

◆ Not to be missed ◆

Moraga Movers Monthly Dinner.
Monday, August 13
All Lamorinda residents age 55+ are invited to attend the monthly dinner in the Soda Center at St. Mary's College. Gordon Nathan, President of the Rescue One Foundation and coordinator for the Community Emergency Response Network will speak to the group about emergency preparedness. To make a reservation, please call 376-6622. For more information about other upcoming Moraga Movers events, call Dan Rego at 377-8702.

SOLAR 101 FOR HOMEOWNERS
The Orinda Library is hosting a seminar by Jay Herman from NorCal Solar Energy Association on Wednesday, August 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. This informational program is a can't miss for homeowners considering residential solar power and solar thermal heating. The 45-minute presentation answers questions about how solar works and whether it is suitable for your home. Herman will also offer a review for solar electricity and how to choose a solar electricity contractor. Free. Gallery Room of the Orinda Library at 26 Orinda Way. Visit the website at www.cclib.org or call 925-254-2184.

California Shakespeare Theater Presents
"The Triumph of Love" by Pierre Marivaux, adapted and directed by Lillian Groag. Through - September 2
A sharply drawn and elegantly composed comedy, The Triumph of Love explores the entire nature of love, in all its romantic glory and painful cruelty. Lillian Groag, director of 2005's The Tempest, returns to mount her own adaptation of this work by one of France's most influential 18th century playwrights.
Tue-Wed-Thurs 7:30pm (except for preview nights which are at 8:00pm the first Wednesday and Thursday of each show)
Fri-Sat 8:00 pm, Sunday 4:00 pm, 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

The California Theater Arts Young Performers Theater presents
Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" directed by John Butterfield. August 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 at the CTA Crossroads Theater, 1277 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek. For tickets call 925-944-0597

Town Hall Theatre Company Presents "Bleacher Bums."
August 18 - October 14, 2007
This hysterical comedy tells the story of eight devout Chicago fans at Wrigley Field, who spend afternoons in the sun watching the Chicago Cubs, cheering the action on the field while getting some gambling action in the seats. Beer and ballgame fare will be served in the seats at Town Hall Theatre. Not recommended for children under 12 (strong language)
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, evenings 8:00 p.m. Sundays 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times. 90 minutes, no intermission, one Seventh Inning Stretch. Tickets: Adults - \$28-\$32, Seniors (62 and older) - \$24-\$29 Youths (13-18) - \$23-\$25. Student Rush - 15 minutes before the curtain, \$12 per ticket for any show IN CASH with student ID. Group pricing available. Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street at Moraga Road, Lafayette, 925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org

Orinda Starlight Village Players Presents "See How They Run" by Philip King
Fridays and Saturdays, August 24, 25, and September 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 22 at 8:30 pm Sunday, Sept. 16th at 4PM; and Thursday, Sept. 20th at 8PM. 26 Orinda Way, at the Orinda Community Center Outside Amphitheater Adult \$15, senior/student \$7.50, group rates available. No Reservations needed. (925)253-1191

Playing Live at the Orinda House
Thursday, 08-09-07, Sonny Fitman, vocals and guitar.
Saturday, 08-11-07, Water Sign, wonderful Jazz, R&B, and Originals Octet.

Mid-Summer Music Concert
Friday, August 24th 1:30 - 3:00
Featuring Mark Shaw on Backwoods Fiddle and Ray Carpenter on Guitar and Vocals. Join us for a summer musical bash creek side under the oaks. The concert of old time folk music from Ireland, Scotland plus some French Canadian airs and good old 19th century American tunes will be performed by Mark Shaw on fiddle and vocalist Ray Carpenter on guitar. We will be serving cool ice tea and lemonade and other light refreshments. As space is very limited, it's best to sign up early! Please call (925)284-5050 to register. Lafayette Senior Services, 500 Saint Mary's Rd, Lafayette

Voices of Musica Sacra, a chorus directed by John Kendal Bailey,
Announces auditions for all voice parts on Sunday, August 26, 2007, 1:00 to 6:00 pm in Walnut Creek. Call 925-930-0516 for more info and to schedule an audition. www.voicesofmusicasacra.org.

Golden Gate Boy's Choir Parents Day Concert
Free and open to the public
Saturday, August 11, 2007 at 2:00 pm. Diocesan Youth Retreat Center 977 Reliez Valley Road. Family friendly program of choral music, handbell ringing and Orff instrumentation. We especially invite families with boys, age 7 - 12 interested in GGBC membership.

New Moraga Art Gallery Show "Life on Earth" August 14-October 27
Includes local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design. The Gallery is also featuring the work of Dorrie Bosley Langley, a Martinez artist whose murals and wall art may be seen in locations around the East Bay. The public is invited to the Opening Reception on Saturday, August 18, from 3-5 pm. The photography show "Capturing the Light" will still show through August 11. Moraga Art Gallery 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. 925.376.5407

Orinda Library Gallery- Group Show Through August 17, 2007
M-Friday, 10-6 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm. (925)254-2184. The Oakland Art Association presents a Group Show of all media: paintings, drawings, photography, collage, monoprnts, etchings, small sculpture and woodcuts created by Bay Area local artists at the Orinda Library Gallery in Orinda, from July 13-August 17th. Opening Reception, Sunday, July 22, 2:30-4:30 pm. 24 Orinda Way, Gallery Room, Upper Level. The show will be judged by Charlotte Huntley, an avid watercolor artist who has proven to be a popular Demonstrator, knowledgeable Juror, inspiring Workshop Instructor and award winning author.

