

Special events scheduled this month at Lamorinda theatres

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The leaves are changing and winter is coming, so now is a great time to head to your local movie theatres to see the latest blockbusters and other events at the Rheem and Orinda theatres.

On Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. head to the Rheem Theatre for the finals of the Comedy Noir Competition. During the past four months, 32 comics from around the Bay Area have been battling it out to advance to the finals. Now the top nine comics have 10 minutes each to win over the judges and win your vote to be crowned the first annual Comedy Noir Champion. Don't miss this amazing lineup which includes first-round winners Krista Fatka (San Francisco) and Michael Brandon (Oakland), second-round winners Dan Linley (San Francisco) and Ira Summer (Oakland), third-round winners Clay Newman (San Francisco) and Chad Optiz (San Francisco), and fourth-round winners Geneva Rust-Orta (Oakland), Noah Gain (Fremont) and

Paul Conyers (Concord). These comics have performed all over Bay Area, including some of the top comedy clubs in San Francisco: Punch Line and Cobb's Comedy Club. Tickets are \$15.

Nov. 3 is your chance to see the best local comics all performing one night, on the same stage, right here in Lamorinda.

Free Movie Night at the Orinda Theatre will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 and will be a tribute to the late Academy Award-winning actor, Martin Landau, who was a great supporter of the California Independent Film Festival. The movie will be Alfred Hitchcock's classic, "North by Northwest," which was one of Landau's early breakout roles. Gary is an innocuous New York advertising executive who is mistaken for a spy. "North by Northwest" is one of Hitchcock's greatest thrillers which also stars Eva Marie Saint and James Mason.

Moraga Movers' Classic Movie afternoon will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15. Larry Swindell will be hosting the classic film, "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre." Fred Dobbs (Humphrey Bogart) and Bob Curtin (Tim Holt) are two Americans searching for work in Mexico and convince an old prospector to help them mine for gold in the Sierra Madre Mountains. The Treasure of the Sierra Madre is one of the first Hollywood movies to be filmed on location outside of the United States and is directed by the great John Huston. Tickets are \$7.

It's time to sing along at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Rheem Theatre as Patti Leidecker performs Hollywood's Greatest Songs for Kids of all Ages. The evening will include video clips and talks by Derek Zemrak. A few of the songs include "A Whole New World" from "Aladdin," "Circle of Life" from "Lion King" and "Somewhere Out There" from "An American Tale." Tickets are \$15.

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Saint Mary's College Guild is having its annual Rummage Sale and Thanksgiving Luncheon at the SMC Soda Center 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14. There will be a preview of fabulous items 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday evening, Nov. 13. The luncheon is \$35 per person. Please make checks payable to SMC Guild and mail to Dolores Mc Gonigle - 828 Crossbrook Court - Moraga, CA 94556. Questions? Call (925) 376-4339. All proceeds go to scholarships for Saint Mary's students seeking financial aid.

Celebrate the completion of the Rheem Boulevard Sinkhole and Storm Drain Replacement Project scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 at Rheem Boulevard/Center Street. Public parking will be available behind the Rheem Theatre. Event sponsors will provide activities for all including a mini-sinkhole photo opportunity, informational booths, project timeline displays, giveaways, and more! The Chamber of Commerce will host a booth to accept canned food donations for the North Bay fire victims and Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

The 39th Annual Lafayette Community Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 17 at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center. Keynote speaker will be Deanne Pearn, MPP Executive Director of Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. The event will be catered by Jeff Assadi of La Finestra! Music provided by Wendy Tamis, harpist. Please make your reservations by Nov. 15 at www.LafayetteChamber.org.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Join the Lamorinda Democratic Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center for a panel discussion on criminal justice to hear

about what is happening at the local, state and federal level. We have an exciting panel of speakers including our new District Attorney Diana Becton and Contra Costa County Deputy Public Defender Ellen McDonnell. Cost is free for members and \$5 for guests. For additional information, contact ldclubpr@gmail.com or visit www.ldclub.org.

SENIORS

Free Peer Counseling - Contra Costa Health Services offers free one-to-one counseling with trained senior counselors who use their life experiences to help other older adults (55+) cope with life changes, problems, crises, and challenges from 10 a.m. to noon, the second Tuesday monthly. Confidentiality is strictly observed. Appointment required. Please call Lafayette Senior Services to sign up for one of the 60-minute appointments: (925) 284-5050.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides free and objective counseling and advocacy services to Contra Costa Medicare beneficiaries and their families who need assistance with Medicare enrollment and issues involving Medicare and associated insurance programs, including prescription drug coverage at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., or noon first Wednesday or third Tuesday monthly in the Lafayette Community Center. HICAP does not endorse or sell insurance products. For an appointment, call Lafayette Senior Services at (925) 284-5050.

GARDEN

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.

Lafayette Garden Club General Meeting from 9:45 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 9 in the Lafayette Veteran's Building located at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Lafayette Garden Club is excited to present Laurie Callaway, a Lafayette Garden Club member, who will share her "Secrets of a Four Season Garden." She will tell us how to have flower and leaf interest using color, texture, and shape throughout each season, here in the Bay Area. Visitors are welcome! Please email Carolyn Poetzsch, cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

The November theme of the Walnut Creek Garden Club is "Holiday Decorating with Flowers" - Stephen Brown AIFD, Environmental Horticulture and Floral Design, City College of San Francisco Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road, Walnut Creek. 9:45 a.m. - Business Meeting; 10:30 - Social; 11 a.m. Program on Nov. 13. Questions: mslittle44@gmail.com

The Moraga Garden Club will hold their next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The guest speaker will be Ann Leyhe, co-owner of Mrs. Dalloway's Books in Berkeley. The store features an extensive collection of garden books, which will be the topic of her discussion. Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social hour, 10 a.m. meeting, and the presentation by Ann Leyhe immediately following the meeting.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting (third Friday of every month, September through May) will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Everyone welcome. Presentation: Floral Design: A Demonstration by David Mulkey. www.montelindogarden.com.

Service Clubs Announcements

BREAKFAST MEETING: Friday mornings, 7:00 am. The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. More info. at www.lamorindasunrise.com

<p>November 3</p> <p>It's Baseball Season with featured speaker Dan Feinstein, Assistant General Manager, Oakland Athletics</p>	<p>November 10</p> <p>Follow "The Yellow House" story as owner James Wright tells how he converted this old "railroad house" into a rare NetZero home.</p>
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