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THEATER and MUSIC

LUNAR NEW YEAR FAMILY CELEBRATION

Sun., Feb. 10 at 3 p.m., the Eng Family and the Orinda Library present a special event to celebrate the Lunar New Year. The Murasaki Ensemble, a Bay Area group that provides a musical experience of sounds unlike any other with elements of traditional Far Eastern music, Latin American rhythms and improvisational jazz will perform at the Orinda Library Auditorium. Free. It is appropriate for families, although children under six might find it long.

A Big Band Dance in Lafayette on Friday, Feb 15th, New Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette. Brush up on or learn Ball Room Dancing from 7-8pm, then dance from 8-10pm with the Rossmoor Big Band. Students from Acalanes High and Stanley will also be featured and students from both schools are invited to attend the dance. Tickets are \$10.00, sold at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce office, located at 100 Lafayette Circle #103, Lafayette. Purchase your tickets in advance, as this event has sold out in the past. Space is limited.

Live at the Orinda House: Ron & Jeremy and the Hedgehogs, Sat Feb 16th. 65 Moraga Way, Orinda, (925) 258-4445.

Music of the America's Campolindo High School Orchestra Numerous Chamber Ensembles highlighting the talent and depth of the Campolindo Musicians. The program is under the direction of Harvey Benstein. Open to the public - Admission Complimentary. Wednesday, February 20, 7:30pm Campolindo Performing Arts Center, 300 Moraga Road.

Campolindo High School Jazz Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 23 at Temple Isaiah, Lafayette. The evening features a catered dinner and dancing to the music of the acclaimed Campolindo Jazz Band under the direction of Harvey Benstein. Proceeds support the Campolindo High School Instrumental Music program. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$40 for students, and are available at campomusic.org.

Piano Jazz Café on Sadie Hawkins Day Featuring the Jazz Keyboard Members of the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society, Friday, Feb 29, 1:30-2:30pm. The venue is informal and relaxed with inspiring musical standards (Cole Porter, Bill Evans, Sonny Rollins et al) and a featured jazz vocalist Vivian Perry partnering with colleague Christopher Johnson. There is no charge but, as usual, a small donation at the door would be appreciated. Call us at 284-5050 so we have enough "tea and crumpets" on hand. Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd.

Lafayette Town Hall Theatre presents "Moonlight and Magnolias" February 9 - March 15
This story brings audiences into the inside of the office of legendary producer David O. Selznick during the final moments when he is transforming the best selling book, "Gone with the Wind", into one of the most beloved movies of all time. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times.
Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street at Moraga Road, Lafayette 925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org.

The Orinda Preschool Presents 13th Annual Art & Music Festival with The Puppet Company and Musical Performances by Total Rhythm and Jacqueline Lynaugh as Mother Goose as well as arts, crafts, musical performances, bake sale, face painting, and more. Saturday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.
www.toponline.org/media/map.html \$7.50 per person. Children under 2 are free.
For information and tickets call (925) 254-2551.

Hymn singing festival-March 2 at the Lafayette United Methodist Church (2 - 5pm) to celebrate St. David's Day (the patron Saint of Wales). Sponsored by the Welsh American Society of Northern California (WASNC). This will be a hymn singing festival so anyone with a love of singing is invited to join in the singing (in Welsh and English).

2008 Lafayette Jazz Festival March 6-9, Bentley School Theater and the Acalanes Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at the chamber website: www.lafayettechamber.org.

ART

Yea We Said It, And No We're Not Sorry! Art Exhibition featuring Artist Malik Senferu through Feb 29. Artist Malik Senferu says the theme of this exhibit is a "calling of the ages". Senferu takes a "no holds barred" approach to his art and a powerful message during Black History Month. Joyce Gordon Gallery 406 14th Street Oakland, California .510-465-8928, jvbgg@sbcglobal.net
www.joycegordongallery.com.

New Moraga Art Gallery Show to run through March 16 The Moraga Art Gallery featuring the work of jewelry designer Karen Blum-Boateng, John Diestler, digital photographer. Karen's funky elegant designs combine the hippest jewelry fashions with sophisticated style. John teaches digital photography, digital art, multimedia and graphic design at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs in Moraga. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm.

Lafayette Gallery's new show, Objects of Affection is open through March 1st and will be featuring works from 22 artists. Join us for a festive champagne reception on Fri, Feb 8 from 6:30-8:30pm. Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 5pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayettegallery.net.

