

Not to be missed

Connie Doolan Quartet -Friday, August 24, 7:30pm
The San Francisco Bay Area group is comprised of four veteran musicians who artfully blur the boundaries of folk and jazz, resulting in an intelligent and sensitive connection of the two genres. Ticket's for Friday night's event are \$15 and are available at the door. Reservations are suggested. 925-283-1959 or email charlotte@lafayetteconcerts.com. Doors open at 7:00pm. For a complete schedule of 2007 concerts and details, visit www.lafayetteconcerts.com. Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Rd.

Hawaiian Luau Buffet- Saturday, August 25, from 5 to 10 PM
Guests will enjoy two hours of live Hawaiian and Tahitian entertainment. Enter a raffle to win a trip for two to Hawaii. The Luau, by the Chamber of Commerce, Moraga, will be held on the field of the Old Moraga Ranch, across from Safeway on School Street. Information and tickets online at www.moragalau.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.

West Coast Songwriters Association Showcase Sat, August 25, 8:00 pm
Lafayette mom and award-winning musical artist Laura Zucker will take the stage in the Singer/Songwriter Play-Off Finals Concert competition. Freight and Salvage, Berkeley. For more info go to www.freightandsalvage.com or www.laurazucker.com.

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.

Total Lunar Eclipse viewed at Chabot August 27-28 (10 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.) 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.chabotpsace.org 10000 Skyline Blvd. • Oakland.

The Lafayette Library will be hosting a variety of programs and art exhibits from September 2007 through April 2008. The first program will feature **Delphine Hirasuna, author of The Art of Gaman: Arts & Crafts from Japanese Internment Camps 1942 - 1946** on Thursday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. This book presents more than 150 examples of art created by internees who used scrap and found materials to make flower-like brooches, persimmon wood tables, carved teapots, and dolls fashioned from kimono fabrics.

Gene Yang Art Exhibit October - November 2007
The Oakland Museum of California, a Lafayette Library & Learning Center Consortium partner, is providing an exhibition of Gene Yang's art from his award-winning book and his early drawings. We the People Bookshelf Programs are Sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library. For more information about programs that are a part of the We the People Bookshelf, call the library at 925-283-3872 or visit www.cclib.org

California Shakespeare Theater Presents "The Triumph of Love" - 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. 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

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

"Talking With" by Jane Martin. Presented by Role Players Ensemble Theatre in Association with the Town of Danville. A "black box" production by Role Players Ensemble Theatre directed by Chris Chapman & Sue Trigg. 10 compelling monologues by 10 amazing women asserting their significance in the universe, presented in an intimate setting. 8 pm Friday & Saturday September 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th at Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St., Danville. Tickets \$10 at the door. www.danvilletheatre.com or call 925 820-1278 for further information

Martinez Opera Contra Costa Presents "Opera Rhapsody"
Featuring fine operatic works from your favorite composers. Enjoy a vintage afternoon of fine wine, food and opera. Vintage dress optional. Tickets: Bistro seating \$65. Lawn seating: \$25. September 8, 2:00 pm, Susana Park, Martinez Call 925-372-6617 or email mtzopera@aol.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

A Fireside Chat with Lonely Planet Author Alex Leviton
On Tuesday, August 28 at 7 p.m., the Orinda Library presents a Fireside Chat with Alex Leviton, who co-wrote "Tuscany & Umbria," for the Lonely Planet series of travel guides. The program will take place inside the library, beside the fireplace, which allows for a casual, intimate atmosphere. It is free of charge and will last about an hour. 26 Orinda Way in Orinda, (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website at cclib.org.

"Imagine Peace" Candlelight Vigil Tues, Aug 28th, 7:00pm
Veteran's Plaza, Broadway and Civic, Walnut Creek. Please bring a candle, your family, your friends and your neighbors. Sing along with Michael Sullivan

Contra Costa Master Gardeners Annual Garden Walk, September 8, 2007. Each of the 6 gardens owned or founded and tended by Contra Costa Master Gardeners will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gardens are located in Lafayette, Orinda, Walnut Creek and Martinez. Admission to all six gardens is \$15 in advance, \$20 after 8/31. To purchase tickets before 8/31, send your check made out to CCMG Association to: CCMG Garden Walk, 5700 Verna Way, Clayton, CA 94517. For more information or to purchase tickets after 8/31 email MGgardenwalk2007@yahoo.com or call Barbara Abbott (925) 672-2315, Darlyn Gerber (925) 689-2667 or Patty Click (925) 682-6719.

Saturday, September 8th, 10:00-2:00: 3rd Annual Orinda Classic Car Show. Benefitting the Seniors Around Town Transportation Program; in Orinda Village at Orinda Motors, 63 Orinda Way. The Orinda Classic Car Show will feature approximately 75 American and European cars ranging from the 1920's, to the classics of the 50's and 60's, as well as modern exotics. Along with the great cars, there will be food, music and a raffle. The event will close with a car parade.

