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THEATER AND MUSIC

Lafayette Town Hall Theatre presents "Moonlight and Magnolias" "Feb. 9 – March 15, 2008 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

ART



Digital Photography by John Diestler



Jewelry By Karen Bkum-Boateng

New Moraga Art Gallery Show to run through March 16

The Moraga Art Gallery featuring the work of jewelry designer Karen Blum-Boateng, "Little Gems for Little Hands" and 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. The public is invited to the Opening Reception on Sat, Jan 19, from 3-5 pm. Moraga Art Gallery, 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,



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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.lafayette-gallery.net

Adult Art Student's Exhibit at the Moraga Library through Jan. 26th. Public Reception, Sat. Jan 12th from 2 to 4 pm. The artists are: Vi Buck, Bill Moon, Charles Bullard, Jonny Cohen, Elaine

Frazel, Jim Frane, Kris Titcomb, Susan Kendall, Beryl Glen-Reiland, Susan Mautner, Nancy Sorenson, Mary Demouth, Christy Stegman, Mary Hobson, and Beverly Campbell. Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd, Moraga

The Martinez Gallery's new exhibit "Imagine" will run from Friday, January 18 through February 23. A public reception will be Friday, January 18, from 6pm to 9pm. This exhibit is of two and three dimensional art by local artists, ceramics, jewelry, paintings photography, sculpture, textiles, as well as cards and prints. 630 Court St, Martinez. Open Wed, Thu, Fri from 10am-2pm.

Bedford gallery Opening Reception—Sun, Jan 13, 3-5 pm. Please join us for a special event featuring Chinese musicians and dancing dragons. Refreshments hosted by the Bedford Gallery Guild. Admission \$3. Free for Friends of the Bedford and members of DRAA.

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

LITERATURE

Orinda Library presents El Cerrito writer, Shelly Ravioli, whose book, "Travels with Baby: The Ultimate Guide for Planning Trips with Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool-Age Children," on Wed., Jan. 9 from 10:30 -11:30 am. There will be a Preschool Storytime in the library during the program for little ones. Free. Orinda Library Gallery Room at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda.

World Affairs Book Group will discuss "Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy" by Fawaz A. Gerges on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Orinda Books. The purpose of the World Affairs Book Group is to enlarge our understanding of important issues through reading and discussion. New members are always welcome. There are no membership requirements or obligations. For information, call Daisy Daymond, Group Leader, at 935-1565.

The Friends of the Moraga Library present a visit with Carol Pogash, author of *Seduced by Madness: the true story of the Susan Polk Murder Case.* Tue, Jan 15, 7pm Moraga Library, St. Mary's Rd, Moraga

China's Cultural Revolution through a Child's Eyes.

Meet Ying Chang Compestine, the award-winner author, of *Revolution is Not a Dinner Party*, Tues., Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Library. Storyteller Book Store will offer books from the author at the event. Author available for signing after the program. Light refreshment and free admission. Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, Lafayette, 925-283-3872

POLITICAL

The Lamorinda Democratic Club presidential primary candidates' night. Representatives from each of the eight Democratic presidential campaigns will present their candidates' positions. All in

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attendance will have the opportunity to participate in a straw poll at the end of the evening, as club membership is not a requirement for voting. Merchandise and/or literature will be available from each candidate's representative, and attendees can learn how to get involved in the campaign of their choice.

Fri. Jan 25, 7:30pm general club meeting, 8:00 PM Presidential campaign representatives present their candidates. Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, \$5 for admission.. Students free. Call 925-210-7337 or go to www.lamorindademoclub.com/ for more information.

Scott Ritter, former United Nations weapons inspector in Iraq, and Jeff Cohen, founder of Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR), will speak in Walnut Creek at 7:15pm on Tuesday, January 15 at the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Ritter and Cohen will aim their talk at past mistakes and our current relationship with Iran and the possibility of war, but they will look to the future of our country. The doors will open at 6:45 PM.; no advance reservations are required. The suggested donation for the event is \$20 general, \$10 seniors and \$5 students. The building is wheelchair accessible. For directions or flyer call: 925-933-7850 or www.mtdpc.org.

OTHER EVENTS

Teens Knit Mon, January 14 at 4pm at the Lafayette Library.

Find a new and productive way to relax after school. Impress friends and family with your mad skills. Take a more active role in the flowering evolution of your wardrobe... Learn to knit for teens: Middle School and High School

Lafayette Senior Services-Welcome to Medicare

Presented by the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) of Contra Costa County. This seminar is for those of you both new to Medicare and those of you who are already on Medicare who want to better understand the many benefits available. You will learn specifics about the health benefits program, uncover the mysteries of prescription drug coverage, and what your wisest choices might be for Medicare supplement coverage. Lafayette Community Center, Tues, Jan 15 10:30am – Noon

Be Wise: Avoid Fraud, Scams, and Identity Theft

Free education event. Experts say that elder financial abuse is the "crime of the 21st century." This presentation by Shirley Krohn, Senior Assembly Member, California State Legislature, will describe how elders are particularly vulnerable, and tools and resources to protect yourselves your family and your friends. Call Lafayette Senior Services at 284-5050 to let us know you are coming. Concerned relatives or caregivers are especially encouraged to attend. Lafayette Community Center, Thurs Jan 17 10:30am - Noon

Moraga Garden Club's annual salad luncheon.- January 17, 9:30

a.m., Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Kristin Yanker-Hansen, Horticulturist/Floral Designer will speak and create Gorgeous Winter Blooms. For information contact Mardi Potts at (925) 376-2004.

