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- 8 **First Friday Forum**, Matthew Heberger on California's water crisis, 1:30 p.m., Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 283-8722.
- 13 **Second Wednesday Book Group** will discuss *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga, 3 p.m., Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, 254-7606.
Orinda Parks and Recreation Department presents, Paris in the Movies, 10 a.m. to noon, library auditorium. Through March 17, www.cityoforinda.org or call 925-254-2445.
- 14 **A Race to Nowhere**, a documentary film that examines our educational system. Sponsored by OUSD elementary school Parents' Clubs and UC Berkeley's Center for Children and Youth Policy, 7 p.m., Rheem Theatre, free. Go to www.racetonowhere.com/trailer.
- 15 **Orinda Parks and Recreation Department** presents "Movies about Music," 10 a.m. to noon, library auditorium. Through March 19, www.cityoforinda.org or call 925-254-2445.
Montelindo Garden Club hosts Neal Richmond, former president of the NorCal Daylily Group, who will talk about daylilies, Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way. 9 a.m. Visit www.montelindogarden.com or email montelindogarden@aol.com.
- 16 **California Independent Film Festival's** screening of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, 6 p.m., Orinda Theatre. Actress Louise Fletcher special guest, www.caiff.org.
- 19 **The World Affairs Book Group** will discuss *The Heartless Stone: A Journey Through the World of Diamonds* by Tom Zoellner, 3 p.m., Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, 254-7606.
- 23 **California Shakespeare Theater's** Summer Conservatory begins registration, open to students ages 8 to 18. Programs run from June 21 to Aug. 6 in Lafayette, Oakland and San Francisco. Call 510-809-3293 or visit www.calshakes.org/camps.
- 24 **Orinda Association's** Volunteer of the Year and William Penn Mott, Jr. Environmental Awards dinner, 6 p.m. Orinda Country Club. Call 254-0800.
Father Roy Bourgeois speaks on "Shattering the Stained Glass Ceiling" and allowing women to the priesthood, 3 p.m., Orinda Community church, 10 Irwin Way. For information, email enewsong@gmail.com.
- 27 **St. Mary's College** presents the story of *Rip Van Winkle*, written by Washington Irving and adapted for this one-hour presentation by St. Mary's professor Michael Cook, 7 p.m., also Jan. 28 at 4 p.m., in LeFevre Theatre, Call 925-631-4670 or scahill@stmmarys-ca.edu.

AT THE LIBRARY

All events are free unless otherwise specified.

- 5 **Toddler Lapsit**, stories, songs and fingerplays for 1- to 3-year-olds and their caregivers, Gallery Room, 10 to 10:30 a.m. No registration required but attendance limited to once per week. Also Jan. 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27.
Peek-A-Boo Time, stories, songs, rhymes and rhythms for newborns to 1-year-old (pre-walkers) and their caregivers, Gallery Room, 11:30 a.m. Also Jan. 12, 19 and 26.
- 9 **Saturday Morning Live!** Family storytime for preschoolers, Picture Book Area, 11 a.m. Also Jan. 16, 23 and 30.
- 12 **Enchanted Kingdom Playroom**, a show with music, song, movement and magic, for 3- to 5-year-olds, 3 p.m. Space is limited, register at the library or online at www.ccclib.org.
- 13 **Creative Drawing Class** for children in K-2 led by Geanie Choy, 4 p.m. Space is limited, sign up one hour before the class.
- 19 **Tell It: Storytelling for Preschoolers**, a guest storyteller brings age-old tales to life with adapted myths and folktales for 3- to 5-year-olds, 1 to 1:30 p.m.
- 20 **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** trained docent will talk on the theatre's current production, *Coming Home*, Gallery Room, 7 to 8 p.m., teens and adults.

For more information on library programs, call 254-2184.

