

Upcoming movies and events at Orinda and Rheem theatres

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Orinda Theatre will be showcasing the Contra Costa County exclusive release of “Mark Felt: The Man Who Brought Down the White House” on Oct. 20. The film centers on “Deep Throat,” the pseudonym given to the notorious whistleblower for one of the greatest scandals of all time, Watergate. The true identity of the secret informant remained a mystery and a source of much public curiosity and speculation for more than 30 years. That is until 2005 when special agent Mark Felt (Liam Neeson) shockingly revealed himself as the tipster. This unbelievable true story chronicles the personal and professional life of the brilliant and uncompromising Felt, who risked and ultimately sacrificed everything – his family, his career, his

freedom – in the name of justice.

The Autumn Concert at the Rheem Theatre is scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. Enjoy your evening with a live musical concert from some of the Bay Area’s best singers including Doug Bryson (Tenor), Gordan Douglas, Karen Henson, Tommy O’Dowd, Ellen Wing, Brett and Eileen Zamora all accompanied by pianist, Patti Leidecker. This lineup of amazing talent has performed all over the Bay Area including Festival Opera, Leshner Center of the Arts, Oakland Lyric Opera, San Francisco City Chorus, Society Cabaret in San Francisco and Ciné Cuvée Wine Bar in Orinda.

The family film “Goodbye Christopher Robin” arrives in theatres on Oct. 27. This movie is a behind the scenes look at the life of author A.A. Milne and the creation of the Winnie the Pooh stories inspired by his son, C. R. Milne. “Goodbye Christopher Robin” is produced and directed by Simon Curtis who previously produced and directed “Woman in Gold” (2015) and “My Week with Marilyn” (2011), both of which were audience favorites at the Orinda Theatre.

Also on Oct. 27, “Thank You for Your Service” will open in theatres nationwide. Oscar nominee Jason Hall (“American Sniper,” Best Writing, Adapted Screenplay) makes his directorial debut with “Thank You for Your Service.” A group of U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq struggles to integrate back into family and civilian life, while living with the memory of a war that threatens to destroy them long after they’ve left the battlefield. The film stars Miles Tiller (“Whiplash,” “The Spectacular Now”) who I believe is one of best actors of his generation. Tiller one day will win an Oscar, and “Thank You for Your Service” may be his first Academy Award nomination.

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Lafayette Reservoir Rim Trail meeting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. Meet in the parking lot out from Lafayette BART’s main entrance. We form carpools to the trailhead. Bring lunch or snacks, water, layered clothing, good walking shoes, sun protection and money to contribute toward gas, and parking. (\$3 local). Strenuous with two steep hills, just over 5 miles. Leader: Alison Hill.

This is a worldwide celebration of the 200th anniversary of birth of the founder of the Baha’i Faith and the Baha’is of Lamorinda would like to celebrate with all of their friends and neighbors in Lamorinda from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Soda Activity Center at Saint Mary’s College, 1928 St. Mary’s Road in Moraga. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

Humanities West Fireside Chat: Norman Sicily at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, Fireside at the Orinda Library. Join George Hammond of Humanities West to explore Sicily under the Normans where the intense yet prosperous interaction among Norman-Catholic, Byzantine-Orthodox and Arab-Islamic cultures endowed Palermo with great art.

Contra Costa Tale Spinners will host a story swap with featured teller, Dana Sherry, who brings folk tales from the heart of the Silk Road alive and transforms historical events into tales of wonder and horror at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 in Orinda Community Center Room 6. Share, listen, expand your universe.

Daughters of the Goddess Womyn’s Temple welcomes womyn and girls of all ages to the Annual Spiral Dance at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at the Orinda Masonic Temple, 9 Altarinda Rd. During this multi-cultural ritual, led by Kahuna Leilani, and accompanied by spiritual elders of different traditions, come together to honor and celebrate loved ones who have passed away. Ticket cost is \$23 advance by Oct. 23 or \$29 at the door. Student and Crone discounts are available in advance. Please bring pictures of your loved ones that have passed to be placed on the An-

cestor Altar. Also bring along your drums and rattles for the ceremony.

