

'On Borrowed Time' a feel-good movie from the United Arab Emirates



Photos provided

By Sophie Braccini

Efi Lubliner, the co-founder of the local International Film Showcase, is bringing "On Borrowed Time," an excellent comedy filmed in Dubai by director Yasir Al-Yasiri, to Moraga starting this weekend. Lubliner says he sought distribution of this film almost two years ago when he saw it at the Palm Springs International Film Festival because it is becoming increasingly rare to find well-done comedies that do not use triviality and support a good universal moral statement.

The film, which is like a silly version of "Grumpy Old Men" in Arabic, charmed Lubliner. Here four old friends have given up hope as they are slowly but surely ending their lives in a retirement home, but something is going to happen that will shake their world and they will embark on a last adventure. Director Al-Yasiri said in an interview with "Emirates Voice" that he based his script on the short story of famous poet and celebrated songwriter Kareem Al-Iraqi and that it is an inspiring story of human adventure and un-

quenchable hope.

Lubliner agrees that the theme is universal and that the story of people wanting to continue to live to the fullest sense of the term despite age, would appeal to anyone. He very much enjoyed the actors who portray this quartet of rule-breakers, Abu Hassan the wannabe astrologer and ring-leader; Abu Hamad, wheelchair-bound but still dreaming of recording a vocal album; General Talaat the re-

tired general who speaks with military precision, but hides a tender side; "The Pharmacist," who deals prescription meds to his fellow retirees. The production lists a cast of very well-known talents from the area including Kuwaiti actor Saad Al-Faraj; Syrian star Salloom Haddad; and Emirati actors Mansoor Al-Feeli and Marie Al-Halyan.

Lubliner confirms that this is a film for all ages, as long as they can read subtitles.

The film was shot in Dubai, featuring well-known locations such as Atlantis The Palm and SEGA at Dubai Mall. Lubliner found it extremely esthetically pleasing and very well led by Al-Yasiri.

Editor's note: The reporter interviewed Lubliner for this article, but due to technical difficulties did not have the opportunity to see the film prior to press time, unlike when other International Film Showcase movies are reviewed.

The movie will open June 16 at the Rheem Theatre in Moraga for at least one full week; the film will not be showing in Orinda this month. Info: lamorindatheatres.com.

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LECTURE & LITERATURE

KPFA Radio 94.1 FM presents Richard Wolff: 'Save Capitalism? Why? We Can Do Better' from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26 at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Richard Wolff will speak on the topic, 'Save Capitalism? Why? We Can Do Better,' answer questions and sign books. Hosted by Sabrina Jacobs. Cost: \$15 advance, \$18 door. For more info see <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4097650> or call (510) 967-4495.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Kindergarten Countdown: Playing, Motor Skill, and Self-help from 3 to 4 p.m. on June 15 at the Moraga Library. In a series of three workshops, we will explore and practice the skills your child needs to get ready for kindergarten. This session, we will begin by practicing our scissor skills, then we will finish up by getting active with Simon Says and Red Light Green Light. Register online or by calling the Moraga Library. Please do not bring younger siblings to this program—we look forward to seeing them in future years!

Teen Program-Summer Fun at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 20 at the Moraga Library. Teen program with Summer Reading Challenges to work on and arts and crafts. All those in 6th - 12 grades are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Sterling Johnson the Bubblesmith at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3 at the Moraga Library. Sterling Johnson will create a special, space-themed show with his remarkable hand-blown bubbles. He is the only person to ever put a bubble inside a bubble inside a bubble on stage without any tubes or straws, and the first person to walk completely through a bubble film. On this occasion, he will turn his talents out into the universe, creating a unique space-themed show you won't want to miss!

OTHER

Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center is hosting Sharla Stevens-Webb, who will speak and hold a workshop on diversity at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 20 at 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. She believes that in our global society people forget that money is spent by people and that people are diverse. In this workshop you will learn how to connect with people from various backgrounds that will lead to more trustworthy relationships and greater revenue for your institutions. Learn the single word that can make or break your first impression. Cost: \$10 pre-registered / \$15 at door / \$5 MT. Diablo Peace and Justice Center and Our Savior's Lutheran Church members / free for students. Tickets available at <http://ourpeacecenter.org> or call the office (925) 933-7850.

Alzheimer's Association to host The Longest Day Event: Sunrise Stroll to End Alzheimer's Disease from 8 to 10 a.m. on Friday, June 21 at the Lafayette Reservoir, 3849 Mount Diablo Blvd Lafayette. The Longest Day is held annually on the summer solstice; the duration of this sunrise-to-sunset event symbolizes the challenging journey that so many living with the disease and their caregivers are asked to endure. Walk around Lafayette Reservoir followed by a picnic. Water, snacks, and brunch provided. Recommended \$10 donation. Event Page: <https://tinyurl.com/sunrisestroll>

The Orinda Park and Rec Foundation is once again holding its Doggone Fun Fest from 1 to 3 p.m. on June 23 in the Community Park. This event is free to the public and will feature agility and obedience demonstrations, the Sheriff's canine unit demonstration, many contests, the doggie parade (costume optional) and a raffle. Come join the fun. This is a great event for kids and pooches alike.

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan hosts a free Lamorinda Fire Prevention and Preparedness Workshop

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on June 27 in the Campo High School multi-purpose room. Receive updates on the new North Orinda Fuel Break, learn how to use the Community Warning System in case of wildfire or other emergencies, and get tips on preparing for the upcoming fire season. RSVP: asmdc.org/cf-events

Native living was all-age inclusive. Do you long to experience Native connective belonging to the land and would you love to experience this in the presence of the innocence of youth? Come, open your heart and receive this regenerative connection that had been ours from the beginning as we do many and all things Native. Saclan/Miwok Camp, 8 to 11:30 a.m. July 9-12. Cost: \$65; address: 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd (across from and just west of the Lafayette Reservoir). To register for classes, please visit www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org. For more information contact us at: marthaharrislg@gmail.com.

SENIORS

HOPE: Homeownership Protection for Elders with Victoria Snyder and Jessica Neugebauer, Contra Costa Senior Legal Services from 10:30 a.m. to noon on June 23 in the Sequoia Room, Lafayette Community Center. You will learn about tools and techniques to protect your home and its equity; why it is important to file your homestead declaration; and how you might qualify for a property tax postponement. To reserve your spot contact Lafayette Senior Services: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or 284-5050. Members: Free; Non-Members: \$10

GARDEN

Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center presents a discussion and brief walking tour highlighting Our Wonderful Native Plants, presented by Susan Agnew and Janet Thomas from noon to 1:30 p.m. on June 22. To register for the class visit www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org. Free.

Service Clubs Announcements

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.

June 20: John Fenoglio- Boy Scouts of America Scout Executive/CEO	June 27: Nina Krebbs - Caring for a Partner with Dementia
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