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Master Juggler Daniel DaVinci will perform a show full of unique stunts, audience participation, and an endless stream of hilarious comedy patter at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 7 at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. For more info, visit ccclib.org or call Diane McDonnell at (925)376-6852, ext. 200.

March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga. The event is sponsored by the Campolindo Business Club and all proceeds will be donated to the non-profit organization March of Dimes, which works to improve the health of mothers and babies by trying to prevent birth defects and child mortality. Cost: \$5 to participate. For pledge sheets please email campobusinessclub@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/CampoBusiness.

The Lafayette School District invites parents and community members to hear Michael Josephson, Ethicist and Founder of Character Counts® speak about his life experience and the development of The Six Pillars of Character from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Acalanes High School Performing Arts Center, 1200 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette. Tickets: \$10 for one; \$15 for two. Tickets can be purchased at: michaeljosephson.eventbrite.com. Please bring your receipt with you.

Free Tax Preparation for the 2013 tax season is available from AARP's Tax-Aide and United Way's EKS programs. Both programs serve taxpayers of all ages with a focus on those with low to moderate incomes. For more information or to make an appointment, call Tax-Aide (925) 726-3199 or EKS 2-1-1.

An old-fashioned quilting bee will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at the Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Drive. The end results will be auctioned off for the benefit of Habitat's Pleasant Creek development of ten homes in Walnut Creek. All the quilting bee participants need is the ability to sew a straight line. Anyone with a portable sewing machine and good quality quilt fabrics is invited to bring them along, otherwise, visitors can use ours. The bee will take place in Marion Hall behind the church sanctuary. For more information, call (925) 283-8304.

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, working with American Red Cross, is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at MVPC, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga. Everyone is welcome. Drop by, and bring your friends! Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org (enter the Sponsor Code: Moraga925). Walk-ins are welcome! For more info, call Les Deane at (925) 283-5648.

Red Cross Blood Drive for the Lafayette Community will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 8 at Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber and Titan Real Estate Investments with juices and snacks donated by Whole Foods. For all donors, a raffled gift will be given after the Blood Drive. Remember: The need for blood is constant. The gratification is instant.

English Tutors needed - volunteer with the Diablo Valley Literacy Council. English need not be your first language-no teaching experience is required-we will teach you to be a tutor! You must attend three workshops on March 9, March 12 and March 16 and there is a nominal fee to cover the training & material costs. For more information visit our website at dvlc.tripod.com. To register call our hotline and leave a message at (925) 685-3881 or e-mail us at DVLC4ESL@gmail.com.

Electronic Ewaste Collection/Fundraiser Loaves & Fishes of Contra Costa County. Free to recycle televisions, monitors, laptops, CPS's, cell phones, flatscreens and wires; \$5 per item fee to recycle stereos, telephones, printers, DVD players, radios, fax machines, small ap-

pliances, etc. Personal and secured document destruction also provided at \$8 per banker box. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette. For more info contact: (510)-890-1324.

Persian Center presents Persian New Year Festival from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at 2029 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Jump over the bonfires. Shake off the darkness of winter; welcome the lightness of spring. Persian music, dancing, food, crafts, kid activities. Free. For more info, visit www.anotherbullwinkeshow.com/persian-fest, call (510)548-5335 or email Lisa@AnotherBullwinkeshow.com.

Green Sangha presents Plastics 360: Impacts & Possibilities Conference from 9:30a.m. to 4p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Lafayette Public Library, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Local leaders in health, conservation, and resource recovery will describe issues and solutions to the plague of plastic pollution. Cost: \$30 pre-registration by Mar 1; \$40 at the door (\$10 discount for Green Sangha members & students with current ID. For more info, visit greensangha.org/plastics360/ or call (510) 532-6574 or email info@greensangha.org.

Saint Mary's College Guild Scholarship Fund Raiser. Game day and luncheon. Come and join friends for a day of bridge and bunco from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Saint Mary's Soda Center. A delicious buffet luncheon will be served at noon, wine will be available, table prizes for winners, bring your luckiest cards. Call Shirley Holloway with any questions at (925) 376-6588. Make check payable to Saint Mary's College Guild \$35 per person and send to: Dolores McGonigle, 828 Crossbark Ct., Moraga, 94556 or call (925) 376-4339 by March 14.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

The League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley will present a forum addressing the safety net for Contra Costa children and their families 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 2 at Diablo Valley College, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, in the Humanities Building, Room H-109. Free parking is available in Parking Lot 7, adjacent to the building. The public is welcome to attend this free educational program.

