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ART

The Moraga Art Gallery announces a new show entitled "The Unbearable Lightness of Seeing," highlighting the photography of Dave E Dondero and Erik Wilson, featuring the unique combination of Dondero's hyper-realistic California landscapes and Wilson's thought-provoking and often ironic urban scenes. Moraga Art Gallery is a collective of 14 established, local artists and artisans and is open to the public from noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, 522 Center St, Moraga. For info, call (925) 376-5407.

The Orinda Library Art Gallery's exhibit in January will feature the Caldecott Tunnel by the Orinda Historical Society. The Gallery is located adjacent to the library at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more info, visit www.orindaartsociety.org/community_library.

The Lafayette Gallery's new show "Tokens of Affection" will run through March 9. There will be a free champagne and chocolates reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at 50 Lafayette Circle (across from Chow). For more info, visit www.lafayettegallery.net or call the gallery at (925) 284-2788.

Saint Mary's College Museum of Art exhibitions – Carnival; In Search of the Source: the Nile and Beyond by Lockwood de Forest; Ryan Reynolds: Landscape Assembled; Keith and the California Alps: paintings from the 1870s, 80s, and 90s -- open Feb. 2 through April 14, Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Rd., Moraga. Cost: \$5 for adults; free for kids K-12. For more info, call (925) 631-4379 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum.

MUSIC

Class Act Big Band dance. Big Band is a 17-piece big band and the dance includes swing, waltz, and fox trot from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at Saint Mary's College Soda Center, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. For info, call (925) 631-8015 or visit cabigband.com.

Swing Thing, six-piece combo with two fantastic singers. This is an upcoming dance from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 at Saint Mary's College, St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. For info, call (925) 631-8015 or visit swingthingjazz.com.

WCSA Lafayette Songwriters' Competition. Come join the Lauras for the inaugural Lafayette WCSA Songwriters' Competition! You do not have to be a songwriter to attend this event. The meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 81 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Cost: \$5. For more info, contact Laura Zucker by email at zuckers@aol.com or visit www.westcoastsongwriters.org/become-a-member.

Big Band Ball Room Dance and show at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, The New Rheem Theatre, 350 Park Street, Moraga. Optional dance lessons, free with your ticket to the dance, start at 7 p.m. and the Rossmoor Big band begins playing at 8 p.m. The cocktail bar opens at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are just \$10 at the door or at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. For reservations: (925) 284-7404.

Senior Services Piano Jazz concert at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 in the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Enjoy songs from the Great American Songbook with tunes from composers such as Gershwin, A. Jobim, Duke Ellington and Dave Brubeck, as interpreted by members of CCPAS. Refreshments provided by Aegis of Moraga Assisted Living and Memory Care, and Nightingale Home Care. Please call Lafayette Senior Services to reserve your spot at (925) 284-5050. Cost: \$3 members; \$5 non-members.

THEATER

Company C Contemporary Ballet will open its 2013 season Friday, Jan. 18 at Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. For more info, visit www.companyballet.org or call (925) 708-0752.

Join County Librarian and film noir buff Barbara Flynn for Force of Evil, the first of three free film noir screenings at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. (see story page B7)

Come see the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, a musical comedy about six young people in the throes of puberty vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime, from Jan. 25 through Feb. 10. There will be an opening night reception at 8 p.m. Jan. 25 at the DVC Theater, 321 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill. For info, call (925) 685-1230 ext. 2337.

Petty Theft, the ultimate Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers tribute band makes a triumphant return to Lafayette's Town Hall Theatre in a benefit performance at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26. Doors open at 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$10 (kids) to \$30, and can be purchased at www.TownHallTheatre.com.

The Princess and The Pea, fairytale by Hans Christian Andersen. The Princess and The Pea is a much adored traditional fairy tale of honesty and love and will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 and at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at the LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Cost: \$8. For more info, call (925) 631-4670 or visit www.brownpapertickets.com.

