

# Not to be missed

**Thursday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m. Elizabeth Rosner**, Award-winning poet and novelist, shares her new book, "Blue Nude." This story of a German artist and an Israeli model who meet in the Bay Area in the 2000s reveals how their relationship helps both to deal with long-buried pain caused by the Holocaust and its aftermath. Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, Lafayette, 925-283-3872

**Lamorinda Democratic Club Hosts Debate** Friday October 19th, 2007; Debaters Mark DeSaulnier and Joe Canciamilla who are both running in the 7th Senatorial District race. Lamorinda Democratic Club, Orinda Community Church 10 Irwin Way, Orinda 6:30 p.m. Social hour 7:30 p.m. Program 8:00 p.m. Speaker. Cost: \$5, Students Free

**Serbian Food Festival** - Saturday, October 20th, 12 Noon - 9:00 PM. Featuring authentic Serbian cuisine and pastries, live music and dancing. Great fun for entire family. Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. 925/376-6850

**Documentary on Zimbabwe**  
Wednesday, October 24th, 7:30 pm  
Acalanes High School Performing Arts Center Everyone is welcome to come see Grace Appert and Kaitlyn Bowles' Girl Scout Gold Award presentation. This summer, the two traveled to Zimbabwe to work for the J.F. Kapnek Pediatric AIDS Trust Fund. Dr. Dan Robbins will speak about his Lafayette based trust's foundation that has helped Zimbabwe with the AIDS epidemic, orphaned children, and schooling.

**Moraga Historical Society's 42nd Anniversary Banquet** Friday, October 26th, Soda Center, Saint Mary's College Speaker-Brother Mel Anderson, Former President of St. Mary's 6:30 pm-Wine & Cheese, 7:15-Dinner, 8:00 pm - Program  
\$37.50 per person, check made out to Moraga Historical Society.  
Bill & Colleen Lunch, 1080 Sanders Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. Deadline for reservations-Oct 16th.

The Lafayette Gallery is pleased to announce that Life's Pleasures: A Visual Feast has been extended until October 27. A Visual Feast celebrates the harvest season with a compocopia of art created just for this show. 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. Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 5pm. (925) 284-2788. www.lafayette-gallery.net

**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. Join us at the Opening Reception for "Texture and Light", featuring the work of Pat Smith, on Saturday, November 3, from 3-5 pm. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. 925.376.5407

**Wonderful Colors Paintings** of Jo Ann Hanna & Robert Becker accompanied by Papier-Mache Sculpture by students of M. J. Schuppert Wilson on exhibition. Orinda Library Gallery October 27 - November 17th, 2007. Monday-Thursday 10-8, Friday & Saturday 10-6, Sunday 1-5. Please join us for the opening reception Sunday October 28th, 2:30-4:30. Orinda Library Gallery, 24 Orinda Way (925) 254-2184

**Mt. Diablo A Personal View - The Photography of Sue Reynolds**  
Through February 28, 2008 Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek. As part of the activities surrounding this show, Sue will be giving workshops and tours, as well as signing her books at the museum. Sue is also continuing her landscape photography teaching, with a children's class on Mt. Diablo early next month.

**Saturday, October 27, 10:00am**, Moraga Library: The Friends of Moraga Open Space and the Sierra Club are offering a one-hour training session for residents who wish to help collect signatures on a ballot petition for MOSO 2008 (a proposed open space preservation initiative).

**15th Annual Lafayette Reservoir Run** Sunday, October 28 Race times begin at 8:30am and "day of" registration begins at 6:00am. Pre-registration can be done by visiting the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce website, www.lafayettechamber.org. or www.active.com.