Saint Mary's College of California Forum to Explore Political and Civic Engagement of Generation X and Millennials at 6 p.m. Monday, March 4 at the Soda Center, 1928 St. Mary's Road. The average age for Bay Area members of Congress is 62, and for all of California, it's 58. Who are the new young leaders who will shape the future of the Golden State? Saint Mary's College of California presents this forum that features a dynamic group of young liberal and conservative political and community leaders who are forging 21st century agendas and solutions to address the challenges facing their California communities. This program features a diverse panel of politicians, activists and educators. Free. For more info, contact Linda Saulsby, director of Saint Mary's Liberal & Civic Studies Program, at (925) 631-4744 or email lsaulsby@stmaries-ca.edu.

SENIORS

The Orinda Senior Village Association will present an exhibit and silent auction from noon to 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 3. Members of the public are welcome to attend this unique opportunity to bid on photographs, jewelry, and paintings in oil, acrylic, and watercolor created by talented OSV and fellow East Bay artists from the Mt. Diablo Adult education program. Proceeds will benefit programs which help OSV residents to age gracefully. Location: Orinda Senior Village, 4th Floor (dining hall), 20 Irwin Way, Orinda (above and to the right of the Orinda Community Church). For details, contact Lupe Jimeno: (925) 212-7300. (See story page B5)

Join Lafayette Senior Services for this upcoming event from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 14 at the Sequoia Room, Lafayette Community Center. Positive Living Forum ("Hap-

piness Club") Brighten your day and take part in this interactive gathering which features speaker Dr. Bob Nozik, professor emeritus at UCSF, author of "Happy 4 Life: Here's How to Do It" who will discuss a wide range of topics that encourage and guide participants towards a more ideal and positive life experience. Drop-ins welcome. Cost: \$1 members/\$3 non-members. Call (925) 284-5050 to reserve a spot.

Join Lafayette Senior Services for this upcoming event! Free Telephone Access Program presented by Crystal Lin, Public Utilities Commission. California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) is a state-mandated program that provides free, specialized phones to help eligible consumers who have difficulty with hearing, vision, mobility, speech and/or memory from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 21 at the Cedar Room. On display will be the various phones for different applications. Ms. Lin will explain the procedure for applying for the phones and program. Free. Call (925) 284-5050 for reservations.

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets at 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School St. Moraga. Lunch at noon. The after lunch speaker will be Jim Cole, who at age 72 sailed from New York to Ireland as part of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, which ended July 22, 2012. He will be showing action movies of this adventure. For details and membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528 or Tom at (925) 376-7724.

GARDEN

Montelindo Garden Club monthly meeting (every third Friday of the month) will be at 9 a.m. Friday, March 15 at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Topic: "Incorporating Australian Plants into a New Existing Landscape" with speaker Troy McGregor, owner of Gondwana Flora, a nursery specializing in Australian plants.

Once again, The City of Walnut Creek and The Gardens at Heather Farm are teaming up to present a free workshop for our community. Discovering a Sense of Place (Part II) with Patrice Hanlon, GHF garden manager and Susan Handjian, garden consultant and coach builds on a successful session in 2012. March 9: Our Gardens and Watersheds; March 23 Everything is Connected -Integrated Pest Management ; April 27 Explore Walnut Creek's "Creek Walk." Each session includes activities or walks to explore watersheds, plants, animals and insects that live in our area. Workshops can be taken individually or as a series. Pre-registration required. The Gardens at Heather Farm is located at 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek.

Registration for the Ninth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5. This free, award-winning tour features 40 Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that are pesticide-free, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60 percent or more native plants. This self-drive tour showcases a variety of gardens, from large parcels in the hills to small lots in the flats. Native plant sales and talks are offered at select gardens. Space is limited and registration is required. This tour will fill; register early to ensure a place. Volunteers are needed. Please register or volunteer at www.bringingbackthenatives.net. For more info, contact Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call (510) 236-9558 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

SCHOOLS

Need money for college? The Contra Costa Association of Realtors Scholarship Foundation is offering scholarships to residents of Central Contra Costa County that have completed one year of full-time college, completed courses with emphasis on real estate, finance and/or business and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. If you qualify, scholarship awards can range from \$1,500 to \$2,500. For info and applications visit www.ccarscholarship.com. Deadline is April 15.

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High school student artists in the 11th District are invited to submit an original painting, drawing or other art form for the Annual Congressional Art Competition. One student's work will be selected by a judging panel of local artists to hang in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year along with student artwork from across the country. The winning student will also be flown to Washington, D.C. in June for the Annual Congressional Art Competition reception. Artwork is due the week of April 15. Artwork must be accompanied by a Student Release Form. For more information, please contact Adrienne Ursino at (925) 602-1880.

Please submit events to:
calendar@lamorinda weekly.com