

◆ **Not to be missed** ◆

MUSIC

Afternoon Piano Jazz Café on Friday Feb. 20, 1:30 – 2:30pm at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St Mary's Rd., featuring Members of the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society. The music varies from show tunes and jazz standards to original compositions. There is no charge, but, a small donation would be appreciated. RSVP to Lafayette Senior Services at 284-5050.

On Feb. 23rd, the Chamber Music Recital showcases some of Campolindo's outstanding classical musicians performing solo and ensemble pieces. Finally, on Thursday, Feb. 26th the Concert and Symphonic Bands perform "The Dream of Abraham" by Daniel Bukvich, "Concert Overture," by Keith Gates, and the West Coast Premier of "Symphony for Band," a piece by James A. Beckel, commissioned by the Campolindo Symphonic Band. All performances are free and open to the public, beginning at 7:30 in the Campolindo Performing Arts Center.

The Campolindo Jazz Band will be having its annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Temple Isaiah from 6:30-10:00 PM. There will be fabulous music provided by the Campolindo Jazz Band under the direction of Harvey Benstein. There will be wonderful gourmet food, wine, friends, and even dancing. This is NOT just for Jazz Band Families, or even just for CampoMusic Families, but for the entire community. Tickets adult tickets are \$50 each, tickets for students and teachers are \$40 each, and premium wine can be reserved in advance for \$20 per bottle. Reservation forms can be downloaded at www.campomusic.org. The deadline for receipt of reservations is Feb. 20.

Generations in Jazz Presents the 9th Annual Lafayette Jazz Festival: Thurs March 5th – Sunday March 8th. Enjoy performances by The Rossmoor Big Band, Double Take, Stanley Middle School Jazz Messengers, Faces of Jazz, Acalanes School Jazz Band, The Ray Brown Great Big Band and Contra Costa County Honor Jazz Bands. Ticket, venues and pricing available at the Lafayette Chamber. (925) 284-7404 or www.lafayettechamber.org.

Enjoy the 40's and 50's music of Eddie Williams – a self-contained one-man show – a mix of vocals and instrumentation featuring Eddie on vocals, guitar and saxophone. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served while you listen to Eddie perform the music of Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and more. Thursday, March 19 from 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm. This is event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by March 16th to Candice Moses 925-377-7900 or e-mail to candice.moses@aegisliving.com.

THEATER

Irish dancers from the Moore School of Irish Dance in Walnut Creek will be performing award-winning Traditional Irish Step Dance and Storytelling through Irish dance drama. It promises to be great family entertainment, suitable for children and adults. Performances will be held at the Del Valle Theater in Walnut Creek. Show times are: 7:00pm on Friday, March 13th and 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 14th. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by phone by dialing the Dean Leshner Theater at 943-SHOW.

BREAKING LEGS, a comedy by Tom Dulack, directed by Helen Means. The worlds of the Mafia and the theatre clash hilariously when a collage professor seeks funding to produce his new play from "the family" of one of his former students. Crossroads Theatre, 1277 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb 27 at 8:15 PM. Thursdays Feb 19 & 26 at 8:15 PM. Matinees are Sunday Feb 22 and Saturday Feb 28 at 2:15 PM. TICKETS: (925) 944-9006 or onstageattheatre.org, \$18 general and \$14 seniors.

Lafayette Town Hall Theatre presents "Rabbit Hole," the bittersweet 2007 Pulitzer Prize-winning play by David Lindsay-Abaire. In the story, Becca and Howie Corbett have everything a family could want until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. Now through March 7. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times. For Tickets: 925-283-1557. Rating – PG-13. Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street at Moraga Road in Lafayette.

ART

The Moraga Art Gallery presents "The Northern Lights" in Moraga through March 14th. The show will highlight artworks by local artists Vivien Hart and Nina Tyksinski. Vivien, who lives in Orinda, creates artful cabinetry knobs and pulls from fused glass, "functional art on a glass canvas." Lafayette writer-turned-

painter Nina Tyksinski's recent paintings seek to capture the phenomenon of the northern lights using watercolor while placing them in local surroundings, including the Chapel at Saint Mary's and Mount Diablo. The Moraga Art Gallery is a co-operative gallery of 20 artists in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, 570 Center Street in Moraga (MoragaArtGallery.com). Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm, 925-376-5407.

"Objects of Affection," the new show at the Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, runs through March 7th. The viewer is treated to multiple canvases offering a fine art gift for your object of affection. For this special show, gallery artists create 12"x12" canvases with their personal interpretation of affection in all its many guises. Gallery Hours: 11-5pm Tue.-Sat., 50 Lafayette Circle, 925-284-2788.

