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doubly featuring the work of painter Angelica Samame and jewelry designs by Laura Paige. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. (925) 376-5407.

Hearst Gallery: Out of This World: Real & Imagined Images of Our Solar System, Oct. 10 - Dec. 13. This visually dazzling exhibition chronicles the relationship between space science and art, bringing together the explorers and the artists who have illustrated their discoveries. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 4:30 pm. Suggested Admission Donation: \$3. Opening Event: Sun., Oct. 11, 2 - 3:30pm. "Top Tourist Attractions in Our Solar System," with astronomer Andrew Fraknoi, Ph.D., an illustrated tour of the 4,000 mile lava channel on Venus, the towering Mount Olympus volcano on Mars and the awesome Verona Cliffs on the moon Miranda. Reception following. Free.

Art from Out of This World Tour. Docent Heidi Donner, of St. Mary's College, will lead us on a private tour before the gallery opens to the public. This will occur on Friday, October 16, at the Hearst Art Gallery in Saint Mary's College, from 10 - Noon. The cost is \$7 for nonmembers and \$6 for Emeritus College members. To register contact Emeritus College (925) 906-9105.

The Monument Crisis Center will hold its annual art show Thursday, October 8, from 5 to 8 PM in its Concord facility. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted. This is your chance to view (and buy) art by local artists and help thousands of families and individuals at the same time. 2350 Monument Blvd. Ste. B, 925.825.7751, www.MonumentCrisisCenter.org.

Lamorinda Art Alliance Open Studios. Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, October 17 & 18, 11am - 4pm. An artists' reception will be held on Friday, October 16, 5pm - 7pm at the Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center Street, Moraga. See story on page 10.

Oliver Ranch Sculpture Tour. Sunday, October 18th, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Orinda Arts Council Members and Friends of OAC are invited to a tour led by one of the country's most visionary collectors of the ambitious sculpture collections at Oliver Ranch in Geyserville, CA. \$130 for OAC members in good standing and \$170 for non-members. RSVP directly to Joni Binder at joni.california@gmail.com.

MUSIC

Big Band Ball Room Dance (again!) Friday, October 2nd, at the Art Deco Rheem Theatre in Moraga. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the dance runs from 7:30pm through 10:00pm. Listen, watch and dance to the sound of The Big Band of Rossmoor. Tickets \$10 per person available at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce & Rheem Theatre in Moraga. Call 284-7404 for reservations www.lafayettechamber.org.

A concert of opera classics and favorites will be presented by Open Opera on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, 4:30 at the Orinda Community Center Park - 22 Orinda Way in Orinda. Professional and up-and-coming singers will perform opera classics and favorites by Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and Bizet. Sponsored by the Orinda Rotary Club. Admission Free. Bring the whole family, a picnic basket full of goodies, and folding chairs or a blanket to lie on. See article on page 8.

NightinGael's Concerts. Join us for the annual fall concert performances by the Saint Mary's College student chorus; the NightinGael's. The series includes selections from the great composers, contemporary artists and a few surprises. Thursday, October 15 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, October 18, at 2 p.m. Chapel, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Free and open to all.

THEATRE

Cal Shakes presents William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," September 16-October 11 at the Bruns Amphitheater. Young lovers, human and fairy royalty, and an amateur MIDSUMMER CAST theater troupe reel through romance and spellcraft in one of Shakespeare's most hilarious and enchanting works, coproduced by Two River Theater Company (NJ). Tickets: www.calshakes.org or call the Box Office at 510-548-9666.

Onstage Theater presents "Broadway Bound", the third part of Neil Simon's autobiographical trilogy which includes "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Biloxi Blues." Performances are at the Knight Stage 3, Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive in Walnut Creek. October 9 thru November 1st. For showtimes and tickets call 943-SHOW.

DVC Drama Presents URINE-TOWN (the musical), "an irreverently humorous satire" from October 16 - No-

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ember 8. To purchase tickets call (925) 687-4445 or, pay in person at the DVC Box Office Monday-Friday: 12-4pm and 1 hour prior to show curtain.