**Matador Marketplace- Fundraiser for Miramonte High School** Oct 28th from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Orinda Country Club. \$25 entrance fee

**Lamorinda Reads!**  
Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda connecting to neighbors, families and friends by reading and discussing the same book, Down to a Soundless Sea by Thomas Steinbeck. Other Awesome Creatures of Monterey Bay with naturalist Gael Gallagher  
Saturday, October 20th at 2:00 p.m. - Moraga Library. A wildlife discovery program

for children and their parents featuring sea otters, sea lions, dolphins, harbor seals and pups, jelly fish, whales, and great white sharks. Gael Gallagher is a Monterey Bay Aquarium docent and premier tour operator. Funded by the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley. For ages 7 and up Lamorinda Reads! Grand Finale Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. - Orinda Library Auditorium. Join the author himself, Thomas Steinbeck, for a reception and discussion of his book, Down to a Soundless Sea. Hear about the life and work of this exciting and talented author.

**"Genealogy for Everyone"**  
Lafayette Senior Services is delighted to present its first "seminar on Thursday October 25th from 10:30 until noon. Professional genealogist Lawrence Bouett, a retired research scientist, has been pursuing genealogy seriously for more than 35 years. Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Rd, Lafayette

**Annual Book Fair - Stanley Middle School Library** 3455 School Street, Lafayette Monday October 29, 2007 - Thursday November 1, 2007 Hours 8 AM - 4 PM, with extended hours on Monday 6 - 9 PM  
The Lafayette Book Store will provide a variety of books for children and adults, with a percentage of the profits supporting the Stanley School Library. This year the Book Fair is pleased to host guest authors on Monday Evening at 7 PM including Zilpha Snyder author of "The Egypt Game" and Kathryn Reiss author of "Paint by Magic". This is a great time to start your holiday shopping! For further information please contact Librarian Barbara Stevens at 925-299-3564.

**Tri-City Council Meeting for Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda**  
Tuesday, October 30th, Stanley Middle School Meeting agenda will include emergency response programs, common land use issues and traffic issues. Check town websites for meeting time and to confirm location.

**Campolindo High School Drama** Department presents Shakespeare's magical play, Twelfth Night in the Campolindo Performing Arts Center on November 1, 2007 at 8:00 pm, November 3, 2007 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm and Sunday November 4, 2007 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. This production is set in the 1950's with the Latin beat of Pink Martini underscoring the mirth of this delightful tale of love and courage. For more information call (925) 280-3950

**Norcal Golden Retriever Rescue-2007 Art and Wine Auction**  
November 3, 2007 - 3pm to 6pm Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Building 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, CA 94549. This is NGR's annual fundraiser where we have both an auction of valuable donated arts, crafts, travel and other items; plus tasting of very good wines from the best wineries in California. This is a very special event with lots of fun, tasty snacks, and an opportunity to really help us match Golden's who need a new home with caring families

**Getting Started on Genealogy Workshop**  
Lafayette Library, Saturday, November 3rd, at 11am Get started in the fun and fascinating quest for your family's history. Diane Brenum, Genealogy Enthusiast, will present a workshop on the use of the Internet and other resources to help you discover your roots. This workshop is part of a series of programs based on the "We The People" grant received by the Lafayette Library. For more information, call the Lafayette Library at 925-283-4592.  
Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, Lafayette, CA 94549

Please submit events to:  
calendar@lamorindaweekly.com



**Halloween events**  
Not too scary stories and make a witch's hat cookie October 18 at 7pm Children's Halloween event at Moraga Library

**Sleepy Hollow School Pumpkin Patch & Fall Carnival**  
Saturday, October 20th 11am to 3:30pm 20 Washington Lane, Orinda Bring your friends and family to a fun-filled day with lots of NEW games and attractions. Extra spooky HAUNTED HOUSE, CAKEWALK Giant SLIDE AND JUMPER, Lovable PONY RIDES and LARGE PETTING ZOO... miniature horses, ducks, geese, pigs, sheep and more. Ever-so challenging CLIMBING WALL, and OBSTACLE COURSE Scary ROBOTIC BULL RIDE, Leo the Amazing Magician, and lots more fun CARNIVAL GAMES. Don't forget the DELICIOUS FOOD from Mavericks BBQ & Quenchers Smoothies