Moraga Chamber's Luau on Saturday, August 25, from 5 to 10 PM
Diners will be treated to an authentic Hawaiian buffet. Guests will enjoy two hours of live Hawaiian and Tahitian entertainment. Learn how to make an authentic flower lei and enter a raffle to win a trip for two to Hawaii. The Luau will be held on the field of the Old Moraga Ranch, across from Safeway on School Street. Information and tickets online at www.moragalaua.com or at the UPS store in the Moraga Center. Advanced tickets are \$45 for adults and

\$10 for children 6-12 years old, and respectively \$50 and \$15 at the door. Children 5 and under are free.

FREE SAT/ACT Kaplan Test Prep at the Moraga Library
Practice SAT/ACT Combo Test (Code: SKBK7052) Sat, August 11, 2007 8:30am-1:30pm SAT and ACT Test Strategies 101 (CODE: SKBK7054) Tues, August 21, 2007 7-8pm
www.kaptest.com/college or call 1-800-KAPTEST to register
Space is limited, so sign up today!
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Anne Randolph Workshop: Opposing Osteoporosis
Fri, August 17th 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Learn how to maintain or possibly increase your bone mass. What are the risk factors for developing osteoporosis; what are some treatments? Get tips on how you can take control and keep your bones in the best shape possible. Free. Please call (925)284-5050 to register. Lafayette Senior Services, 500 Saint Mary's Rd, Lafayette

Total Lunar Eclipse - view at Chabot
August 27-28 (10 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.) Take a long nap on Monday, Aug. 27 and then stay up all night as Chabot Space & Science Center celebrates the Total Lunar Eclipse. Take a special Full Moon hike; enjoy a planetarium presentation on eclipses; engage in make-and-take lunar activities; and look through Chabot's research-level telescopes. There's no better way to enjoy this stunning astronomical phenomenon in which the moon will actually appear red - a result of light emanating from sunrises and sunsets around the Earth! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for youth, students and seniors on or before Aug. 15 - \$13/\$9 if purchased later (or at the door). To purchase advance tickets, call (510) 336-7373 or click on www.chabotspace.org 10000 Skyline Blvd. • Oakland,

DELTA DOOMED?
The Commonwealth Club of California, in association with The Pacific Institute hosts a Panel of Experts, Thursday August 16th on the sustainability of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the peripheral canal. 6:00 p.m Wine and cheese reception | 6:30 p.m., Program | Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Rd., Lafayette | \$15 for Members, \$30 for Non-Members | Tel: (415) 597-6738 or www.commonwealthclub.org

Join the Orinda Owls Book Club Tuesday, August 21 7:00 PM
Read and discuss White Ghost Girls by Alice Greenway.
The Orinda Owls meet monthly at Orinda Books and welcome new members. 276 Village Square, Orinda, 925-254-7606 orindabooks@thegrid.net

Live Music in Orinda's Theatre Square. 5:30 - 8:30 every Thursday night
August 9th - The Final Four- Retro Beatles Style
August 16th - Shan Kenner- Spanish, Flamenco Guitar
August 23rd - Michael Robinson Band- Roadhouse Blues
August 30th - The Black Diamond Band-Blues & R/B

Free Summer Concert- Moraga
Thursday, August 9th, Juke Joint, Blues Thursday, August 16th, Ventana, Latin Moraga Commons Park 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Rock the Plaza
Free Concerts in Lafayette's Plaza - Mt Diablo Blvd/Moraga Rd
6:00 p.m. Friday Evening
August 10th: Stone Soup
August 17th: Total Eclipse

Acting Teens Wow Audience

By Cathy Tyson
Before the curtain rose on a recent performance of "Harvey" at the Town Hall Theatre there was a distinct buzz in the audience. Neighbors, grandmas, friends and family were here in support of these young actors who had worked so hard honing their performances. This was the culmination of the summer acting class for the Ovation group of Town Hall Kids. Teens 14 - 18, many of whom had been in earlier productions, had the opportunity to work in a small ensemble with guidance from director Joel Roster. He says of the close-knit group, "I couldn't be prouder of the cast. Not only do students put on a full scale production, but they develop an appreciation of the theater."

Soon to be a senior at Campolindo, Alex Dixon Hall, who plays one of the main characters, Elwood P. Dowd, says of the experience, "It was fantastic! Unlike anything I've done before, a huge adventure, more exciting than I expected it to be. It changed me, as a person. I rediscovered parts of myself. It's easy to become stressed out." Like the character he portrays, he realized its better to relax and look on the



from left to right: Kiera Peacock, Molly Simon, Haley Leitman, Donish Cushing, Hannah Sharafian, Katie Rich, Alex Dixon Hall, Maggie Manzano-Mallison, Zach Sturgeon, Jack Caine, Claire Rossi- de Vries

bright side. Alex and the entire 11 member cast did a wonderful job from start to finish.

Located at the corner of Moraga Way and School Street, the historic Town Hall Theatre is the oldest continuously active theater company in the County. Perhaps more important to thirsty attendees, it's the only community theater where patrons are encouraged to enjoy a snack or ice cold beer, purchased at the street level lobby to enjoy from the comfort of your plush red seat while watching the performance.

Full classes for Town Hall Kids Theater start September 7 and registration is now open.

Campus Happenings



Photo by Ken C. Young, Moraga; www.kcyoungfineartimages.com

On view through Aug. 12
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 www.stmarys-ca.edu/news_events/.



Go Gaels!
Upcoming Sports Events at Saint Mary's College

Women's Soccer vs. Pacific Friday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. Saint Mary's Stadium

For information about upcoming season schedules, visit the official Saint Mary's athletics website at www.SM-CGaels.com.

Art Exhibitions/Lectures:

Biennial Contemporary Landscape Exhibition - "Town and Country: Jessica Dunne and Louis LaBrie"

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