Illuminated Sculpture runs through Feb. 22 at the Bedford Gallery, Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. The exhibit will showcase sculptures using a variety of forms of illumination including gases, incandescent light and emerging mediums like laser, plasma, fiber optics and light-emitting diodes (LED).

LITERATURE & LECTURES

Moraga Library lecture on Wed, Feb 25 based on current de Young exhibit through May 17, Warhol Live presents the first comprehensive exploration of Warhol's work seen through the lens of music. Music included in exhibit: Elvis Presley, Velvet Underground, Rolling Stones, Liza Minnelli, Michael Jackson et al. Exhibit includes silkscreen paintings, album covers, illustrations, and photographs inspired by music and the performing arts.

Affordable Housing in the Suburbs: What is it? Feb. 26, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Moraga Library. Speakers from Non-profit Housing of Northern California and Okamoto Saijo Architecture. Open to the public. Sponsored by League of Women Voters, and Social Justice Comm. of Mt Diablo U. U. Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek Info: 283-3638.

The 9th Annual Bookies Award Dinner, A Celebration of Books and the People Who Love Them, will be held on Thursday, March 19, at the Lafayette Park Hotel. This year's special guest author is Annie Barrows. Tickets are \$50 each and include admission, dinner, dessert and Jacuzzi Family Vineyard wines. Proceeds benefit Project Second Chance, The Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program. Tickets go on sale Monday, Feb. 9 and can be purchased with a credit card by calling Fremont Bank at 510-723-5811. Book club reading lists will be on display. If you would like your club to be included, please email the titles and authors you read this past year to darraw944@astound.net.

PARENTS & TEENS

The Joys and Challenges of Parenting Boys - PTA Parenting Book Club Discussion- Moraga - Thursday, Feb. 26, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga. Books: "Real Boys: Rescuing

Our Sons From the Myth of Boyhood" by William Pollack and "The Minds of Boys: Saving Our Sons From Falling Behind in School and Life" by Michael Gurian. Join our facilitator for the evening, JM English teacher Mr. Don Read for a discussion of these books and share your own parenting experiences and tips. You may register at the event or on-line (course #05-6108) at www.acalenes.k12.ca.us.

Acalanes Parent Ed Presents: Drive Smart, Stay Safe. The California Highway Patrol offers this free class at Acalanes on Tue., Feb. 24th, 6-8 pm, Cafeteria. This program, sponsored by the CHP, is for parents and teens to attend together. It is designed to reduce the number of teenage injuries and deaths resulting from motor vehicle collisions. Space is limited, to register for the class, please sign up at: http://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us Class # 056214. Or email: SENDME@SBCGLOBAL.NET.

Healthy Bodies, Healthy Mind in High School, College, and Beyond: Helping Your Teen Thrive With Positive Self Image, Tue., March 3rd, 7pm – 9pm, Acalanes Theatre, no fee. Topics Include: Parent Influence Weight as a Cultural Obsession, Sexuality/Social Life--How self image affects decisions, eating and exercise. What happens when they leave home? Sponsored by Acalanes Parent Ed, for more information email lgsendme@sbcglobal.net.

The 10th Annual Sister-to-Sister summit, open to middle-school girls, will take place on Saturday March 7th from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the Orinda Intermediate School, 80 Ivy Drive, Orinda. The event is sponsored by AAUW and is planned and facilitated by volunteer high-school girls from the Acalanes Union High School District. Through fun activities, presentations, and small discussion groups, the middle school girls learn to become more supportive of each other, make healthy choices and develop leadership skills. The cost is \$30. It includes a lunch, beverages, and a T-shirt. Parents are invited to drop-off their girls and stay for an hour parenting workshop on raising middle-school girls. Registration is required before Feb. 28th. For more information and registration go to www.aauwoml.org or call (925) 942-0102.

PERSPECTIVES

Contra Costa Midrasha welcomes KGO talk show host, John Rothmann, on Sunday, Feb. 22 from 2:00 - 5:30 pm. at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 25 Hilcroft Way, Walnut Creek. Rothman will discuss his views of how the Obama administration will impact U.S.-Israeli relations and education. Contra Costa Midrasha has classes, art, special events, social interaction, volunteer opportunities and mentoring for Jewish teens, 8th through 12th grade. The event is a fundraiser for the teen program. Anyone interested in U.S.- Israeli relations is invited to attend. Tickets for the event are \$36 for seniors and students and \$45 for adults. For tickets see www.ccmidrasha.org or call 925/944-4701.

Amador Valley High School's STAND, or human rights club, in

Pleasanton, which focuses on raising awareness about and helping to end genocide, will be hosting The Second Annual Human Rights Conference on Feb. 28th on Amador Valley High School's campus. This year's conference will focus on genocide in the Burma, Congo, and in Darfur. Doors will open at 8:30 AM, and the conference will run from 9:00 AM to noon. Breakfast and a t-shirt are included. Lunch will not be served. Tickets cost \$5, and must be purchased ahead of time by emailing the Amador STAND Club at amadorystand4hr@yahoo.com.