**Join your Lamorinda 4-H Club's 7th Annual Fair:**  
At Mangini's Farm 2498 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasant Hill, Saturday & Sunday October 20-21, 10am-4pm Hosted by Mangini Farms to benefit local 4-H Clubs

**Wizard Day Halloween Party** at Chabogwarts - Oct. 20 (10 am - 4 pm) Come to Chabot Space & Science Center dressed as your favorite wizard, sorcerer, or magical creature. Make a wizard hat or wand and drink from the leaky cauldron. Participate in goblet-offire demos, hands-on activities, and much more! Guest appearances by the Astro Wizard and other costumed friends. Free with general admission to Center. Visit www.chabot.space.org for more details 10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, (510) 336-7373 Fall Hours - Wed & Thurs: 10 am-5 pm • Fri & Sat 10am-10pm • Sun 11am-5pm

**Lafayette Youth Commission's 4th annual Haunted House.** The adventure awaits you... visit Studio 66 at Your Own Risk! Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Not so scary (ages 7 and under): 5-7pm; Very scary (ages 8 and up): 7:30-9:30pm Admission Prices are \$3 for 7 & under; \$5 for 8 & older - tickets will be sold at the door and all profits benefit the youth of Lafayette

**Annual Halloween Carnival** on Sunday, October 28th, 2007 from 10 AM to 2 PM Campolindo High School, 300 Moraga Road in Moraga. The 31st annual Carnival is hosted by the Moraga Junior Women's Club. Perfect for children ages 2-10, and attracts over 500 children each year. Children will be able to enjoy many games, navigate their way through the Monster Mash obstacle course, have their picture taken at the photo booth, decorate their own frame, and try their luck at the ever-popular cake and toy walks. Lunch, snacks and refreshments, as well as various homemade ghoulish goodies will be sold at the Carnival Bake Booth. Admission is \$3 per child, plus an extra charge for game tickets and food. All children are encouraged to come in costume.

**Friends of the Library Annual Halloween sale** Saturday, October 27 Lafayette Safeway 10a.m.-4p.m. for Chairman Connie Lineman gathers bargain mysteries, kids' books, fiction and non fiction and as always there will be October 31st themed earnings that definitely deserve a second look. It is all a benefit for Friends of the Lafayette Library which means more money for the wonderful collection at the new library. The fortune teller will be there from 1-4pm.

**All Hallows Masquerade**  
The Starlight Circle Players present The Samhain! Saturday, November 3, 2007 \* Doors open at 2 PM and on to the Witching Hour! A costumed, day-long fund raising festival event full of music, Mediterranean-inspired gourmet taverna treats created by the Pyrate Chefs of the "Drunken Dragon Inn". PLUS! Art Gallery, Tarot, and more music! Our theme this year is "Ancestors" - open to interpretation - there will be prizes for the best costumes in several categories, so dress up like your favorite Ancestor and join in the fun! The Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists on the corner of Cedar & Bonita in Berkeley (directions are at www.bfuu.org). More information can be found on http://www.starlightcircleplayers.com You can also call us at 510-647-5268 or send an email to starlightcircleplayers@yahoo.com.

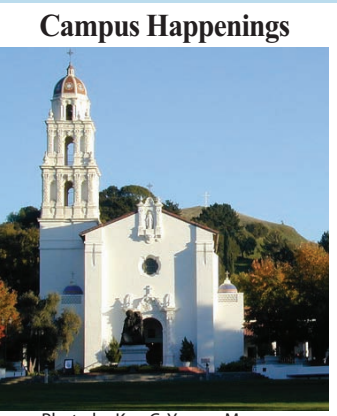


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**Performances/Lectures:**  
**Classical Music Concert**  
Two virtuoso musicians from Switzerland, violinist Jan Dobrzewski and trumpeter Jean Christophe Dobrzewski, will be accompanied by Saint Mary's College faculty pianist Lino Rivera. They will perform Vivaldi's Concerto for Trumpet and Violin; Beethoven's masterpiece for violin and piano, the Sonata No. 7; "Fast Lane," by Martin Rokeach; "Soliloque," by up-and-coming Swiss composer Laurent Mettraux, and music by french composer Gaubert.  
Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. SMC Chapel Free