Artists/Teachers ART EXHIBIT Through Feb. 21st
11 artists: Marianne Brown, Dorothy Cutright Davis, Andrew Denman, Bonnie Fitch, Marilyn Hajjar, Anne Marie Glover, Pam Glover, Terry McBriarty, Shirley Rencher Miller, Norm Nicholson and Catherine Watters. Mon through Sat. 8 am to 7 pm - Sun. 12 noon to 5 pm
Orinda Library Gallery 24 Orinda Way, Orinda.

"Mt. Diablo A Personal View" - The Photography of Sue Reynolds
Through February 28. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek.

LITERATURE

Orinda Library Booksale Booksale will be Thursday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will include shelves of fine fiction and nonfiction for adults, good books

for children from toddlers to teenagers, just-like-new books and books for collectors. Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda.

Book Signings

Thursday, Feb. 14 4 PM: Jessica Inclan will discuss and sign copies of her new novel, *Being With Hi* Monday. Feb. 18, 4pm Daniel Alarcon will discuss and sign copies of *Lost City Radio*, just out in paperback. Orinda Books, Orinda.

Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005

Wednesday, March 05, 2pm at the Moraga Library. This San Francisco Museum of Fine Arts Docent Lecture covers the De Young Museum exhibit of photographs February 9 through May 22. The material in the exhibition, and in the accompanying book of the same title, encompasses work Leibovitz made on assignment as a professional photographer as well as personal photographs of her family and close friends.

"Peace through Art and Writing Challenge." Open to Contra Costa County high and middle school students. Enter any of three categories: Essay, Creative Writing, or Art. The theme is: "How are environmental issues related to peace?" Deadline for submitting entries is Friday, March 7, 2008. Mail or drop off to the Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Prizes range from \$50 - \$500.

JUST FOR KIDS

Happy New Year of the Rat! - Chinese New Year Celebration-Saturday, February 9, 10am-6pm. Ring in the Year of the Rat with us at Chabot with crafts and hands-on traditional Chinese activities for kids. Activities are FREE with General Admission. Gung Hay Fat Choy! Chabot Space & Science Center: 10000 Skyline Blvd. just off highway 13 in the Oakland hills. For more information, visit www.chabot-space.org

Think "PINK" Valentine!

We are getting out the scissors and the glue sticks just because we are "stuck" on you! As always little hands may require assistance. Thursday, February 14, 3:00 pm, Lafayette Library

Celebrate the YEAR OF THE RAT with crafts and a dragon parade. Family Storytime, Thursday, Feb. 21, 7 pm. Moraga Library,

OTHER EVENTS

Moraga Movers Monthly Luncheon, Mon., Feb. 11 at noon, St. Mary's College. Judge John Minney will be the featured speaker. Visitors are most welcome! Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the office at 376-6622 by 5 PM Wednesday, February 6.

St. Monica's Women's Faith Sharing invites you to join us Tuesday Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 for our two-part Lenten series with Chiara's Lantern. We meet at St. Monica's Peace Center, 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga at 9:30am-11:30am. This is a free event with babysitting available for a small fee. For more information call Kimberly 631-0792.

Business Women Are You Ready to Take Your Business to The Next Level?
Learn about getting your website to actually work for you. Sponsored by the Women's Business Connection of Lamorinda. Wednesday Feb. 13th 5:30-7:30pm at the Orinda Library (Garden Room) Only \$10 Food Included.
For more info Call (925)283-7546 or www.wbclamorinda.com .

Black History Celebration- Sat., Feb. 16, 10am-6pm
FREE showings of the film "Follow the Drinking Gourd" throughout the day. Hands-on, take-home activities showcasing the important contributions by African Americans to science and technology. Chabot Space & Science Center:
10000 Skyline Blvd. just off highway 13 in the Oakland hills. For more information, visit www.chabot-space.org.

Tuesday, Feb.19th, the **Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch of the American Association of University Women** will consider the triumphs and controversies stemming from a statute that AAUW helped to draft: Title IX of the Civil Rights Act. It prohibits sex discrimination in educational programs which receive federal financial assistance. The speaker will be Dena Evans, Program Coordinator of the Stanford Center for Ethics. This meeting will be at 9:30 am at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. It is the annual program in support of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Anti-Bullying Communication Skills Workshop, Wednesday, Feb. 20, Stanley Middle School Library, 7:30 -9:30pm. Presented by the Lafayette School District Parent Ed Committee and featuring nationally renown speaker Rick Phillips, MS. Ed Director/Founder of Community Matters. Equipping Parents to Address Bullying and Other Forms of Mistreatment and Communicate with their Children More Effectively.

