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The giant fall book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Moraga Library will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road. Books, CD's and DVDs in all categories will be sold at prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$3. Beginning at 1 p.m. a bag can be purchased for \$5 and filled with all the books it will hold. Proceeds from the sale go to fund library materials and programs in addition to paying for staffing of the library's Sunday hours.

The Saint Mary's College Guild presents "A Night in Italy" from 5 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the Saint Mary's College Soda Center featuring Delizioso Cuisine - Bella Muscia by the Joe Simoni Duo featuring opportunities for dinner, wine, entertainment and more! Proceeds benefiting student financial aid scholarships. \$49/per person, including parking. Make check payable to: SMC Guild and mail to: Karen Cain, 1835 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.

Mountain Shadow Film Society presents "Balloon," chronicling an escape from the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) in 1979 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Walnut Creek Library, 1644 N. Broadway St., downtown Walnut Creek. General admission tickets are available on a first come, first served basis for \$12 to nonmembers. More information: http://mountainshadow.org.

Pick a purrfect pussycat for your family at Community Concern for Cats adoption event from 1 to 4 p.m. this weekend, Oct. 19-20 at Pet Food Express in Lafayette and Petco in Walnut Creek, and Pet Food Express locations in Pleasant Hill (Saturdays only) and Concord (Sundays only). For more information, visit www.communityconcernforcats.org online.

Lafayette Res Run begins 8 a.m. on Sunday, Oct 20 in downtown Lafayette. Race Starting Location is on Mt. Diablo Blvd. at Oak Hill Road. There will be staggered

start times: 5k Certified Run 8 a.m., 10k Certified Run 8:15 a.m., 2mi run/walk 8:45 a.m. Register at lafayettechamber.org.

Practical Advice for Those with Osteoporosis and Osteopenia at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 with Valerie Watase, PT, Co-Owner and Ambassador of Lafayette Physical Therapy at 3468 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite B110 in Lafayette. This is a free event, but space is limited, so please sign up at lafayettept.com/events or call (925) 284-6150.

Pivotal Twist Presents - Improv Your Intro: A Fun Way to Craft Your Personal Introduction from 7 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 23 at JPG@The Bank, 3525 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Expect good energy, a fun group, and a nonjudgmental playground where you can try new ideas. Led by Sean Perlmutter and Henry Caplan of Pivotal Twist, Improv Your Intro is built on their background as actor/writer/directors, speaker coaches, and brand consultants. Limited to 30 participants. \$45 registration includes light snacks and soft drinks. https://improvyourintro. eventbrite.com.

The Lafayette Community Garden is offering a free movie, "The Biggest Little Farm," which will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 24 in the Live Oak Room at the Lafayette Community Center. Women's Spiral Dance - A Multicultural Celebration of Our Beloved Ancestors and Crones from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Orinda Masonic Temple, 9 Altarinda Road, Orinda. Tickets: \$23 in advance by Oct. 23; \$29 at the door. During this multicultural and intergenerational ritual, led by Kahuna Leilani, and accompanied by spiritual elders of different traditions, we come together to honor and celebrate our loved ones who have passed away. Tickets and questions: Leilani@DaughtersoftheGod-

Trick or Treat Street from 4 – 6 p.m. on Friday Oct 25 Downtown Lafayette for a fun, safe Halloween. Children and their parents are invited to Trick-or-Treat

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at participating merchants along Mt. Diablo Blvd. from First Street to Dewing Avenue, Lafayette Circle, La Fiesta Square and the Shops at Plaza Center. This event is free for everyone and recommended for children 9 and under. Come in costume! Don't forget to bring your Trick-or-Treat bag. All participating businesses will display a "Trick-or-Treat Poster."

Bay Area nonprofit OneJustice will host a Together for Justice fundraiser at Metro Lafayette from 4-6 p.m. on Oct. 26. The event will be held on the patio at Metro, which will donate seasonal hors d'oeuvres and wine and will feature Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, who will speak about his actions in Congress to protect immigrant rights and his recent visits to the US-Mexico border. Funds raised will support Bay Area Rural Justice Collaborative Clinics, which deliver legal aid to rural Californians who have limited access to these services. Tickets at www.onejustice.org/togetherforjustice

Many Faces of Brain Cancer from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at Cancer Support Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Join an engaging panel of medical experts as they explore key advances in neuro-oncology. The panel will offer insight into latest treatments including magnetic resonance thermography, laser tumor ablation, brain mapping, immunotherapy, tradition radiotherapy and stereotractic radiosurgery. Speakers include: Maxwell Merkow, MD - James Rembert, MD - Gigi Chen, MD. RSVP to sjung@dvohmg.com or (925) 677-5041 x272.

