lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 16 at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr. The speaker will be Mr. Dan Franklin, a survivor of the Normandy Invasion on June 6, 1944 and the recipient of the French Legion of Honor. His presentation will incorporate first-hand experiences of what went on before that day, during the invasion and the days following the landing. Guests are welcome and may make reservations by calling (925) 322-1160 by Wednesday, June 11. Cost: \$15. For information about SIR activities for retired men, please visit www.Branch116.org.

Service Clubs Announcements



Rotary

Explore Lamorinda Rotary clubs The heart of Rotary is our clubs- dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Learn about Lamorinda's Rotary clubs.



SOROPTIMIST

A global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.


Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club

We meet Friday mornings at 7 am at Celia's Mexican Restaurant, 3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

May 23:	May 30:
Personal trainer and LSR member, Mark Larks will speak to us about "The Truth About Obesity"	LSR member Don Jenkins will "Expose Himself" and share about his recent trip to Vietnam to fit LN-4 prosthetic hands.

Please be our guest for breakfast and a great speaker!

SOROPTIMIST OF 24/680



"Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment"

Please join us for our next meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday 6/4/14
Social 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Buttercup Grill
660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

For more information, contact:
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MOVIE REVIEW

'Chef'

By Derek Zemrak

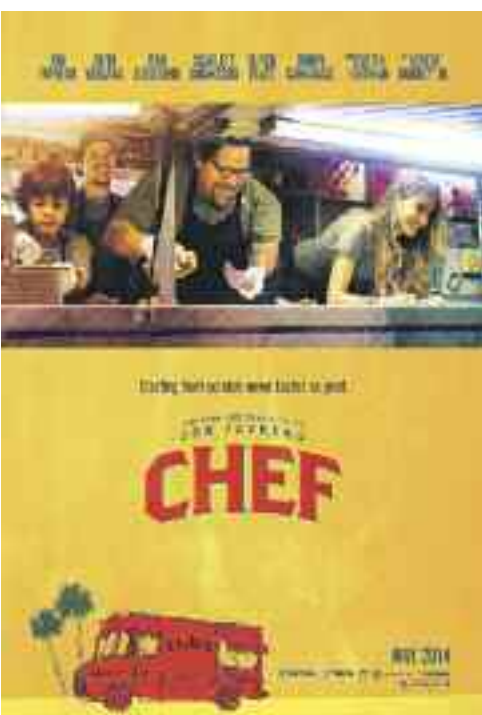


Photo courtesy Open Road Films

If you have an appetite for a superior food movie then see "Chef" that opens at the Orinda Theatre on May 30. Just don't see it on an empty stomach, for the numerous culinary scenes will result in your stomach growling in the theater. "Chef" is written, directed by and stars Jon Favreau who knows how to prepare a film that Hollywood's elite would jump through hoops to be in. His track record as a director is the result of using star-studded casts in the films "Swingers," "Elf" and the first two "Iron Man" movies. "Chef" is filled with A-listers, including Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr., John

Leguizamo, Sofia Vergara and Oscar winner Dustin Hoffman.

Carl Casper is one of the top chefs in Los Angeles but the restaurant's owner Riva (Dustin Hoffman) is suppressing Carl's creative talents. Their conflict comes to a head when restaurant critic and blogger Ramsey Michel (Oliver Platt, "West Wing") plans his next review. Things do not go as planned for Carl and on a return visit by Ramsey, Carl is out of a job.

Carl's ex-wife, Inez, played by Sofia Vergara ("Modern Family") has always encouraged him to own a food truck in order for him to showcase his creative aptitude for cooking as well as having total control in his kitchen. Out of desperation, Carl reluctantly agrees and receives a beat up old taco truck from Inez's ex, Marvin (Robert Downey Jr.), who lives in Miami. It is the restoration of the food truck and the bonding with Carl's young son, Percy (portrayed by Emjay Anthony from the television series "Rake") that adds sweetness to the film, as they journey from Miami back to Los Angeles. Father and son teach each other the most important gift anyone can give someone - time. They are joined on the journey with friend and co-worker Martin, portrayed by Golden Globe nominee John Leguizamo ("To Wong Foo Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar").

"Chef" has all the right ingredients - comedy, solid performances and a sweet, tender well-written script. This is an excellent movie. "Chef" is rated R for language and some suggestive references and has a TRT (total running time) of 1 hour and 55 minutes. This film is worth a second helping.

Listen to Derek every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. on Real to Reel, 1450AM KEST.

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in conjunction with the Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Lamorinda Weekly and the Lafayette Community Foundation

Thursday June 5 6:30 PM

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