

Not to be missed

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RHEEM Theater
350 Park Street Moraga
988-3411
Coming Soon

Oct 17
MAX PAYNE
with Mark Wahlberg
Oct 24
SAW V
Oct 31
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
CHANGELING

Please give us your thoughts and ideas as we spruce up and refurbish our RHEEM THEATRE. Email us at js@earthlink.net Jim Sheehan and Tom Peterson

~ When the mind is clear, stress is reduced
~ When the body is clear, confidence boosts
~ When the spirit is clear, joy is achieved
~ When all are clear **together**, miracles happen

Wholistic Arts Festival

Sunday 10/19/08
10am - 6pm

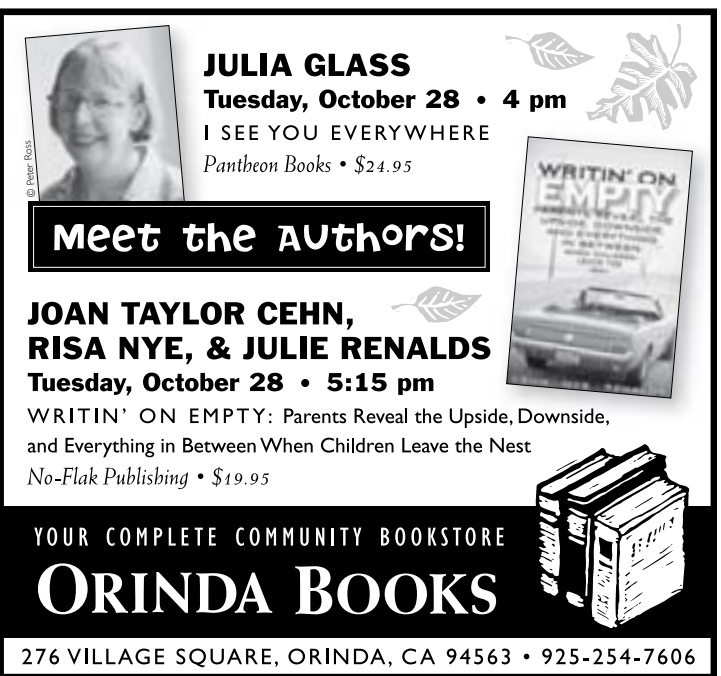
Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill

**Alternative Practitioners • Bodyworkers
Readers • Coaches • Labyrinth • Skin Products
Spa Products • Jewelry • Books • Music
More!**

General Admission \$7
\$2 discount through Website

www.WholisticArtsFestival.com

* proceeds go to Bret C. Harte Fund



JULIA GLASS
Tuesday, October 28 • 4 pm
I SEE YOU EVERYWHERE
Pantheon Books • \$24.95

Meet the Authors!

JOAN TAYLOR CEHN, RISA NYE, & JULIE RENALDS
Tuesday, October 28 • 5:15 pm
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No-Flak Publishing • \$19.95

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Lamorinda Academy of Music and Art
Private and group lessons
Piano, string instruments, voice
Competitions, Tests, Fun
All Ages & All Levels
925-299-1240

Not to be missed

"Touch of Vegas" musical creates an unforgettable dining experience. The Orinda House, 65 Moraga Way, Orinda.

ART

Moraga Art Gallery Show through Oct. 26th. "Summer of Decision" by 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., Rheim Valley Shopping Center/ next to Longs Drugs Moraga. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm, 925.376.5407.



"A Novel Idea," is the new show featured at the Lafayette Gallery through Oct. 25th. The four featured artists have incorporated references from both prose and poetry into their art. The Lafayette Gallery is located at 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayettegallery.net.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum - Vanishing Wildlife- through Nov. 16. Watercolor and mixed-media by Rita Sklar Vanishing Wildlife depicts American, European, Latin American and African wildlife. Critics describe her paintings as a mix of abstraction and realism, giving the paintings a feeling of movement and immediacy and praise them as capturing the subtle mood of the mystery of nature. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Avenue, Walnut Creek. www.wildlife-museum.org.

