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Quote of the Week:
 "There should be room for change."
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Our New Year's Resolution:

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you—Wednesday delivery of the Lamorinda Weekly!

It has been a constant source of frustration to publish a newspaper on Wednesday and hear that some households don't receive it until the following week. How many times have you read about an interesting event on our pages after it's over because your paper didn't arrive in a timely manner? Our resolution this New Year is to change this unfortunate situation. We are converting our delivery

method from the U.S. mail to a local home delivery service that will place the paper on your driveway every other Wednesday. If you live in Lafayette, our next issue will be delivered to you on Wednesday, January 19. We plan to begin home delivery to Orinda and Moraga in February. Please call (925) 377-0977 or email home-delivery@lamorindaweekly.com if you have any questions.

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The California Independent Film Festival Finds a Home in Moraga

13th Annual Festival Opens January 28th

By Andrea A. Firth

The California Independent Film Festival (CAIFF) is entering an auspicious year in 2011—the 13th annual festival will be held at the New Rheem Theatre in Moraga from January 28th through February 3rd.

"It's definitely lucky 13 for us," says Beau Behan, the Program and Promotion Director for the CAIFF, displaying his wide, warm grin—a smile that moviegoers in Moraga have come to know over the past six months. In June the CAIFF Association took over the management of the theater, which was teetering on the brink of permanent closure; Behan was appointed General Manager, and the Festival was relocated.

After moving to a couple of different East Bay locations when the Festival got started in the late 1990's, then eight years in Livemore and last year in Orinda, the CAIFF hopes to have found a permanent home in Moraga. "We are excited to introduce the town to the world of independent film, and to show everyone that this art deco theater house is a true gem," says Behan.

Over 80 films will be screened during the week-long festival, which is expected to attract two to three thousand moviegoers. The star-studded event includes independent, foreign, and mainstream movies, along with shorts, documentaries, and instructional films. "The Festival tries to cover everything," says Behan,

"We cover a number of film genres. It's international. And we provide many opportunities for the attendees to interact with and ask questions of the filmmakers and actors. There is something for everyone."

Main Events—What's Not to be Missed

Opening Night. Get your camera ready to see celebrities and filmmakers up close and personal on the red carpet. The CAIFF opening night event will feature cast and crew members from the film *The 5th Quarter*—an inspirational drama, which centers around a young man's drive to succeed following the tragic death of his brother, starring Aidan Quinn, Andie McDowell, and Ryan Merriman.

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Putting Money in your RecycleBank



By Sophie Braccini

Beginning in January it pays to recycle in Orinda and Moraga, as the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority launches a one-year pilot program called RecycleBank that offers a financial incentive for recycling. Residents who sign up and diligently use their brown recycling containers will ... read on page L1

Digging Deep January 2011



By Cynthia Brian

Every year at this time I spend hours of coaching sessions helping clients create goals for the upcoming year. The beginning of a new year excites one to give birth to new ideas and design a vision for the future. Unfortunately by February 1, statistics indicate that most people have abandoned their goals.

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