

◆ Not to be missed ◆

Free Seminar on Senior Fraud Prevention Thursday, September 20th at Aegis of Moraga 6:30pm to 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP 925-408-2566

Town Hall Theater

"Bleacher Bums." Through October 14th "The Weir" Through October 27th Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates, times and prices. Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street at Moraga Road, Lafayette, 925-283-1557 or <http://www.thtc.org>

"King Lear" September 19 – October 14. Bruns Amphitheater, Orinda. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Cal Shakes Box Office at 510.548.9666 or visit www.calshakes.org

Auditions for Civic Arts Education's Junior and Teen Theatre Programs Sept. 23 (1-3 p.m.); Sept. 27 (4-5:30 p.m.); Sept. 29 (9 a.m. – noon) Shadelands Campus, 111 N. Wiget Land, Walnut Creek, CA 925-943-5846 Junior Theatre (9-15) is a school-year long program that works on the finer skills of dance,

vocals, character development, and production. Teen Theatre helps performers aged 14-18 hone their skills as they perform a large-scale musical – "Into the Woods." Teen participants also mentor YTC's younger students.

Moraga Art Gallery Show "Life on Earth" Through October 27, 2007 Includes local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. 925.376 5407, www.moragaartgallery.com

Life's Pleasures: A Visual Feast, Lafayette Gallery, through October 6, 2007. A Visual Feast offers the dazzle of jewelry, the rich color and detail of acrylic and oil paintings, the complex, interwoven images of collage, the earthy resonance of ceramics. Join the 23 members of the Lafayette Gallery as step into a new season of art with works in a variety of media. Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, is open

Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 5pm. (925) 284-2788. www.lafayettegallery.net

Lafayette Concerts hosts a cd release party for WayBlonde, a.k.a Joanne Weil Heald, on Friday, September 21, at the Lafayette Community Center in Lafayette. A vocalist/rhythm guitarist from the San Francisco Bay Area, Joanne has been a singer most of her life and a rhythm guitarist for over 20 years. Her intent is to draw the audience into the spirit and soulfulness of her style and her repertoire. Tickets for Friday night's event are \$15 and are available at the door. Reservations are suggested. 925-283-1959 or charlotte@lafayetteconcerts.com. Doors open at 7:00 PM with the show starting at 7:30 PM. For a complete schedule of 2007 concerts,

Fireside Chat

Tuesday September 25 at 7 p.m., the Orinda Library presents a Fireside Chat with poet, Phyllis Stowell, whose collection of poems, "Arc of Grief," was written in the year after the death of her husband. Stowell, who is Professor Emerita at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, has been widely published. The Orinda Library is at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more information, please call (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website at www.cclib.org.

Piano Jazz Café Afternoon Concert September 28th from 1:30 to 2:30 PM, Sequoia Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd, Lafayette. (925)284-5050. Free.

Whale Bus visits Libraries on Saturday, September 29, 10:30 a.m. in Lafayette and 2 p.m. in Orinda. Learn about whales, dolphins and porpoises by examining specimens. Assemble a skeleton from a pilot whale. Pre-K to 6th grade.

Baritone David Auerbach and pianist Martin Morley will be featured in recital Sunday, September 30 at 4:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette. Piano works by Chopin, Dohnanyi and Satie; German lieder, French chansons, songs in English by Vaughan Williams and Noel Coward. Free

Rossmoor folk-dancing. Demonstration dance, October 6th, 11:00 am, HQ building. Teaching and review, every Wed at 1:45 and 3:15. Rossmoor Del Valle fitness center. \$5 for the year Guests confirm with judyagordon@sbcglobal.net or (925) 631-1227

Lafayette Jazz in the Plaza Free concert series every Friday night in September from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Lafayette Plaza, located at Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Moraga Rd. Local artists from the Lafayette Gallery will display each week in the Plaza. The Lafayette Rotary Club will be cooking up dogs and selling beverages. September 21 - Brian Pardo and the Bentley Jazz Ensemble September 29 - Rory Snyder Quartet

Live Music in Orinda's Theatre Square 5:30 -8:30 every Thursday night Sept 20th- Icarus Trio-Jazz Sept 27th-Open Road-Classic Rock & Midtown Oct 4th-The Adrian Gormley Ensemble-Jazz

"Time to Celebrate Life" Benefit for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition- Thursday, Oct 4th, 5-8 p.m. Clocks, Etc., La Fiesta Square, Lafayette

Thursday, October 4th, 5 PM Local author Ying Chang Compestine will discuss and sign copies of her new novel for young readers, Revolution is Not a Dinner Party. Drawing on her own childhood experiences, the author brings hope and humor to a fascinating story of a young girl growing up and fighting to survive during the Cultural Revolution in China. Thursday, October 11 4:00 PM Deborah Trotter will discuss and sign copies of her new children's book A Summer's Trade. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, CA; 925/254-7606 orindabooks@thegrid.net

E-Waste Event, Oct 6th, Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Lafayette

Free Test Preparation workshops at the Moraga Library Saturday October 13 ACT Full Length Practice Test 8:30 am-1:00 pm Kaplan's full –length proctored practice tests will show students what to expect in a test-like environment. Students will receive a comprehensive analysis of their performance detailing individual strengths and weaknesses. Students and parents are then invited back to

participate in follow up seminars, where they can ask questions about their results and learn key test taking strategies to help them reach score goals.

Fall Art Fair - Free

Saturday October 13, 10am-5pm Local artists presented by The Lamorinda Arts Alliance. Orinda Community Center, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA www.laa4art.org

Octoberfest - Diablo Valley Montessori School - Saturday, October 13th, 11-2 pm 3390 Deer Hill Road in Lafayette. Games, crafts and food for toddlers to kindergarten age kids. Bake sale and pumpkins for sale. Free admission though individual booths require purchase of tickets. Due to limited on-site parking, guests can park at Lafayette Bart and a free shuttle will bring them to the event.