Wine Appreciation Series, Friday, Feb. 22nd 6:30 to 9PM
Join us for an informative evening and learn to apply a few simple principles to turn your palate into an increasingly confident guide. We'll unlock some pairing secrets and provide tips and insights for everyone from novice to connoisseur. We will taste 5 wines and sample foods to go with them. Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Road. Register on-line at www.lafayetterec.org, \$40.

Moraga Garden Club Meets 9:30 a.m. Thursday Feb. 23, 2008, the Speaker is Ali Harivandi of the Contra Costa Cooperative Extension. His topic is on "Happy Lawns Belong to Happy Families." Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Membership Mardi Potts, (925) 376-2004.

Moraga Women's Society Feb. Meeting, Monday, Feb., 25th, coffee 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10a.m. Speaker 11am. Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, St. Mary's Professor Patricia Longo, from the Department of Politics, will be speaking about Engendering Medicine. Free, no reservations required. For more info call 376-3520.

Crab Feed and Silent Auction, Sunday, Feb. 24, 4-8 pm
Oakwood Athletic Club-Lower Court-4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, Ca
Dinner to include, crab, pasta, french bread, salad, ice cream, and coffee. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for sale. Proceeds benefit Soroptimist International of 24-680, a non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. \$35.00 per person. No reservations needed. 925-890-1167.

Two Body Work Classes presented Fridays Afternoons free of charge. Luk Tung Kwen helps practitioners to achieve body wellness with goals similar to western physical therapy. It also promises to combat some chronic conditions and build resistance to a host of illnesses. The program relies on the 36 body movements performed slowly and repeatedly. Fridays (Feb, 8, 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 15, 22) 1:00 - 1:50 pm. Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd, Lafayette.

Shepherding a Child's Heart Parenting Conference
NorthCreek Church, Walnut Creek, Feb 29 and March 1, 2008
For more information or to register, visit www.northcreek.org or call 925.210.9036
Group Rates are available.

Summer Resource Fair for Parents Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Seven Hills School, 975 North San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek. Co-sponsored by the American Camp Association (ACA) and Seven Hills School. Learn about summer camp options for you and your children. Free. For information, contact Susie Canchola at the school (925-933-0666). visit http://www.ACAnorcal.org, phone 415-453-1832 or email info@acanorcal.org.

The Orinda Woman's Club is currently welcoming applications for major beneficiaries for their 2008 Festival of Trees fundraising event to be held in November. Application deadline is March 4, 2008. To obtain an application, please contact: Barbara Woolmington-Smith babswool@comcast.net

Saint Mary's College Campus Happenings

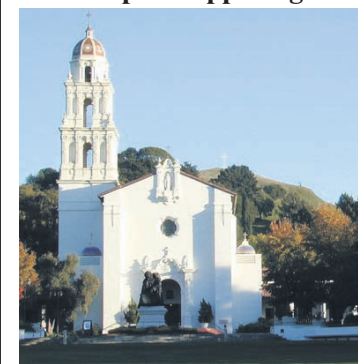


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free and open to the public. Monday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m. Soda Center
For info, call Tim Farley, Director of Community and Government Relations, (925) 631-4830

Art Exhibitions:

"Pinturas de Fe: The Retablo Tradition in Mexico and New Mexico" Pilgrimage, procession, and the creation of home altars and shrines are ancient religious practices that endure today in many cultures around the world. This exhibition tells the story of one such tradition as it evolved in the Americas from the time of the Spanish Conquest to the present day. Today, individual artists faithfully carry on the tradition of hand painted retablos, and contemporary artists from diverse cultural backgrounds draw creative inspiration from this popular art form. Exhibition runs through April 6. Hearst Art Gallery

"William Keith: The 1880s Paintings" Works from the 1880s, which marked a decade of great changes in William Keith's life. On view in the William Keith Room. Hearst Art Gallery

Exhibition hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 and under free; free parking. Web site: http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu. Telephone: 925-631-4379

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For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/events.html.

Lectures/Special Events/Performances:

"Creative Writing Reading Series - Sue Miller"

Sue Miller is the author of the new best-selling novel, "The Senator's Wife." Her previous books include "The Good Mother," an international bestseller; "Family Pictures," a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award; "While I Was Gone," an Oprah's Book Club pick; "The World Below" and "Lost in the Forest." She is also the author of the memoir "The Story of My Father," and her work has appeared in numerous periodicals, including *Made-moiselle*, *The Atlantic*, and *Ploughshares*.
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. Soda Center
For info, contact the Creative Reading Writing Series at (925) 631-4457
See also story on page 9!

"Former Presidential Nominee to Discuss 2008 Campaign"

Former Massachusetts Governor and 1988 Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis will discuss the current presidential race as well as public transportation issues.
Sponsored by the Roy and Patricia Disney Forum, the event is

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