

Not to be missed

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Tax-Aide and Earn It Keep It Save It. This is a free tax preparation service. The tax preparation service begins the first week in February and continues until April 15. Tax-Aide and EKS provide free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. For more info, call (505) 699-5506 or visit www.earnitkeepitsaveit.org.

Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church Taize' service at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month. In the candle-lit Sanctuary, the quiet songs, silence, and scripture with no sermon invite you to be still. For info, call (925) 798-7107.

Gather at the Table: A Healing Discussion about Slavery, presented by Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Suggested donation: \$12; \$10 members; \$5 for students. For more info, call (925) 933-7850 or visit www.mtdpc.org.

Jan Term Speaker Series. Unlikely Inspiration. Kaya Oakes, author of *Slanted and Enchanted: The Evolution of Indie Culture* will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 and Lisa Kristine, an acclaimed humanitarian photographer who specializes in images of remote indigenous cultures in more than 100 countries on six continents, will speak about *Shining a Light on Modern-Day Slavery* at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at the Saint Mary's College Soda Activity Center, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Free. For more info, call (925) 631-4771 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu.

Will Your Kids' Faith Stick? This event will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Ln., Moraga. Registration is required. For info, visit www.mvpcctoday.org.

Crab Feed and Dance from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Music provided by popular DJ so bring your appetites and dancing shoes. Dinner and Dance Tickets: \$40; Dance only, \$10. For non-crab lovers, you may order chicken in advance. For tickets and reservations call (925) 672-6799.

Community Service Day: member volunteers of Lafayette United Methodist Church will be serving those in need and the public is invited to participate Saturday, Jan. 26. Service projects will be available for all ages and skill levels, benefiting the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Bay Area Rescue Mission, Juvenile Hall - Hall Closet, Shelter, Inc., Monument Crisis Center and Toys for Tots. For more info, visit thelumc.org/service/changetheworld or call (925) 284-4765.

McDonnell Nursery will present a free Winter Rose Pruning Workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at 196 Moraga Way, Orinda. Rejuvenate your rose bushes and encourage beautiful new canes to produce the best blooms. The workshops are held in a covered outdoor area so dress warmly. Please call (925)254-3713 or email info@mcdonnellnursery.com to reserve a seat.

Meet top of the line vendors, architects and design firms at Lamorinda's Home Expo '13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. LamorindaWeb.com and TheHomeMag.com are partnering with one another for this year's event, which is for homeowners in every stage of the updating and/or remodeling process. Free. www.lamorindaweekly.com.

The Moraga Women's Society January meeting will feature Dec Vance and Cynthia Nolan, owners of Care-free Moves. They will discuss downsizing and using the 4 box method, what to keep/sell/donate/ or toss at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St.,

Moraga. For more info, call Roberta Klapproth at (925) 376-0708.

The Orinda Woman's Club announces acceptance of applicants for its major beneficiary awards in 2013. Appropriate applying agencies must meet the following basic criteria: non-profit 501c3; serving women and children in need; Alameda and /or Contra Costa County-based; receiving \$1 million and below as annual income stated on 2011-2012 tax returns. Application forms can be acquired from Orinda Woman's Club, P.O. Box 533, Orinda, 94563 or from Adeline McClatchie Beneficiary Chair at (925) 254-1162 or Adeline@mcclatchie.com. Two applicants will be selected by general club meeting. Deadline: 7 p.m. March 4. Beneficiary Chair must receive applications before this date for consideration.

Caregiving: A Labor of Love, a Workshop for those Caring for Family Members, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Ln., Moraga. Lunch is included. For more info, visit www.mvpcctoday.org.

Wholpin Short Films Screening at 6 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the Moraga Library located on 1500 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. For more info, call (925) 376-6852 or visit <http://guides.cclib.org>.

Soroptimist International Annual Crab Feed and Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Tickets: \$45. For tickets and information contact Toni Pera (925) 283-2279, Terry Enns (925) 285-4693, or email siof24.680@gmail.com.

Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center class "Building Healthy Soil" from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Lafayette Community Garden across from the Reservoir. These classes are interactive, informative and fun so come join us and prepare to get your hands dirty! It can be muddy and cold in the winter so dress appropriately. Classes are free although a \$5 donation is appreciated. To register, visit www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org, and click on classes.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Inauguration Celebration Breakfast and Watch Party. The breakfast, which will be held Monday, Jan. 21 from 8 to 8:45 a.m. at the Lafayette Library's Community Room, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., will be hosted by the Lamorinda Democratic Club to honor President Barack Obama as he is inaugurated for his second term in office. You must RSVP to guarantee a seat by contacting John Hall at jd-hall@mac.com.

CLUBS

The Moraga Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Social hour begins at 9:30. Speaker will be Brian Kemble from Ruth Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek on "A Succulent for every Garden." Those interested in attending should call president Linda Foley at (925) 376 2809.

Montelindo Garden Club. The club will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18 at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way. The speaker, Don Dillon, Jr. from Four Winds Growers, will discuss growing citrus in the Bay Area. For more info, call (925) 254-3906.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting will discuss Gardens of Israel at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15 at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For more info, call (925) 254-3906.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

MOVIE REVIEW

'Zero Dark Thirty'

By Derek Zemrak



Photo courtesy Columbia Pictures

"Zero Dark Thirty" is one of the most controversial and highly anticipated films from San Carlos native Kathryn Bigelow, who is the first female to win an Oscar for best director ("The Hurt Locker"). "Zero Dark Thirty" stars Oscar-nominated actress Jessica Chastain ("The Help") as CIA agent, Maya, assigned to track down America's most wanted individual, Osama Bin Laden. The film chronicles a decade-long hunt for the al-Qaeda leader after the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the United States. It is controversial be-

cause of the classified information detailed in the movie. How did Oscar winner, producer and writer Mark Boal ("The Hurt Locker") and Bigelow receive so much classified information? They will probably be addressing the United States Congress on this issue.

"Zero Dark Thirty" is an amazing film that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The movie is graphic, but as with "The Hurt Locker," the scenes are displayed on the screen with realism, superior editing and excellent cinematography. This movie is not for younger view-

ers! It is rated R for several reasons including torture scenes, violence, and strong language.

"Zero Dark Thirty" was nominated for five Oscars including Best Picture, Best Screenplay, Best Sound Editing, Best Editing and Best Actress - Chastain. It is astonishing that Bigelow did not receive a Best Director nomination. Will "Zero Dark Thirty" win the Oscar for best picture? No. Should it? Yes! The film is long with a total running time of 2 hours and 37 minutes.

Three historical movies are nominated this year for Best Picture at the Oscars - "Zero Dark Thirty," "Lincoln" and "Argo." I hope this is not how Americans are receiving their history lessons.

Derek Zemrak is a Film Critic, Film Producer and Founder of the California Independent Film Festival. You can follow Derek on Twitter @zemrak for the latest Hollywood news.

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Free Dance Lessons

Friday, February 8th

Dance Lessons - optional from 7 PM to 8 PM
The dance will start at 8:00 PM
Cocktail bar opens at 7:30 PM.
Please join our 31 member band ages 14 to 92 and enjoy the show.

Tickets \$10 at the door

or at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

Call 284-7404 for reservations