Montelindo Garden Club will host a special winter speaker series starting on Fri, Jan 18th with Dick Turner, Editor of Pacific Horticultural Magazine. The events will be held at the Orinda Community Church, #10 Irwin Way, Orinda at 10:00AM. They are free to the public. Refreshments will be served, followed by the speaker.

Men's Basketball Open Gym starting Sat, Jan 19th from 7-9pm at Joaquin Moraga School in Moraga. \$5 per player/night. For more information contact Gerald De Venuta at 817-8429 or the Moraga Parks and Recreation Dept at 925-888-7045.

The Moraga Barn Open House on Jan 18th from 10am to 5pm.

Canyon Construction invites the people of Moraga, Lafayette and Orinda for guided tours at 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm to see the solar tiles, discuss the geothermic heating and cooling system, check the windows, fly ash concrete floors, recycled wood structures, ventilation system and many more interesting features of the building. FREE. Light refreshments will be served. 925 Country Club Dr., Moraga. Tel: 376.3486

Red Cross "Shelter Management Training"

will be held on Saturday, January 26, 9:00 am to Noon. The training will be held at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. We encourage CERT graduates to attend, though other volunteers will be welcomed. The workshop will provide instructions covering various topics that you need to know such as Shelter Management, Shelter opening, registration of volunteers and displaced persons, dormitory operation, feeding and material support, communications, as well as closing of a Shelter. The class will be restricted to the first 30 who sign up. Email (tkentom@aol.com or call Ken Tom at 925-376-0533.

Registration for the February 7 CERT training is open!

The class will be held at Saint Mary's College. To enroll, register online at www.lamorindaCERT.org or call Ken Tom at 925-376-0533.

DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR KIDS Thurs, January 24, 4pm, Moraga Library, St Mary's Rd, Moraga.

Theater games and improvisational exercises. For kids in first grade through fifth. Registration required. Instructor:LIZ MARSH

Comedy, Juggling, Magic and More!

On Wednesday, January 30th, come see one of San Francisco's finest entertainers. Owen Baker-Flynn has been mesmerizing both children and adults for over 20 years. The show is from 1:30-2:15pm at the Lafayette Community Center in the Live Oak Room. Tickets are \$5 per person (under 1yr free) and will be available at the door. You don't want to miss this fun-filled show!

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Campus Happenings

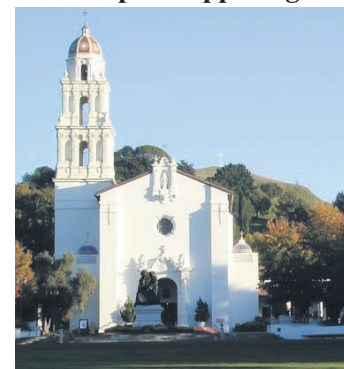


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Lectures/Special

Events/Performances: "Afghanistan: The War for Hearts and Minds."

Budd MacKenzie, founder of Trust in Education, will speak on "Afghanistan: The War for Hearts and Minds." Trust in Education (TIE) is a grassroots, nonprofit organization founded to provide health care, education and economic development programs in Afghanistan. All programs are implemented in partnership with the Afghan communities as a means of offering solutions for ending cyclical poverty by empowering the communities with self-reliance. The organization has made more than 140 micro-credit loans; built a school for old and young, boys and girls; taught "bio-intensive" farming techniques; purchased sheep and implemented a number of other programs to help put the citizens of Afghanistan on the road to self-reliance. Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Soda Center Free

"Focus the Nation: Global Warming Solutions for America"

The event, which includes a daylong Eco-Fair and evening symposium, is part of a national teach-in on climate change called Focus the Nation that will involve more than 1,000 colleges, schools, civic groups and faith organizations during the last week of January. The symposium culminates the Saint Mary's College Focus the Nation event with experts discussing the challenges and opportunities presented by climate change and what it will take to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2 percent over the next decade. Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eco-Fair); 7 p.m. (Symposium), Soda Center; Free For info, visit: <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/focus-the-nation/index.html>



St. Angelo the Martyr - Maker unknown; h. 14 x w. 10 inches

"The Ghosts of Abu-Ghraib"

by filmmaker Rory Kennedy. This viewing of the PBS docu-

mentary digs beneath the headlines to investigate the psychological and political context in which torture occurred and to ask critical questions related to its sanction. The evening will conclude with an opportunity to talk about our thoughts and feelings on the topic through a facilitated dialogue. Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Soda Center Free

"Fireworks"

Hailed as "the hottest classical band in New York," Fireworks redefines the chamber music experience with its fusion of classical, rock, jazz and world music traditions. These classically trained musicians will take you on a whirlwind tour of dance music from Johann Strauss to Duke Ellington, the Bee Gees, and much more. Sponsored by The Committee for Lectures, Art and Music at Saint Mary's College. Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.

Soda Activity Center Tickets are \$25 general; \$20 Seniors (over 65); \$12 Non-Saint Mary's students, SMC faculty and staff and; \$2 Saint Mary's students For info, call (925) 631-4381



Our Lady of Guadalupe(Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe) Maker unknown; h. 13 3/4 x w. 9 5/8 inches; oil on tin

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 opens Jan. 12 and 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

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>.

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Over 40 years of history right here in Lafayette and still growing !!

Come meet our team at Postino for breakfast at 7am every Friday and find out about our local and global projects that makes Rotary a successful international institution.



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