

Not to be missed

MUSIC-THEATER

Lafayette Town Hall Theatre Company presents the debut of Kevin Morales' original *Baby, Be Mine*, the story of a young actress who invites one of the Producers back to her place to pitch him the next great idea for a 30's style Musical Revue. *Baby, Be Mine* promises to be fresh, witty and original. Through June 28th. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for dates and times and ticket prices: Not for children under 12. 925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org

WomenSing, a 50 voice chorus, presents a Choral Concert, Elemental Quartet, a choral exploration of Earth, Water, Fire and Air with Artistic Director Martin Benvenuto and Accompanist Paul Caccamo. Sat. May 31, 8:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2317 Buena Vista, Walnut Creek or Sun, June 1, 4:00 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley: \$20-\$25 general, \$18 senior, and \$10 student/youth. Purchase online at www.womensing.org, at the door, or by calling (925) 974-9169.

Duane Carroll conducts "Friends in Low Places," with Zachariah Spellman, tuba virtuoso of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, a bassoon trio, and 12 trombonists known as The Bay Bones. Selections include Gershwin's "An American in Paris," Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumble Bee," Currow's "Fantasia for Tuba," Debussy's "Petite Suite," and Leroy Anderson's "Bugler's Holiday." 2 p.m. June 1. Leshher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets --\$18 regular, \$15 seniors, \$12 students (925) 943-7469, www.lesherartscenter.org. More information: www.CCWindSymphony.org.

ART

The Moraga Art Gallery presents



a new group show, "Fiesta Time" featuring the work of two artists who live in Moraga: Angelica Samamea, a 27 year resident, is a painter who has experimented with different mediums, but prefers acrylics because of vibrancy of colors. She is centered people as her subject. Generally she works either with acrylics or watercolor in a fluid improvisational style. Connie Robertson has her own studio in Moraga for cutting, grinding and fusing glass. She has enjoyed experimenting in glass jewelry, and most recently in designing and making clocks, using motifs from Nature for the clockfaces and hour

markings. The public is invited to the Opening Reception on Saturday, June 7, 2008, from 3-5 pm. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs.

The Lafayette Gallery invites the community to join us for our show "From the Earth: Landscapes and Pottery" The exhibit features paintings by Shanon Essex, Debby Koonce, Judy Feins, and pottery by Martha Kean. The exhibit runs through May 31st. Gallery Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayette-gallery.net

In Our Own Backyard (EBRPD and Oakland Museum): Bob Walker was a park advocate and leader in the open space preservation movement. He bequeathed his images to the Oakland Museum of California for use to educate others about environmental preservation and restoration. The stunning pictorial, written by local author and documentary filmmaker Chris Beaver, contains a rare collection of some of Bob Walker's most beautiful and captivating images of parklands in the East Bay Regional Park District. Open thru 10/12/08. Contact bmontano@ebpark.org. 510-544-2200, Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak at 10th Street, Level One, Oakland. One block from Lake Merritt BART.

First Friday at the Moraga Art Gallery: On June 6th from 7 to 9 p.m. local potter, Donna Arganbright, will be demonstrating how she makes her ceramic pieces using the potters wheel, slab roller and extruder. Some hands on time for participants will follow her demonstration. The Moraga Art Gallery is located in the Rheem shopping center next to Longs. (see article on page 3)

Literature/Lectures

Generating Press Attention is Not a Mystery- Publicist David Carriere, author of the new, much-anticipated book, *Publicity: 7 Steps to Publicize Just About Anything*, will talk about how to create your own successful publicity campaign at the Lafayette Library on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. Coffee and light refreshments are served. For more information, please call the Lafayette Library at (925) 283-3872 or visit lafayette-lib.org.

Jenefer "Kuruatutu" Duane presents a slide show on New Zealand and an overview and brief history of the fascinating native Maori culture of yesterday and today. Reflecting Ms. Duane's family roots, the presentation will include samplings of traditional and modern Maori music, a display of Maori pounamu (jade), bone and wood carvings, and modern-traditional Maori attire. Thursday June 5th 10:30am-noon. Please call 284-5050 to register for this event. LCC, 500 Saint Mary's Road between downtown Lafayette and Saint Mary's College

Friends of the Orinda Library final Spring Book Sale will be June 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the sorting room and bookshop. (Bookshop will re-

