

locales. The characters are locals, too: Hansen's Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe is a quail, his Jack and Jill are big-horn sheep. New from Berkeley's Heyday Books, Hansen's lively *Mother Goose in California* helps young readers learn the alphabet and ecology via those beloved rhymes. For instance, B is for blackbird, as in four and twenty of them baked in a pie. Hansen's lush illustration shows the pastry

## LECTURES

**"artIFACTS"** The monthly lecture series for collectors takes place after the Alameda Point Antiques and Collectibles Faire. First Sunday of every month, 3 p.m., \$5-\$7. Auctions by the Bay Theater, Alameda Point Naval Air Station (Alameda Point) (2700 Saratoga St.), Alameda, 510-740-0220, AuctionsbytheBay.com.

**Culture Clash at 25 Ric Salinas** and Herbert Siguenza discuss the success of their Los Angeles-based theater group. Presented by Oakland Museum and Oakland Public Library. Thu., April 2, 6:30 p.m., free. James Moore Theater, Oakland Museum of California (Oak and 10th sts.), Oakland, 510-238-2200, MuseumCA.org.

**East Bay Women's Network: Angle Toussaint-Billingsly** Owner of KMT Management Services talks about renewal and releasing "unhealthy darkness." Info: KMTManagement.com. Wed., April 1, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$20-\$30. Harbor Bay, 1151 Harbor Bay Pkwy. Alameda, Alameda.

**Screening of Sicko** San Leandro Community Action Network hosts this screening and discussion on ways to support San Leandro Hospital. Thu., April 2, 7 p.m., free. Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave. (at Dutton Ave.), San Leandro, 510-569-0102, ZocaloCoffeehouse.com.

## LITERARY EVENTS

**David Wesley** Discussing Palestinians within the Green Line and their struggle for equality. Mon., April 6, 5:30 p.m., free. University Press Books, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 510-548-0585, University

ments, are two red-winged blackbirds: a common sight, sans hats, at California creeks and lakes. (Apparently this pair has just baked two dozen of their pals.)

Among many previous projects, Hansen was commissioned by a historical association to spend nine years illustrating some of Fresno's loveliest old homes. That experience helped him celebrate his hometown — and his creative

PressBooks.com.

**Drop-in Poetry Workshop** Second Wednesday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Continues through June 1, free. Albany Library, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany, 510-526-3720, ACLibrary.org.

**Eighth Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival** With poetry and prose workshops for adults and youth, poetry and prose contests, an awards banquet, a Literary Row, a reception and book signings, and a fine arts exhibit. Registration forms available at PleasantonArts.org. April 4-5. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, 925-931-5365.

**First Thursdays** A monthly open mic with featured readers and/or a featured poet. First Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m., free. Albany Library, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany, 510-526-3720, ACLibrary.org.

**Helen Krayenhoff Reception** Presenting water colors and illustrations that depict spring plants. Sun., April 5, 4-6 p.m., free. Mrs. Dalloway's Literary and Garden Arts, 2904 College Ave., Berkeley, 510-704-8222, MrsDalloways.com.

**The Holloway Series in Poetry Presents: Cyrus Consol6** Thu., April 2, 6:30 p.m., free. 315 Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley.

**Paul McGeough** Reading from his book *Kill Khalid: The Failed Mossad Assassination of Khalid Mishal and the Rise of Hamas* at this event sponsored by Mrs. Dalloway's Literary and Garden Arts. Tue., April 7, 7:30 p.m., \$10. Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley, 510-848-3227, HillsideClub.org.

**Poetry Flash with Beat Poets** Beat poets **Diane di Prima, Michael McClure, and David Meltzer** Sun., April 5, 3 p.m., free. Diesel, 5433 College Ave., Oakland, 510-653-9965, Diesel.booksense.com.

**The Reminders Book Group** First Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante, 510-374-3991, www.contra-costa.lib.ca.us/libinfo/branch.html#elsobran.

**Second Annual Pocket Poem Giveaway** With giveaways from Mari L'esperance, Brenda Hillman, Rusty Morrison, Michael Palmer, D.A.Powell, and Matthew Zaprunder. April 1-30, free. Mrs. Dalloway's Literary and Garden Arts, 2904 College Ave., Berkeley, 510-704-8222, MrsDalloways.com.

## SPOKEN WORD

**brOakland Poetry Slam** Third and First Friday of every month, 7:30 p.m., \$3-\$5. Cafe Axe Cultural Center, 1525 Webster St., Oakland, 510-839-0055, MySpace.com/cafeaxeculture.

**Cafe Poetry** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., donations requested. La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-849-2568, LaPenaa.org.

**First Thursdays** First Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Albany Library, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany, 510-526-3720, ACLibrary.org.

**Holla Back** Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 p.m., donations requested. EastSide Cultural Center, 2277 International Blvd., Oakland, 510-533-6629.

**Music & Spoken Word Open Mic** First Sunday of every month, 4-8 p.m., free. C'era Una Volta, 1332-D Park St. (at Redwood Sq.), Alameda, 510-769-4828, CeraUnaVolta.us.

**Open Mic with Dave May** Thursdays, 7 p.m., \$5. Crosstown Community Center & Coffeehouse, 1303 High St., Alameda, 510-864-8600, CrosstownCoffee.org.

for nearly 25 years. Among other *Bee* work, he illustrates a monthly column by local farmer David "Mas" Masumoto, author of the landmark 1995 book *Epitaph for a Peach*. Hansen presents *Mother Goose in California* at the **Lawrence Hall of Science** (Centennial Drive, Berkeley) on April 6. 1 p.m. LHS.Berkeley.edu

— Anneli Rufus

## PICKS

### A Korean Wave

The multi-award-winning author of eleven books, including *Windflower* and *Woman on the Terrace*, **Chung-hee Moon** is one of Korea's most celebrated poets. As part of the Lunch Poems series in UC Berkeley's **Morrison Library**, she reads on Thursday, Apr. 2, with Jeongrye Choi, Young Mi Choi, Hyesoon Kim,



Young Mi Choi.

and Hee-duk Ra. 12:10 p.m., free. LunchPoems.Berkeley.edu — Anneli Rufus

### JoAnn Smith Ainsworth

As a blind Saxon woman, Lady Lynnet has few choices and little independence. But when she overhears a murder plot and finds herself falling for a sheriff, the plot thickens in **JoAnn Smith Ainsworth's** new romance novel *Out of the Dark*, which she reads on Saturday, Apr. 4, at **A World of Books** (137 Pelton Center Way, San Leandro). 2 p.m., free. SanLeandroBooks.com — A.R.

### Paul McGeough

Once a marginal militant group, Hamas rose to power after Israel's spy agency Mossad unsuccessfully attempted to assassinate Hamas official Khalid Mishal in 1997. At the **Hillside Club** (2286 Cedar St., Berkeley) on Tuesday, Apr. 7, award-winning journalist **Paul McGeough** discusses *Kill Khalid: The Failed Mossad Assassination of Khalid Mishal* and the

Persis M. Karim.



*Rise of Hamas*. 7:30 p.m., \$10. HillsideClub.org — A.R.

### Persis M. Karim

Growing up in the Bay Area with a French mother and Iranian father, **Persis M. Karim** became increasingly fascinated with Iran's language, literature, and culture. Her lecture at **Diesel** (5433 College Ave., Oakland) on Thursday, Apr. 2, is titled "Beyond Memoir: Women, Writing, and the Making of Iranian Diaspora Identities." 7 p.m., free. DieselBookstore.com — A.R.

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