Celebrate the 500th anniversary of The Reformation from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at The Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church 433 Moraga Way in Orinda. The “Marty Party” will offer beer tasting with numerous Lamorinda home brewers, bounce house, games, and crafts for kids, apple carving, Oktoberfest-style bratwursts and much more. All proceeds will go to help the victims of the recent North Bay fires.

Joaquin Miller Park hike meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Olympic. We form carpools to the trailhead. Bring snacks, water, layered clothing, good walking shoes, sun protection and money to contribute toward gas, and parking. (\$3 local). Strenuous with hills, approximately 4.5 miles, and two hours of hiking. Leader: Erwin Johnson. Lafayette-Hiking@comcast.net

Lafayette Juniors 24th Annual Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Special Early Bird Entrance fee \$5 per adult from 7 to 8 a.m. at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. Pre-loved designer clothes, baby and kid clothes, toys, children’s gear, furniture, household goods, and much more. Visit www.lafayettejuniors.org.

Discovering Opera: Puccini’s La Rondine presented by Bradford Wade from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 in the Lafayette Library, Arts and Science Room. An operetta by Puccini? With waltzes? And no one dies? Yes, it’s La Rondine (The Swallow). Lecturer Bradford Wade will give a guided tour of La Rondine, with a description of the plot interspersed with musical examples. This lecture is given in conjunction with Opera San José’s production of La Rondine, Nov. 11-26. Fee: members free; non-members \$10.

Lamorinda Business Symposium from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Soda Center at Saint Mary’s College. A panel discussion on the “Customer Experience – getting back to basics in today’s ever changing retail and business

environment.” Free event for all, but please RSVP to kathe@moragachamber.org as refreshments will be served.

SENIORS

Lunch n’ Learn: That Elusive Thing Called Sleep, presented by Linda Fodrini-Johnson from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Merrill Gardens Lafayette, 2nd Street at Mt. Diablo Boulevard. Changes in sleep patterns are normal as we get older. It’s a common misconception, however, that sleep needs decline with age. In fact, studies have shown that our sleep needs remain constant throughout adulthood. So, what’s keeping us older adults awake? And what can be done to combat these issues to get a good night’s sleep? Lunch generously provided by Merrill Gardens. Space is limited; RSVP required by Oct. 18: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or 284-5050.

Anne Randolph Physical Therapy Presentation The Art of Balance from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. If you are worried about falling or are at risk of falling, you should know about activities that improve balance. Learn how to gain increased balance and avoid the risk of falling.

GARDEN

The Moraga Garden Club will hold their next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The guest speaker will be Linus Eukel, executive director of the John Muir Land Trust. Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social hour, 10 a.m. meeting, and the presentation by Eukel immediately following the meeting.

Botanical Drawing Workshop at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 in the Orinda Library Garden Room. Botanical artist and instructor, Catherine Watters, will introduce you to botanical art and guide you through hands-on exercises to experience the practice of botanical drawing. Materials provided. Space is limited. Register online, by phone or in person at the Orinda Library.

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Service Clubs Announcements

Meets Friday mornings at 7:00 am at The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Check us out at www.lamorindasunrise.com or email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com.

October 20	October 27
Julieanna Castellanos saving kids through Destiny Rescue.	Featured member of the month Pat Flaharty , past club President and mean bread maker!

Friendship, Fellowship, Service to Others and Fun

Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.

Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

October 19:	October 26:
Award presentations to school music programs from Concert at the Res fund raising	Deanne Pearn- Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

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

Please join us for our next meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 1st
 Social 5:30-6:00 p.m.
 Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Contact us to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1000 in Safeway gift cards. \$10 per ticket.

For more information, contact:
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