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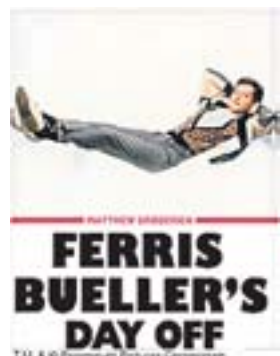
main open until 6 p.m.) There will be books for collectors, fiction and non-fiction for all ages, just-like-new books ideal for graduates, and shelves of books for summer reading for everyone (especially children) All proceeds are used to purchase new books and other materials for the Library. Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda (925)2541358

Peace Action West and the Moraga Library are hosting a free evening talk by Lawrence Wittner. Currently a professor of history at the State University of New York/ Albany and board member of the national organization Peace Action, Wittner has written extensively on the history of peace movements and on the history of United States foreign policy. Tues, June 17th 7 - 8:30 pm. Free. Moraga Library Meeting Room, 1500 St. Mary's Road. RSVP (510) 849 2272 ext. 122 or cbautista@peaceaction-west.org

Other:

FREE movie at the Moraga Commons Park!

Ferris Bueller's Day Off on Friday, May 30th, 8pm. Bring your family and friends, jackets and blankets and a low lawn chairs if needed. Parking will be limited so carpooling is encouraged. Pizza Nachos Popcorn Candy Hot Chocolate Drinks for sale. Presented by the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee-all proceeds go towards future community events for the youth of Moraga. For more information go to www.moraga.ca.us or call (925) 888-7035.



Teen Movie Night! Showing Ferris Bueller's Day Off on Sat, May 31, 7:30pm. Orinda Community Center Auditorium \$2 in advance \$5 at the door. Bring blankets to sit on! Have fun and enjoy Loard's Ice Cream & top dog "dogs" & beverages. Presented by Orinda Teen Advisory Council (OTAC) and The City of Orinda.

USA Water Polo Masters National Tournament Friday-Sunday, June 6th-8th, All Day. Soda Aquatic Center at Campolino High School, Miramonte High School. Free Admission

USA Water Polo Men's Olympic Exhibition Series USA vs. Australia, Sat June 7th - 4:00pm Soda Aquatic Center, Miramonte Pool, Las Lomas Pool, and Acalanes Pool. Buy tickets online at http://www.pacificwaterpolo.com/tickets.html. Ticket sales are limited to 210 online sales. An additional 500 tickets will be for sale at the USA Water Polo Masters Nationals as well as at the door.

Sunday Family Hikes Sun June 1 and June 15. Hike the redwood-laced trails near Chabot to hidden,

historic sites. Experience the ecosystem walking through the beautiful, shady paths of the Redwood Regional Park, led by a naturalist from the East Bay Regional Park District. \$5 plus General Admission to Chabot Space & Science Center. To register call 510.336.7373. 9- 11am (8 years & up) 1:30pm - 2:30pm (5 years & up) Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer Walk in Memory of Julie Olson on Sunday, June 8th at the Lafayette Community Park, 480 St. Mary's Rd. Sign in at 7:30 am and the walk begins at 8:30 am. Registration forms available online at www.ovarian.org/upcomingevents. For more information call 925-284-4720

Ranch Camp Open House - Thursday, June 12 from 3:30 to 5:00pm - Free. Join Roughing It for our first annual Ranch Camp Open House! Located on our 116 acre ranch in Briones Regional Park, site of our Ranch Camp and Afternoon Horse Camp programs. Tour our barn and riding facilities, visit the horses, participate in fun horse activities, get to know other horse-crazy families, and meet our directors and staff. Located at 1251 Pleasant Hill Road in Lafayette. Please RSVP at 925-283-3795, or online at www.roughingit.com/info/horse if you would like to attend.

East Bay Mountain Bike Ride Day - Sat. June 14th at - Lake Chabot Regional Park. Casual, social group ride. No one is every left behind and includes most levels for both men and women. Rides last 2-3 hours. See details and meeting location at www.btceb.org.

In honor of the high school seniors who received Diablo Valley Alumnae Panhellenic awards this year, the association invites sorority alumnae to a Greek Garden Party in Lafayette on Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. Call Marci Adams, 925-254-6088, for directions and details.

All Lafayette residents are invited to participate in the Lafayette Library Special Services Survey, which will run from through June 30, 2008. Information gathered through this survey will assist library planners to identify appropriate services for customers with disabilities and special needs in the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center, opening in Fall 2009. The survey may be completed online at cclib.org/locations/lafayette.html and will also be available at the Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, or the Senior Services Office, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette.