Exhibit: Balancing Perspectives East Asian Influences in Contemporary Art. Nov. 1 - 22. Presented in association with the de Young Museum College Advisory Committee. The exhibit will be featuring works by renowned contemporary Bay Area artists like William T. Wiley, Ming Ren and Gigi Janchang. Complementing the de Young exhibit, the works will be in a variety of media and reflect East Asian artistic and philosophical influences and stylistic techniques. Free. JFK University Arts & Consciousness Gallery, 2956 San Pablo Avenue, 2nd Floor, Berkeley. (enter at Ashby Ave.) For more information call 510-649-0499, or visit www.jfku.edu/asian

LECTURES & LITERATURE

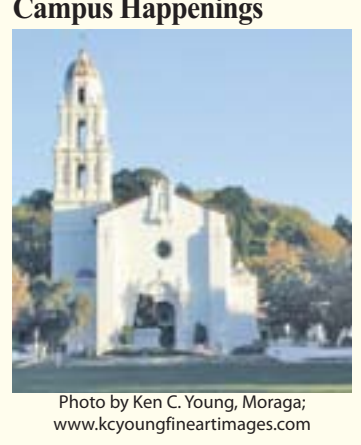
On Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, the Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda Libraries launch the second-annual Three Communities, One Book program, "Lamorinda Reads!" See story page 5

Finding Gifted Children: Gifted Behaviors In and Out of the Classroom-Book Signing After the Free Event - Open to the Public- presented by Saklan Valley School and its Parent Association. James T. Webb, Ph.D., ABPP-CL, has been recognized as one of the 25 most influential psychologists nationally on gifted education and he is the lead author of five books and several DVDs about gifted children, four of which have won "Best Book" awards. Thursday, Oct. 23rd 7pm - 9pm. Oakwood Athletic Club, Lafayette. Please RSVP at www.saklan.org, or call at 925-376-7900

Oct. 23 at 7:30pm, Kathleen McCleary will discuss her bestselling book, House and Home, at the Lafayette Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. 20% of the proceeds go to the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center. For more information, call (925) 283-3872 or go to lafayette.lib.ca.gov

Book readings: Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4pm
Julia Glass will sign copies of her new novel I See You Everywhere. 5:15 pm, Joan Taylor Cehn, Risa Nye, and Julie Renalds will read from Writin' on

Saint Mary's College



Campus Happenings

The Role of the California National Guard: Protecting the U.S. at Home or Abroad? Thursday, Oct 16th, Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Rd, Lafayette. Critics say that if a larger portion of The Guard were protecting the home front rather than serving abroad in Iraq, the recent California wildfires could have been more easily contained. As head of the California National Guard, General Wade offers a unique perspective on the role of our reservist force. 6 p.m. check-in, 6:30 p.m. program. Cost: \$15 members and, \$30 non-members Visit commonwealthclub.org for more information or call 415-597-6705 to make a reservation.

Open House
BA in Leadership and Organizational Studies for working adults. Hybrid on-line format. Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 - 8:30pm and Saturday, November 1, 10-noon. Soda Center on campus.

Seminars
Distinguished Speaker Series: Sat. October 25-Dr. Danny Brassell Teacher educator, author consultant. "Weapons of Mass Instruction: Lessons Learned from the Teaching Trenches!" Soda Center, Saint Mary's College, Moraga. \$60/session. To register, contact: Lydia Wiley, (925) 631-8124

Creative Writing Reading Series
Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Brenda Miller's book, "Season of the Body: Essays," was a finalist for the PEN American Center Book Award. She has received four Pushcart Prizes for her work in creative nonfiction, and her essays have appeared in such periodicals as The Georgia Review, Prairie Schooner, Fourth Genre, The Sun and Yoga Journal. Soda Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga Contact: MFA Program (925) 631-4457

Las Trampas Celebrates 50 years- Thursday Oct. 16 11am to 2pm The special event is open to the public and features an open house with tours of our campus, client art display, live music and refreshments and raffle prizes. Las Trampas is a non-profit organization dedicated since 1958 to enhancing the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. Las Trampas' campus (3460 Lana Lane, Lafayette). For more information, please call Bonnie Peacock at (925) 284-1462 ext. 239. See also: <http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0215/Las-Trampas-Inc-Celebrates-50-Years-of-Service-to-the-Developmentally-Disabled.html>

Widowed Persons Support group will have a luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. at Back Forty Texas B.B.Q., 100 Coggins Drive, Pleasant Hill. Cost: \$16. Reservation required by Thursday, Oct 14. Call Molly Rummion (925)283-1119 or Millie Weisberg (925)906-9483. Widows and widowers are invited.

Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Keith Ellison (D - MN 5) Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 am. Congressman Ellison will address the current situations of war and peace around the world and social and economic injustice in our country, including the economy, credit card interest rates and health care. Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Co-Sponsors: Northern California Peace Alliance, Social Action Committee of Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, Lamorinda Peace and Justice Group and Rossmoor Grandparents for Peace.

Open House-Hacienda de las Flores - Sunday, Oct 19th from 2 to 5 p.m. 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga. This romantic Spanish-style estate features a patio with central fountain, large lawn and beautifully landscaped gardens. Discover the beautiful historical buildings and share your views of what the Hacienda should become to better serve the community. Tours for all ages, Treasure Hunt for the younger crowd, refreshments and informal discussion with the Foundation members at 4:30 p.m.

