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Not to be missed

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Motorama World of Wheels Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16 on Golden Gate Way in Lafayette is presented by the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise. Free. For more info, visit www.motorama.us.

Church Taize' service is at 7 month. In the candle-lit Sanctu- to brainstorm with when instrucchildren and two business days 6 and 20 at the Lafayette Comnotice. Email Susan Wentworth at munity Center, Elderberry Room. childcare@LOPC.org. For other All levels are welcome and enquestions, contact Nancy@lopc.org.

The Chabot Space & Science day each month. Cost: \$1 mem-Center volunteer orientation is bers; \$3 non-members per scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. session. Saturday, June 29 in the majestic day Tuesday through Sunday as well as Friday and Saturday book lovers and enjoy enrichunteers and Exhibit Guides en- refreshments from 1 to 3 p.m. families in interactive demonstra- Community Center, Elderberry tions and help inspire the next Room. Cost: \$1 member; \$3 nongeneration of scientists, teachers, member.

engineers, innovators and dreamers. For more info and to RSVP for orientation, visit chabotspace.org or email the Volunteer Department at

volunteers@chabotspace.org.

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Do you knit or crochet but wish vou could do it in a more social Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian setting with people of similar interests? Wish that you had somep.m. on the last Thursday of the one of equal or greater expertise ary, the quiet songs, silence, and tions make no sense? Join us to scripture with no sermon invite work on your current project you to be still. Child care is pro- while enjoying an afternoon of vided if there are at least three camaraderie from 1 to 3 p.m. June couraged. There is no formal instruction in this drop-in group held on the first and third Thurs-

Oakland hills. A variety of volun- Looking for a good book to talk teer shifts are available during the **about with others? Join this** brand-new, informal group of evenings. Observatory deck vol- ment, discussion, fellowship and gage our school groups and Tuesday, June 18 at the Lafavette

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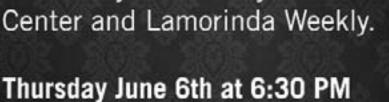
"After Earth" **By Derek Zemrak**





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Brigadoon (1954) Classic movie musical starring Gene Kelly & Cyd Charisse

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Dance on Film Festival in conjunction with Lafayette Library & Learning Center and Lamorinda Weekly.

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Jaden Smith stars in Columbia Pictures' "After Earth," also starring Will Smith. Photo Claudette Barius (© 2013 Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. All Rights Reserved,)

66 fter Earth" has all the elements of a great sum-Mer blockbuster with director M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense," "Signs") teaming with mega star Will Smith ("Men in Black," "Independence Day"), but it just does not work on any planet.

The script, co-written by Shyamalan, Smith, and Gary Whitta ("The Book of Eli"), just could not pull it all together. Is Shyamalan just a "one hit wonder" with "The Sixth Sense?" His movies have been quickly sliding downhill with each release. His last directorial project, "The Last Airbender," received five of the eight Razzie Awards (worst movie awards) including worst director, screenplay and picture. Ouch!

"After Earth" follows Kitai Raige, a soldier in training portrayed by Jaden Smith ("The Pursuit of Happyness," "The Karate Kid") and his father Cypher Raige (Will Smith), as they crash land on earth which humans abandoned 1,000 years ago. It is Kitai who must save his father from the collision and head into battle with the CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) creatures. It is Jaden Smith who must carry this movie – a huge feat for any actor, and even more difficult for a young actor. Jaden meets the challenge in a few scenes, but falls short in more.

Do not expect a surprise ending in this M. Night Shyamalan movie – just be glad it's over. The best part of the film is the 100-minute running time. Most summer releases average more than two hours. "After Earth" is rated PG13.

Derek Zemrak is a Film Critic, Film Producer and Founder of the California Independent Film Festival. You can follow Derek on Twitter @zemrak for the latest Hollywood news. Derek is the host of Real to Reel on TRadioV.com live at 6 p.m. every Tuesday.

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