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OTHER ... continued

The public is invited to join the Moraga Horsemen for a day of fun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at the MHA Arena, 423 Canyon Road, Moraga. Chili and pie contests, three-legged race, sack race, pony petting, horse painting, root beer floats and much more. For more info, email moragahorsemen.info@gmail.com.

The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will hold its June meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, June 9 in the Concord I Room at John Muir Medical Center - Concord Campus, 2540 East Street, Concord. The speaker will be Carol Howard-Wooton MFT, stroke survivor. Her presentation is entitled, "Moving Forward and Living Well with Stroke." After the program, attendees will break up into three coping groups: stroke survivors without aphasia, stroke survivors with aphasia, and caregivers and families of stroke survivors - each group led by a trained professional. For info about the Stroke Support Group,

contact Ann Dzuna at (925) 376-6218. Free.

Celebrate Summer Solstice and Igachinvdo Cherokee Sun Goddess on June 20. At the altar of Igeahinvdo, absorb the rays of the Sun, celebrate fertility, and bathe in the abundant harvest energy that is upon us. Dance, sing, and celebrate the brightness of the Sun and ourselves. Daughters of the Goddess is a Dianic Temple and community that is dedicated in the spirit of aloha to the preservation, perpetuation, and promotion of multicultural Goddess culture, public ceremony, ritual, and Women's Mysteries. For info, visit www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

SENIORS

The Sons In Retirement, Las Trampas Branch 116 luncheon meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 16 at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr., featuring speaker 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.

Words of Wisdom ... From the Philosophical to the Lighthearted discussion group led by Craig Janke. Take part in this free-wheeling exchange of inspiration, information, and humor. Topics - from soup to nuts - will be explored, examined, and discussed by participants. Stories and photographs will stimulate humorous discoveries regarding the benefits of becoming the "elders of our tribe" held the third Tuesday monthly from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 17, Toyon Room, Lafayette Community Center. Cost: \$1 members/ \$3 non-members.

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June 6:

Fritz Tubach author of "Uncommon Friendship" & recently retired Head of the UC Berkeley Germanic Department shares his story.

June 13:

Deputy D.A. Mary Elizabeth Knox will speak to us about "HOMICIDES, DRUGS & GANGS—MY LIFE AS A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY"

Please be our guest for breakfast and a great speaker!

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

MOVIE REVIEW 'Maleficent'

By Derek Zembrak



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You know summer is approaching - communities are preparing for Grad Nights, proms, graduations and blockbuster movies. This past weekend Disney released "Maleficent," which has all the elements for a major summer blockbuster - it was made with

an estimated \$200 million budget.

"Maleficent" stars Angelina Jolie - two-time Oscar recipient for the film "Girl, Interrupted" and a Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award she received at the 2014 Academy Awards. She stars as the evil villain Maleficent who was

first introduced in the 1959 Disney classic "Sleeping Beauty." The movie tells the story - in the style of the Broadway play "Wicked" - of how Maleficent became the person she is now. Maleficent was once a good, kind horned fairy who was loved and admired in the fairy kingdom

where she lived. Everything changed when Maleficent experienced how cruel humans can be as a result of greed. She must learn unconditional love in order to return to happier days. Ellen Fanning ("Super 8," "We Bought a Zoo") plays Aurora, the Sleeping Beauty.

Maleficent is a spectacular, visual piece of art that should be experienced in the theater and not on an iPhone. The film is directed by two-time Oscar winner Robert Stromberg, who won his Oscars for art direction in "Alice in Wonderland" and "Avatar." This is Stromberg's directorial debut. His illustration of the beauty of filmmaking is visible in each scene as his strong direction comes through in the performances of both Jolie and Fanning. Seven-time Oscar recipient

and 12-time Oscar nominee Rick Baker ("Ed Wood," "An American Werewolf in London," "Men in Black") is the special makeup effects artist on the film. Baker is the master of his craft and I predict another Oscar nomination for his work in "Maleficent." The makeup in the movie is astonishing.

For all you trivia buffs - "Maleficent" will go down in history as the first movie role for Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, daughter of Jolie and Brad Pitt, as she plays Aurora at age 5.

"Maleficent" is rated PG with a total running time (TRT) of 97 minutes. The film's battle scenes, green smoke and the dark forest trees maybe too scary for the little ones.

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All Natural: Pamela Blotner and Sam Perry

Environmental sculpture: Perry's reclaimed and fallen wood; Blotner's mixed-media, hand felted imperiled animals.



Sam Perry image courtesy of Rena Bransten Gallery



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