Moraga Movers Monthly Dinner, Monday, June 9. Enjoy a delicious pasta bar meal at St. Mary's Soda Center and listen to great barbershop melodies provided by the "Sweet Adelines." Social hour begins at 4 with dinner to follow at 5. Reservations must be made no later than 5 PM Wednesday, June 4 by calling 376-6622. Moraga Movers is open to all Lamorinda area residents age 55 plus.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Saint Mary's College Campus Happenings



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Lecture:

"Graduate Kinesiology Colloquium: Improving Human Sport Performance" The Saint Mary's College Graduate Program in Kinesiology's annual Summer Colloquium features experts on "Improving Human Sport Performance": Robert Weinberg of Miami University discusses "The Psychology of Excellence in Human Performance" on Monday, June 9; Dr. Marialice Kern of San Francisco State University discusses "Optimizing Athletic Performance: Are Ergogenic Aids the Only Way?" on Tuesday, June 10; Dr. Andy Miah of University of the West Scotland discusses "Bioethics" on Wednesday, June 11; Mark Gilleran, commissioner of the West Coast Conference, Mark Fairru-Wada of ESPN and Derek Marks, Saint Mary's College professor, discuss "Performance En-

hancement and the College Athlete" on Thursday, June 12. Monday, June 9 through Thursday, June 12, Galileo Hall 201 For info, contact: Kinesiology Program (925) 631-4377

Art Exhibitions/Discussions: "You See: The Early Years of the UC Davis Art Faculty"

Paintings, sculpture, drawings and prints by artists whose images and ideas changed the world of art. The largest public show of work by early University of California at Davis art faculty members Robert Arneson, Roy De Forest, Manuel Neri, Wayne Theibaud, and William T. Wiley - five of the most significant artists and teachers ever to live and work in Northern California. May 3 - June 22, 2008

"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 am until 4:30 pm 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.

Beautiful Music Rocks Baby, Be Mine

By Cathy Tyson and Jennifer Wake



From left, Katie Pelensky, Meghann May and Sean Griffin in "Baby, Be Mine" Photo Stu Stellant

Writer and Director Kevin Morales' original and final production for the Town Hall Theatre (THT) *Baby, Be Mine* debuted last Friday.

Morales deftly weaves the story of a chorus girl pitching an idea to her producer while two characters act out her pitch against a backdrop of New York in the 1930's. The layers of storytelling coupled with excellent song choices added a unique dimension to the production. The period music and the cast's melodious singing voices help flesh out the sparse set with great music from a great time.

"Don't Get Around Much Anymore" and "Putting on the Ritz" were accompanied by lots of audience toe tapping, and served double duty moving the plot forward. A duet between Nephi Speer, who plays "The Composer" and Meghann May, "The Muse" on "Happy Days are Here Again," showcased these actor's substantial vocal talents. Fans of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin won't be disappointed.

Speer and May give convincing performances as the 1930's characters act out their love story. There's a

funny scene set in the present day between Katie Pelensky "The Actress" and Sean Robert Griffin "The Producer" as they collaborate on picking names for the 30's actors. The small cast, just four people, do a good job with the underlying themes of adultery and lost love. Underscoring the simple unadorned style was a single piano player who hit all the right notes.

"I wanted to create something more traditional, but I still can't help throwing in a twist, structuring the show in a way that doesn't make it a typical revue. It's a sexy fun show that I think lots of people will enjoy," said Morales.

For Griffin, May, and Playwrite and Director Morales this will be their last show at Town Hall Theatre. They all will be departing for the bright lights of Broadway after *Baby, Be Mine* wraps.

Performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings through June 28 at 8:00, call or check the web for dates of Sunday matinees and evening shows (925) 283-6673 or www.thtc.org. Not for children under 12.

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350 Park Street Moraga
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Coming Soon

May 30
SEX AND THE CITY
Cynthia Nixon, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis, Sarah Jessica Parker

June 6
KUNG FU PANDA
Dustin Hoffman, Jack Black, Jackie Chan

June 13
THE INCREDIBLE HULK
Edward Norton, Liv Tyler, Tim Roth, William Hurt

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GET SMART
Anne Hathaway

June 27
WALL-E

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Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman

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