How Nuclear Weapons Affect Our Lives Jackie Cabasso, who has served as Executive Director of Western States Legal Foundation (WSLF) since 1984 and Marylia Kelley, Executive Director of the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CARES will discuss the impact of nuclear weapons on our community and the world and offer ways of achieving a world free of nuclear weapons. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:00 pm at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Suggested donation: \$12-\$20 general, \$5 students (no one turned away for lack of funds); wheelchair accessible. For more information: 925-933-7850. Directions at www.mtdpc.org.

OTHER

Movie Night @ St. Mark's PRIDE AND PREJUDICE. See this Classic 1940 movie FREE on the Super Big Screen! Starring Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier, directed by Robert Z. Leonard, screenplay by Aldous Huxley. View a private collection of movie memorabilia presented by the grandniece of Oscar-winning director Robert Z. Leonard. Friday, Feb. 20, , DOORS OPEN at 6 pm, Screening 7 pm, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda. Movie food will be available. For more information, call 925-254-5965, or email stmarksorinda@sbcglobal.net.

Winter Hike - Lafayette Hiking Group. Feb. 28, 8:30 am – Valle Vista to Redwood Park. Enjoy a trail winding through the trees, crossing Indian and San Leandro Creeks before climbing steeply through the ferns and redwoods to the East Ridge Trail in Redwood Park. Distance: 6 miles, one steep hill. Email LafayetteHiking@comcast.net.

Calling Lamorinda car collectors of Specialty and Antique Cars to be shown as part of the third annual Moraga Community Faire, May 9, from 11 - 4 pm at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. Register now! Show limited to 15 cars. Registration fee: \$25. Call John Anderson at 925-284-1230 for more information.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be hosting a "Community Treasures" Garage Sale on Saturday, March 7 from 8 am – 2 pm. Money raised will support the Youth Program's Mission Trip to Mississippi to assist Katrina victims. Donations to the sale will be accepted on Thursday, March 5 from 9 am – 5 pm. Please bring any gently used items including books, baby equipment, small appliances, DVDs, CDs, household items, sporting equipment and

clothing to the church parish hall located at 66 St. Stephen's Drive in Orinda. All clothes should be clean, unstained and in good condition. Please call (925) 254-3770 for info.

3rd Annual Run for Kieran- Sunday, March 8, at 9 am starting at Stanley Middle School. Fun run (2 miles) for all ages. Baby joggers welcome. *For the more "competitive runners" we are offering a 7 mile run this year! Fee - \$20/participant. Kieran was 8 years old when he passed away in 2006 from a degenerative genetic disorder. His mom is Springhill Elementary Kindergarten teacher and Lafayette resident Bridget Quinn. Last year, the Run for Kieran raised over \$13,000 for the Special Education program at Springhill Elementary and the Division of Metabolic Genetics at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. For more information, contact the Quinn family at quinnsix@sbcglobal.net.

"Get Moving, Sports Programs for the Disabled" workshop at John Mui Medical Center- 2540 East Avenue in Concord (first floor.) Monday March 9 from 7-9 pm. Disabled Sports USA Far West will discuss Adaptive Golf Lessons held at Diablo Creek Golf Course, Concord and Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program will discuss hiking, biking, and Bay Area outings. For information, contact Ann at 925-376-6218. The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County's Meetings are free and open to the public.

Moraga Rotary Club's Night at the Races! Saturday March 14, Holy Trinity Hall, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Gates open 5:00pm. Enjoy a great catered dinner with no host bar. Wager play money on six video horse races, and bid on wonderful live and silent auction items. Tickets: \$40.00 per person. For ticket information or to reserve a group table, contact Vickie Devlin at 707 738-5026 or Dardoodles@aol.com. One of the goals this year will be to provide funds for the purchase of Polio vaccines to immunize children in the poorest countries, and finally eradicate to this crippling disease.

The Moraga Women's Society will meet on Monday, Feb. 23, at 9:30 am at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street in Moraga. Gayle Uilkema, Chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, will be speaking on preventing falls. All are welcome. Contact President Roberta Klaproth, 376-0708.

The Widowed Persons Support group will have a luncheon Feb. 21, at 1pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory at 1955 Mt. Diablo in Concord, located at Concord's Todos Santos Square. Cost is \$12. On Feb. 23, at 7 pm there is a social program in the Davies Room of the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. The speaker is Susan Greenwald, Holocaust Survivor, who will talk about her experiences during W.W. II in Auschwitz camp, and later in Communist Russia. For information about the Widowed Persons Support, or the events, call 925/932-3448

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