Youth Mental Health First Aid event, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 at Don Tatzin Community Hall at the Lafayette Library, will teach a five-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of mental illness or crisis, and connect them with appropriate professional, peer, social and selfhelp care. Ideally for adults who work with young people, ages 12-18. Register at https://forms.gle/6WNpos

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The Festival Weekend of All Saints and All Souls Oct. 27 through Nov. 3 at St Stephens Episcopal Church, Orinda, with special events at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 2 and at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Nov. 3. This is an opportunity for church members, friends, and neighbors to remember and honor our departed family, friends, and holy saints and ancestors, in community, with music, food, stories, and prayers. RSVP for Saturday's supper by Oct. 31: (925) 254-3770 ext. 10 or office@ststephensorinda.org. Choral Evensong and Litany of the Saints: send the names of those departed that you wish to be remembered to office@ststephensorinda.org by 5 p.m. on Nov. 1. These will be read aloud as part of the Litany of Saints during the Evensong service on Sunday Nov. 3. All are welcome to attend, and a reception follows the service.

The Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW-OML) will host a Game Day fundraiser from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Miramonte Gardens Clubhouse, 1 Miramonte Drive, Moraga to fund AAUW-OML scholarships awarded to local young women. Attendees can play mahjong, bunco, dominoes (Mexican Train), or bridge and enjoy a catered lunch. Reservations are open to the public, \$40/each and due by November 1, 2019. See AAUW-OML's website https://oml-ca.aauw.net for the reservation flyer.

GARDEN

Moraga Garden Club monthly general meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 17 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street. Toni Gattone of Adaptive Gardening will speak about "Gardening for Life in Comfort, Safety & Joy." General meetings are free and open to the public. We always welcome new members including men. Refreshments provided. For more

information see: www.moragagardenclub.com.

The Montelindo Garden Club October meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 18 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center's Community Hall, 3491 Mt Diablo Blvd. Everyone is welcome. Presentation: Bulbs, Bulbs, and More Bulbs! Speaker: William Welch, a.k.a. Bill the Bulb Baron. Bill has been growing and hybridizing bulbs his entire life and has bred and named several new varieties. He grows all of his bulbs organically, and will be bringing with him a wide selection of bulbs for sale after the talk.

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The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11 at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, in Walnut Creek. The topic of the presentation will be, "The future of our open space," presented by Executive Director of Save Mount Diablo since 2015, Ted Clement. Ted has worked in the conservation field for over 30 vears. You do not need to be a gardener to join the Walnut Creek Garden Club.

The Montelindo Garden Club meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 15 at he Lafayette Library and Learning Center's Community Hall. Presentation: Floral Creations, Speaker: Nyna Dolby. A floral designer at Filoli for more than 10 years, Nyna transforms supermarket bouquets into stunning floral arrangements. www.montelindogarden.com

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Independent animated film to screen at **Orinda Theatre**

Submitted by Derek Zemrak After 14 years in the making, the independent animated film "Bongee Bear and the Kingdom of Rhythm" will be shown for one week beginning Oct. 25 at the Orinda Theatre. Produced by Derek Zemrak and Leonard Pirkle, the film features the voices of many well-known actors, including the late Dom DeLuise, Rob Paulson, Ruth Buzzie, Richard

Van Vleet and June Lockhart.

In a land known as The Kingdom of Rhythm, a young orphan bear, Bongee (voiced by Emmy winner Paulsen), becomes the life-long friend of the young Princess Katrina (voiced by Debi Derryberry) and vows to protect her with his life. When the evil witch Bandrilla (voiced by Golden Globe winner and multi Emmy nominee Buzzi) casts a spell on the people of the kingdom, Bongee sets out, with the aid of his wacky friend Myrin (voiced by Golden Globe and two-time Emmy nominee DeLuise) and the wise owl Mindy (voiced by two time Emmy nominee Lockhart), to break the spell and return singing and dancing to the land while Bandrilla and her henchmen, Barnabas and Ivan, do all they can to stop them.

"Making an independent film is a slow process for anyone, but an animated independent film is even more daunting," said writer and director Brian Zemrak. "Many



would think that the best thing about the movie for me would be seeing it on the big screen and making people smile, which is quite a thrill admittedly. But for me, the best thing has been to work with my brother and both my daughters on this lifelong project. Mindy, who is now the head of casting for the hit TV show 'Shark Tank' on ABC, worked with me when we did the voice over recordings in Burbank, Calif., in 2005 and Katrina, who graduated with a master's degree in composing music for TV and film, is the composer for 'Bongee Bear and the Kingdom of Rhythm' and co-wrote the songs with me for the movie. A story that started as a simple bedtime story for my daughters is now, after all these years, an animated movie!"

Brian Zemrak will be in attendance on opening night as well as at the Oct. 26 showing. Van Vleet will also be attending.

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.

October 17:

avel for business Tech industry and trends and pleasure

Speaker-

Paul C Jackson DM, PE

October 24:

Speaker-Steven King

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Haunted Galleries exhibit planned Oct. 30-31 at SMC



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Significance Machine "Kay Miller" by artist Kal Spelletich

Haunted Galleries will feature the eerie unpredictable robots of "Kal Spelletich: Significance Machines and Purposeful Robots" in the dark cloak of Halloween. Be cautious as you move through the spine-chilling galleries, as Spelletich's aura induced robots are quick to react and respond in unpredictable ways! Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 30-31. Supporting programs include a reading by author Norman Partridge from his award-winning book "Dark Harvest" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30 and a Spooky storytime for little ones (1-5 years) at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31. Admission and programs are free and open to all.