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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL



The California Independent Film Festival, opening tomorrow, offers something for everyone. Pictured on the right is founder Derek Zemrak in the new Member and Filmmaker Lounge at Orinda's Theatre Square. Photo Andy Scheck

CAIFF Lets You Party with the Stars

By Sophie Braccini

Beginning tomorrow night, Lamorindans will have an opportunity to experience more than 18 feature films and documentaries, as well as 31 short films over the course of three and a half days at the 16th California Independent Film Festival (CAIFF). In addition to seeing wonderful films, CAIFF attendees can meet some of the actors, directors and producers who made them possible.

Thomas Ian Nicholas, who played Kevin in the iconic movie "American Pie" 16 years ago, the year of the first CAIFF, will answer questions prior to the screening of the film on Saturday at the Orinda Theatre. The screening will launch a full night of partying starting at 10 p.m. at Shelbys where Nicholas will be the headline act, with opening performer Johnny Nash. The party is free with

any festival movie ticket stub.

On Sunday, at Moraga's Rheem Theatre, the actor will answer questions before the 11 a.m. showing of "Rookie of the Year," the 1993 American sports comedy starring Nicholas who played 12-year-old Henry Rowengartner, signed to play with the Chicago Cubs.

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Quote of the Week:

"We didn't have GPS. We had to use the stars and the moon." Read Mickey Ganitch, a True Man of Honor - page B1.

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Dad Performs CPR on Young Daughter, Saves Her Life

By Cathy Tyson



Karen Rose and a very thankful Marco Ortiz, with 2-year-old daughter, Jacqueline, at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce offices. Photo provided

It's every parent's nightmare, finding your lifeless child face down in the pool. Still shaken by the ordeal, Lafayette Park Hotel employee Marco Ortiz had that unfortunate experience, but wanted to get the word out to the many homeowners in Lamorinda with pools that CPR training can save a life.

Getting ready for a family dinner out on a recent Sunday, Ortiz took a quick shower while his two older children, ages 14 and 5, and wife were home. Upon arrival in the living room, he started looking for 2-year-old Jacqueline. Panicked, he saw her lifeless body in their pool, and took "the biggest jump of my life" into the cold water. Lifting little Jacqueline out, Ortiz immediately started giving her CPR, remembering the instructions he received at a work-sponsored class. The quiet afternoon turned to chaos as his wife was scream-

ing, but Ortiz continued compressions and mouth to mouth.

In a few minutes he could tell she was faintly breathing and eventually started crying and throwing up the pool water. Paramedics and police arrived after about 10 critical minutes, praising Ortiz for his quick response.

After a 24-hour stay at Kaiser hospital in Walnut Creek to check out heart and lung function, Jacqueline is doing just fine and has no lasting injuries from her near drowning. Thankful father Ortiz still has poignant memories of the event.

Recently he and Jacqueline made a visit to give flowers and heartfelt thanks to his CPR instructor, Karen Rose, director of events at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, who teaches classes to staff at the hotel in her free time.

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