MEETINGS:

CITY/FIRE/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

- Acalanes Union High School District**, first and third Wednesdays, district office, 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette, 7:30 p.m.
- City Council**, first and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library Auditorium, www.cityoforinda.org.
- Historic Landmarks Committee**, fourth Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m., Library Garden Room, public is welcome, for information, call 925-788-7323.
- Friends of the Orinda Creeks**, fourth Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., May Room, Orinda Library. Call 253-1997.
- Moraga-Orinda Fire District**, third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Administration Building, 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga.
- Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees**, second Monday, 4 p.m., OUSD Conference Room, 8 Altarinda Road.
- Planning Commission**, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library Auditorium, 253-4210.

CLUB MEETINGS

- Diablo Star Chapter #214**, Order of the Eastern Star. Second Monday, 7:30 p.m., Orinda Masonic Center. Contact Karen Seaborn, 925-689-0995.
- Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe**, third Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda www.moragaadobe.org
- Friends of the Orinda Creeks**, fourth Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., May Room, Orinda Library. Call 253-1997.
- Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary**, Postino in Lafayette, 7 a.m. every Friday, 254-0440, ext.463.
- Orinda Rotary**, Community Center, every Wednesday at noon, 254-2222.
- Orinda Association**, Orinda Library, May Room, second Monday, 7:15 p.m., 254-0800.
- Orinda Hiking Club** meets at 9 a.m. at the old library parking lot on Irwin Way for its weekly Wednesday Hike. Call Steve at 253-0131 or visit www.orindahiking.org.
- Orinda Historical Society**, third Wednesday, OHS Museum, 3 to 5 p.m., 254-1353.
- Orinda Job's Daughters**, first and third Monday, 7 p.m., 9 Altarinda Road, 925-283-7176.
- Orinda Juniors** community service group meets first Tuesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m. Contact Diane Petek and Ann Sullivan at orinda.juniors@yahoo.com for location.
- Orinda/Tábor** (Czech Republic) Sister City Foundation, Fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. social, 7:30 p.m. meeting, call 254-8260 for location.
- Orinda Teen Advisory Council** meets first Monday, 4 p.m., Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way. For information, email orindateenadvisorycouncil@gmail.com.
- Orinda Woman's Club**, Second Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to noon; call Jean Barnhart, 254-3881.
- POISE** (Parents of Orinda Individuals in Special Education) meets at 9:30 a.m. For details contact Anna Tague, 254-5084, tague6@comcast.net.

Send calendar items to Maggie Sharpe at m.sharpe66@gmail.com

Water the Topic for First Friday Forum

By BOBBIE DODSON
Staff Writer

California Water: Crisis or Crossroads is the subject of Matthew Heberger's talk at the First Friday Forum on January 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette.

Heberger says, "Water has become one of California's most polarizing issues. Recent news highlights stories of drought, shortages and pollution, and questions are asked such as 'Should the state spend billions on new dams and a Peripheral Canal' and 'What can be done to reverse the collapse of the once-vibrant salmon fisheries?'"

Heberger comes well equipped to address these concerns. As a researcher, he has spent the last 14 years working on water issues as a consulting engineer on water policy in Washington, DC, as a hygiene and sanitation educator in West Africa and, currently, he is associated with the non-profit Pacific Institute in Oakland. At the institute, he works on such issues as water supply and water quality, the links between water and energy, and impacts of climate change on water resources.

A graduate of Cornell and Tufts Universities in engineering and hydrology, Heberger is a licensed professional engineer. Come



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Matthew G. Heberger

to hear him discuss subjects such as how insecurity over our most vital resource, water, poses threats to our health, environment and economy - and how we need to change the way we think about its use and the way in which it is managed in the 21st century.

Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. For further information, call 925-283-8722.

Holden High School Celebrating 40 Years

Holden High School, previously know as Contra Costa Alternative School, sits inconspicuously in the lower level of Orinda Community Church. For the past 40 years, the school has offered year-round enrollment for grades 9-12 in very small classes. The school prides itself on developing personal and social growth for its students and providing a receptive atmosphere for the creative arts. The student visual arts exhibit (right) held at alum Dani Juni's Remedy Salon in Emeryville is just one of many anniversary celebrations planned.

- Sally Hogarty, Editor

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