Moraga Movers and Lafayette Senior Recreation Center. Joint event on Monday Sept. 10th, 11am -3pm Members and guests will mix and mingle in at the Hacienda de Las Flores in Moraga. The gathering will be catered by Texas Back Forty BBQ. Music, a raffle and "Two Hits & Miss, Plus One" will keep everyone entertained. For information and reservations please call Dottie Baker, 254-327, no later than Aug. 27.

The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley Fellowship Breakfast, September 13th, 7:30am, St. Mary's College, at the Soda Center. The Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation fully endorses and finances the training of certain qualifying Physicians at Loma Linda Hospital, one of a few level 1 pediatric trauma centers the our District. Come meet Dr. Thorpe & Young, the first two "Kiwanis Doctors". They have agreed to commit their time and career to the field of pediatric emergency medicine. \$15 per person. Includes Full Buffet Breakfast. Please RSVP to: johnhaffner@comcast.net. Questions please call Cherie Grant: 925-376-1374. Please send checks in advance to: Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley P.O. Box 503, Moraga, CA 94556

Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament Monday, September 17th, 2007
Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley. Shotgun Start: 8:30 a.m. \$150 per person includes dinner at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building. Tournament proceeds go to support hospitalized brain injured veterans recovering at the Palo Alto VA Polytrauma Center and to support their families. Nongolfers are also invited to attend the dinner at \$25 per person. Contact Wil Wilcox@925-672-6159 or wilcoxw@sbcglobal.net for entry form.

Book Signings at Orinda Books Thursday, September 6, 4:00 PM
Joshua Spanogle will discuss and sign copies of his new thriller, *Flawless*. Thursday, Saturday, September 15, 1:00 PM. Amy Lyford will discuss and sign copies of *Surrealist Masculinities, Gender Anxiety and the Aesthetics of Post World War I Reconstruction in France*. 276 Village Square, Orinda, CA orindabooks@thegrid.net 925/254-7606

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(Edited to conform to our word limit)
(Dear Editor)
Monday afternoon, August 13, 2007, a family member (cat, Max) was snatched from our front yard, and killed by a dog

on the loose. (Our neighbors witnessed the attack.) While the Moraga Police and Animal Control were summoned, we were told we had no rights as to the identity of the dog's owner. In fact, Animal Control released the dog without question. The dog wore a tag identifying her as Daisy, a tall dark colored or black Greyhound type mix who lives in the vicinity of Rheem Blvd and La Salle Dr. Today I can't walk Lucy (a chihuahua) to the mailbox for fear the dog is once again on the loose. Animal behaviorists will educate that once a dog has killed, it will kill again. (I am afraid that this dog may be a danger to children). The county will not aide in insuring that she does not kill any-

one else's pet. (We hope) that no family suffers this pain and loss. Our smaller family owns Lori's in the Rheem Center in Moraga. If anyone has information about Daisy, please contact us there or call 376-4433.
Lori Stubblefield, Moraga

Dear Lamorinda Weekly,
I love your paper and all the interesting content about our community. I wanted to thank Sophie Braccini for her article on St Mary's sleepaway summer camps. My two 9 year old daughters attended it this summer and had a great time. Thanks for capturing a few of the special moments of the week.
Kevin Porep, Lafayette

The Moraga Art Gallery's current Show includes "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.

Moraga Art Gallery 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs

Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. 925-376-5407



Bocce Babies, by Dorrie Bosley Langley



Trees, by Dorrie Bosley Langley

Town Hall Theatre Company of Lafayette 2007-2008 Season

Bleacher Bums - August 18 - October 14, 2007: Bleacher Bums - Written by Joe Mantagna, Dennis Franz and others. This classic baseball production pays affectionate homage to perennial losers and the fans who stand by them.

this sweet holiday classic is the story of the misadventures of a certain Kris Kringle who gets a job playing Santa at Macy's and how he inspires the Christmas spirit in those all around him.

The Weir - September 1 - October 28, 2007: The Weir - the story of three locals in an Irish Pub and the one outsider, a young Dublin woman who just bought a house in the area. This entertaining play follows the three ghost stories that tie them together.

Moonlight and Magnolias - February 9 - March 15, 2008: Moonlight and Magnolias - this story brings audiences into the inside of the office of legendary producer David O. Selznick during the final moments when he is transforming the best selling book, "Gone with the Wind", into one of the most beloved movies of all time.

Miracle on 34th Street - November 17 - December 29, 2007: Miracle on 34th Street -

Triumph of Love - May 24 - June 28, 2008:

Campus Happenings



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

Paris Review, Zoetrope: All-Story, Ploughshares, The Gettysburg Review, Glimmer Train, Prospect, and elsewhere. Her debut collection, "A Thousand Years of Good Prayers," won the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award, PEN/Hemingway Award, and California Book Award for first fiction. "Granta" magazine named her one of the best young American novelists in 2007. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Soda Activity Center. Free



Katie Pelinsky in Town Hall Theatre Company's production of The Weir. Photo by Stu Stelland

Triumph of Love - A classic French farce uses song and music in this tale of a princess who goes to great lengths to secure an education and her throne.

Town Hall Theatre Company of Lafayette, 3535 School Street at Moraga Road; Tickets: 283-1557 Info: www.thtc.org

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.SMCGaels.com.

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