Home Composting for Busy People workshop on the Saturday, Nov 8th from 1-2:30. If you are interested in attending, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you rsvp with the Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority at 925-906-1806. McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda, 925-254-3713

The 5th Annual St. Perpetua Wine Festival is Sat., Nov. 8, 6:30 - 10:30PM at the War Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette. This is a wonderful event to attend with friends and taste some hard to find wines. The event will include an extensive selection of wines to taste, learn about and buy; thanks to Wine Thieves, local Lafayette Wine Merchants. There will be a professional three-piece jazz band along with a delicious catered buffet dinner. Tickets are \$55 each and include the wine tasting, entertainment and delicious food. You can purchase tickets on-line at www.stperpetua.org Call St. Perpetua School for more information 925-284-1640.

CARE Parent Network- a workshop for parents of children with special needs in Contra Costa SELPA, which includes the Acalanes, Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda school districts - Saturday, Nov 8 from 9 am - 3 pm. The 'Parent Academy' is a wonderful opportunity for parents to attend up to four workshop sessions presented by an outstanding group of educators on some of the most

Theater
"Abundance" -- a Play by Beth Henley. Directed by Rebecca Engle, the play is a quirky comedy about mail-order brides, by the Pulitzer-winning author of "Crimes of the Heart." Thurs-Sun, Nov. 13-22, 8 pm and Sun., Nov. 16, 2 p.m. LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Tickets: \$8 for SMC faculty, staff and students. \$12 for non-SMC students. \$15 general admission. Performing Arts (925) 631-4670

Art Exhibits
The Second Golden Age of Dutch Art: 19th Century Dutch Paintings from the Beekhuis Collection. Oct. 12 - Dec. 14 Paintings by more than sixty artists represent a broad range of styles and subject matter, including cityscapes, landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, portraits, and interiors. The exhibition is comprised of three main groupings: Dutch Romanticism, The Hague School and Dutch Impressionism. Exhibition Admission: \$3; Gallery Hours: Wed - Sun, 11 am - 4:30 pm, 925.631.4379, www.hearstgallery.org.



Exhibition hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 am until 4:30 pm
Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 and under free; free parking
Web site: <http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu>.
Telephone: 925-631-4379
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>.

requested topics in special education. Marchus School, 2900 Avon Avenue, Concord. Contra Costa SELPA parents: \$25, other parents: \$35, Other professionals: \$50. Deadline to register is Oct. 31. Pre-registration is required. Questions? Call Cathy Nicoll, SELPA Coordinator at 925-827-0949 x13 Visit our website: www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/selpa/ccselpa.htm

Volunteers Needed: Tax-Aide Counselors, Computer Techies, and Greeters. Help low to moderate-income tax-payers of all ages - focusing on those over age 60. Provide free tax return preparation and electronic filing service. To learn about the non-profit all-volunteer program, attend a half-day orientation meeting in Nov. (Orientation not required to volunteer) Classes to become IRS Certified Counselor in January 2009. You will learn much more about helping people through Tax-Aide when you call LaVerne Gordon, District Coordinator, at 925/335-8749 or 925/256-6807 or email laverneg1@juno.com,

HALLOWEEN

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Pumpkin Patch- 20 Washington Lane, Orinda. Saturday, Oct. 18th from 11am-3pm. Bring your child to Sleepy Hollow School for games, food and fun at our annual fund raising carnival.

Orinda Giorieta School's Annual Halloween Funfest- 15 Martha Rd, Orinda Saturday, Oct. 18th from 10am-3pm. Spooktacular fun for the whole family: freaky fun carnival games; haunted obstacle Course, Black cat cakewalk, giant slike, pumpkin decorating and lots of prizes.

The Moraga Juniors annual Halloween Carnival will take place on Sunday Oct. 26, from 10-2 at Campplido High School at 300 Moraga Road in Moraga. It is a fun and fanciful event perfect for children ages 2 to 8 years, and attracts over 500 children each year. Participants will be able to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, enjoy carnival games with prizes for all and a festive art center with trick or treat bags and face painting. Admission is \$3 per child, plus a small charge for game tickets and food. All children are encouraged to come in costume.

Halloween masquerade ball Friday, Oct. 24th with live music, dancing, cash bar and a special planetarium show experience. The kids can trick or treat at Chabot on Saturday, Oct. 25 in their costumes and have a family fun day. Call the Box Office at 510-336-7373 to register. Box Office (510) 336-7373, Online tickets www.chabot.space.org

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