LECTURE & LITERATURE

"A Hologram for the King" by Dave Eggers. Free copies of "Hologram for the King" will be available to the public at any Lamorinda library, which began Monday, Jan. 14. (See story page B5)

The Stanford Women's Club of the East Bay presents a booklover's dream ... the 38th Annual Books on Review, which features four distinguished Stanford-affiliated authors, showcasing the best of recent fiction and nonfiction from 9:15 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Shadelands Arts Center, 111 N. Wiget Ln., Walnut Creek. Tickets: \$35. For more info, call (510) 530-5859 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/event10819.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House. St. Perpetua School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This is a great opportunity to see what St. Perpetua has to offer and what its students have been learning! This event will begin with Mass and Open House at 9:30 a.m., or you can learn what it means to be a junior high student at noon Sunday, Jan. 27. Kindergarten parent information night is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, and the junior high Science Fair is scheduled at 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at St. Perpetua School, 3445 Hamlin Rd., Lafayette. For more info, call (925) 284-1640.

Anxiety in School what parents and teachers should know. Dr. Michael Tompkins will describe the nature of anxiety in youth at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 at the Lafayette library, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For more info, visit www.orindapoise.org.

East Bay Eclipse Soccer Club Tryouts. Eclipse is holding tryouts for its U9-U11 teams Feb. 2-3 for its U12-U14 teams, Feb. 9-10, and U8 and U15+ tryouts will be March 2-3 at Campolindo High School, 300 Moraga Rd., Moraga. For more info, visit eastbayeclipsesoccer.com/home/tryouts.

Creating a Peaceful School Conference. The Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center in Walnut Creek announces its Second Annual conference for anyone who works with young people in K - 12. The conference will be from 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 at Seven Hills School, 975 North San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek. Registration: \$35 (through Jan. 7); \$40 thereafter. For more info, call (925) 933-7850 or visit www.mtdpc.org.

826 Valencia – Meet the CEO of 826 National. 826 National is a network of nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping students, ages 6-18, with their literacy and writing skills. This event will be at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Lafayette Library located on 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd in Lafayette. For more information please call (925) 385-2280 or visit <http://guides.ccclib.org>.

Unlocking Secrets to Winning Pinewood Derby Workshop. Boy Scout Troop 233 of Lamorinda has invited Coach Allen to conduct a workshop to share his secrets to winning Pinewood Derby competitions. The workshop is at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Holy Shepherd Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda. Cub Scouts who build their cars prior to the workshop will be able to test them on a racetrack. For more information please call (925) 876-2477.

Youth Ink 2013. The Orinda Junior Women's Club (Orinda Juniors) annual creative writing contest open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who live or attend school in Orinda. Submissions must be post-marked by Friday, Feb. 15 in order to be considered for an award. Details at www.orindajuniors.org.

OTHER

Orinda Rotary will host its first ever community-wide "Dick Heggie Peace Symposium" in honor of Orinda's first mayor, Dick Heggie today. The luncheon features speaker George Breslauer, who will discuss "Is Putin's Authoritarian Regime Sustainable?" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda. Cost: \$25. For info or to register please call (925) 254-1321 or visit orindachamber.org/events.htm. (See story page A7)

Operation Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief. This program is organized by local teen volunteers of Club Be the Star You Are. The club needs monetary donations to ship books and resources to families on the East Coast who suffered the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. \$25 ships five new books; \$50 ships a dozen new books; \$100 ships a full case. Checks may be sent to Be the Star You Are!@ 501c3, P.O. Box 376, Moraga, Ca. 94556 or make a contribution on line via Paypal. See more information at www.bethestaryouare.org/donate.htm and www.btsya.com/hurricane_sandy_relief.html.

SEED (Special Education Enrichment Development) Foundation of Lafayette is co-funding a 12-week behavior management course for Lafayette parents Wednesday nights, 6:30 to 9 p.m. through March 27 in the Maggie Mae Lounge at Lafayette United Methodist Church, 955 Moraga Rd. By teaching positive behavioral strategies, parents will gain tools and strategies to support their child in home and community settings. For info or to register please call (925) 788-0451 or email Robin Hauge at robinhaugclinic@gmail.com.

Hospice of the East Bay Support Groups for Adults. The support group Adults Who Have Lost a Parent meets Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 28 through March 25 at the Pleasant Hill Campus, 3470 Buskirk Ave. Pre-registration is required. For more info, or to pre-register please call (925) 887-5681 or visit www.hospiceeastbay.org.

Mardi Gras Party, 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, Soda Center, St. Mary's College. Cost: \$40 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. Proceeds from the event benefit the financial aid scholarship program at Saint Mary's College. Make checks payable to Saint Mary's College Guild and mail to Jeffrey Lynn Dunne by Jan. 29 at 101 Quintas Lane, Moraga, CA 94556. For info, call Billie Jones at (925) 254-3645.

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