Pumpkin Patch Carnival - Saturday, October 13 from 12:00-3:00 Fundraiser for Del Rey School in Orinda. Games, Carnival booths, a giant inflatable slide, an obstacle course and a dunk tank as well as a bake sale, cake walk and scary cake decorating

Grand opening celebration for Lafayette's multi-sports rink Saturday, September 29th, 10:30-2:30; See article page 2

Art show - St. Mary's College Hosted by Preserve Lamorinda Open Space and the Sierra Club Sunday, September 30, 10 am - 5 pm see article page 5

Moraga Pear Festival-Saturday, September 29th 11:00am - 4:00pm, Moraga Commons Park see article pg 3

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Campus Happenings



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Special Events:

"Premiere of Joey Travolta Film Camp Videos"

A special Red Carpet Premiere will feature videos produced by Joey Travolta and "his crew" at film camp this summer. Each budding filmmaker will receive an "Academy Award" for their participation. Beverages and appetizers will be served.

Ticket information: \$10 in advance for child/teen tickets; \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for adults. Please make checks payable to Full Circle of Choices and mail to Lisa Mclaurin, 503 Fallen Leaf Circle, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Free admission for camper filmmakers and camp volunteers.

Saturday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Soda Center, Saint Mary's College

Performances/Lectures:

The Collegiate Players present: "Agamemnon" by Aeschylus – Ted Hughes updates Greek tragedy Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Sept. 23-25 at 5 p.m. Redwood Grove Saint Mary's College free

"Creative Writing Reading Series – Ben Lerner"

Ben Lerner is the author the book "The Lichtenberg Figures," which won the Hayden Carruth Award

and was named one of the best books of poetry published in 2004 by Library Journal. His second book, titled "Angle of Yaw," was published in 2006 and was a finalist for the National Book Award. Lerner co-founded and co-edits No: a journal of the arts. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Soda Center Free

Art Exhibitions: "Dreaming In Color: Aboriginal Art from Balgo, Australia"

The Balgo works illustrate episodes of The Dreaming, the time of creation when powerful ancestral beings created the world and everything in it. Although Balgo artists also create and sell secular paintings, the purpose of a large part of their artistic practice is to retain and pass on traditional religious knowledge and Aboriginal culture. Much of the meaning of the vibrant and elegant images, symbols and patterns in Aboriginal painting is sacred and secret to the non-initiated viewer. Sept. 8 through Oct. 14 Hearst Art Gallery

"William Keith: The 1880s Paintings"

Works from the 1880s, which marked a decade of great changes in William Keith's life. On view in the William Keith Room Hearst Art Gallery

Gallery hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$2 adults; youth 12 and under free; members free; SMC community free. The exhibition space is ADA accessible.

Free parking is available adjacent to and across the road from the building.

For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/events.html>

What: An Afternoon Tea
When: Saturday, September 29, 12:00 - 2:30 pm
Where: Orinda Masonic Lodge, 9 Altarinda Road, Orinda
Who: Hosted by Diablo Star, Order of the Eastern Star

Ladies of all ages, (12 and over) are most welcome. Our Afternoon Tea will be "steeped" in fun. There will be culinary delights, desserts and teas to savor. There will be a live and silent auction, as well as lovely custom jewelry and fashion accessories available. What a great opportunity to shop early for the Holidays!

Eastern Star is a charitable non-profit organization and member of the Masonic Family. We volunteer many hours for community services and fund raising. This enables us to complete our charitable work. One of our many projects is to gather and hand craft infant wear. Last year we delivered over 90 beautiful layettes

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The following letter was edited to conform to our maximum word count.

Dear Editor:

After attending the Special Town Meeting concerning the three bumps installed on Camino Pablo, it is apparent that creating an overall, safer environment is not the real purpose of road changes in Moraga..

Narrowing Moraga Road at Campolindo High School would not only create traffic backup, it would obstruct emergency vehicles, and one of the few emergency escape routes for the whole community. Narrowing of the southern Camino Pablo road, to put bike lanes closer to traffic creates a less safe environment for bikers. To say that it is the parents responsibility to teach their children traffic safety is a lame excuse to try to justify creating an unsafe environment. Parents do teach their children about traffic safety.

Not informing the whole com-

munity about planning meetings involving such massive road obstruction projects is not acceptable. Several residents presented much better ideas and were open to exploring all possibilities before leaping into an overkill, dangerous, non-solution for overall safety.

What other unannounced road surprises does the Council have in mind?

At present, the bumps are not adequately visible in daylight. Going home from the meeting in the dark, they were invisible. A huge mistake has occurred. Changes are absolutely necessary. Stop all current and planned road changes now. Get community input. Go back and do it right.

Rita Bowman
 Moraga

Dear Editor:

I read with dismay the article on the brouhaha around the showing of L'Humanite at the

Rheem Theater on August 14th. Once again, a small minority of people have tried to bully the rest of us into living by their Puritanical values. The Rheem has tried to bring us films which are critically acclaimed and intended for intelligent adult audiences. Europeans has a different approach to life and art than do many Americans. This means that their films may not always be for those who have narrow ideas about what art is. Regardless of critical acclaim, I read about films before I see them and make an informed choice about whether I can expect to enjoy them. I would suggest that those who were offended pay more attention to the choices they make. Had they taken a few minutes to read about the film they could have just stayed home and not offended the rest of us.

Mike Bernhardt
 Moraga

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