LITERATURE & LECTURES

The City of Lafayette, the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, County Library and the local schools are sponsoring a writing contest. The contest is open to all children, youth and teens in the following age/grade divisions. Kindergarten through Grade 2 or up to age 7 and intermediate Grades 3-5 or ages 8-10: "Why I Like Libraries?" 250 words. Middle/Junior Grades 6-8 or ages 11-13: "Why is the New Lafayette Library and Learning Center Important to Me?" 500 words. Senior Grades 9-12 or ages 14+ "Why Are Libraries Important to Society?" 1,000 words. Deadline for Entries is October 15. For more information, please call the Lafayette Library at (925) 283-3872.

The Friends of the Orinda Library's (FOL) annual Book Fair will offer gently used and collectible books for sale on Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Library Plaza and on the upper level concourse. The Fair offers a treasure trove of books from every genre. Trivia contest. Proceeds from the Fair help fund the purchase of new acquisitions for the Library's collections. For more information call the FOL Book Shop at 254-1358.

"Yeshua, Understanding the Jesus We Never Knew." Tuesday, October 20, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, Peace Room, St. Monica Parish Center, 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga. Jeff Sloane, Director of Temporal Affairs & Catechetical Ministries, Santa Maria Parish, will use his background in psychology and religious studies to share new perspectives on Jesus. Anyone wishing to attend who needs transportation to and from the event should contact: tobrien001@earthlink.net and for babysitting information, please call 925-283-3398.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Orinda Idol Winners & Finalists Sing! Orinda Library Book Fair on Saturday, October 3rd 12-1pm.

Town Hall Theatre Costume Sale on Saturday October 3rd from 9am to 3pm at 3430 Mt. Diablo Blvd in Lafayette, between Brown Ave and Second Street, at the former Bulter Conti Dodge Dealership. Tons of costumes including vintage, hats, military, bridal, kids, bargains and many surprises. All proceeds go to

support the Town Hall Kids theatre arts education program. Town Hall Theatre is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Sporting Goods Sale at Acalanes High School - Saturday, Oct. 3rd from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Need cleats, rollerblades, tennis racquets, golf clubs? How about ski's, bikes, pads, baseballs, gloves and bats? All gently used equipment for whatever sport you play can be found at the Acalanes all sports sale! Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds benefit Acalanes High School. Call 934-1121 for further inquiries. Come get your gear!

Teens, Stress, Perfection and Mental Health: The Current Crisis for Girls (and Boys) on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:00 to 9:00pm, Miramonte HS Theatre. 750 Moraga Way, Orinda. Dr. Stephen Hinshaw, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Psychology at UC Berkeley and internationally known psychologist, will share results from his 25 years of longitudinal studies of boys and girls. He will discuss his important, groundbreaking new book, The Triple Bind: Saving our Teenage Girls from Today's Pressures (Random House, 2009) and offer strategies and tools for parents and teachers to empower our teens to deal with the unique pressures of today's culture. His book will be for sale at the event, offered by Orinda Books at a discounted price that evening to support the schools. Free & no registration required. For more info go to: www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/parents.

Amigos de las Americas, (AMIGOS) is an international, non-profit organization that provides leadership and community service opportunities for high school students, while concurrently contributing to the well-being of hundreds of communities throughout the Americas. AMIGOS volunteers immerse themselves, during their summer, in the lives of their host communities and truly experience collaborative development work. AMIGOS is having info meetings at various locations in the East Bay including one on Oct 6 at Stanley Middle School at 7:30 pm. For other location and meeting times visit www.eastbayamigos.org.

The Acalanes High School Cheerleaders will be hosting a cheer & dance clinic on Wednesday, October 14th from 3:30 to 4:30PM at Acalanes High School. Participants will learn a cheer and dance routine that will be performed during the 1st quarter & half time at the October 16th Acalanes High School football game. Come join us for a day of learning & laughter, with FUN being the main goal! \$45 each partici-

ART

"Ten Years Together, Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Lafayette Gallery," runs through October 10th. The Gallery features work in oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, pastels, printmaking, mixed media, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design through October 31. The Gallery is

the member artists. Gallery hours: Tuesday - Saturday; 11AM to 5pm. (925) 284-2788. Lafayettegallery.net.

The Moraga Art Gallery presents a group show, "Bold Statements" by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design through October 31. The Gallery is

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