**Author Rajiv Chandrasekaran**  
Rajiv Chandrasekaran's book, Imperial Life in the Emerald City: See story on page 5. Monday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. Soda Center at SMC Tickets: \$25 general; \$20 seniors; \$12 for

SMC faculty/staff and non-SMC students; free for SMC students. For info, call (925) 631-4381 or go online to www.stmarys-ca.edu and click on "The Arts." (Sponsored by the Committee for Lectures, Art and Music (CLAM) at Saint Mary's College and the Disney Forum)

**"Global Warming Crisis: Lessons of the Bacchae"**  
Saint Mary's College professor of biology Gerard M. Capriulo relates Greek ideas to environmental change. Tuesday, Oct. 23 and Monday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. SMC Soda Center Free For more information, contact Barry Horwitz at bhorwitz@stmarys-ca.edu or call the Collegiate Seminar office at (925) 631-4633.

**Art Exhibitions:**  
**"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.

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Lafayette Measure J With school ENROLLMENT DROPPING and your property taxes already (approximately) 23% above the Proposition 13 threshold, WHY does 'Measure J' raise the school tax by 175% per year (plus an annual 3% ANNUAL increase)? Doesn't Property Tax already go up every year? Beyond this measure, other school parcel taxes will remain in our property tax bill.

The "great schools" in Lafayette are largely due to GREAT KIDS. Lafayette is a highly desired place for teachers to work; obtaining good teachers is not the problem. Lafayette is getting what it needs in materials. It is 'Highly paid Lobbyists' (for Unions, teachers and Administrators) that bias this election process, just as lobbyists corrupt governments at all levels, exaggerating the need for more money. There are other avenues of cost control that should be explored, such as competitive outsourcing of non-certificated functions.

Yes, people want to move into our neighborhoods, but for lots of reasons, including a 'village atmosphere', safe neighborhoods, central commuting, a 'green community', and great kids. The "impartial analysis" of the measure references several protagonist ideas about the money usage that should be challenged; in particular, "deep cuts". More probably, to prevent cuts in their raises. Perhaps a charity should be organized for special school needs, to include affluent seniors. Gordon Mattonen Lafayette

Dear Lamorinda Weekly Editor: Lafayette's Measure J, a 2 1/2 times increase in the elementary school parcel tax shamelessly and unfairly panders to the most asset-rich class of voters in Lamorinda -- yes, our seniors. School parcel taxes in Orinda, Moraga, & Acalanes H.S. District, to name a few, that provide for a "senior opt-out" require some showing financial need. The current "expiring" tax that it replaces, provides for no age-based "free pass". A blanket senior opt-out amounts to shameless pandering to senior property owners to "buy off" their potential no vote. While seniors as a (wiser mature) voting group tend view new taxes with circumspection, the vast majority of Lamorinda retirees are hardly charity cases. They represented the single most asset-rich group in our community. Their homes are mostly debt-free and they already enjoy an artificially low property taxes thanks to Prop 13. Who could possibly argue that, as a group, seniors are less able to "afford" the proposed \$313/yr payment toward teachers salaries/benefits, etc., than the legions of double-income families hustling to make ends meeting with huge mortgages and much higher Prop 13 taxes to boot? To the extent that we "need" this grossly enlarged parcel tax in the face of 11% fewer students and declining enrollment, we are all responsible for educating the next generation. Good schools enhance the values of all real property - irrespective of the owner's age. Giving a blanket age-based exemption is hardly different than making this tax law apply only to brown-eyed owners over blue-eyed ones. The proposed tax (the 8th separate school tax/bond on our County tax bills) was set at an arbitrarily high renewal amount based upon what our District's hired consultant said Lafayette voters would stomach. It is not based on needs. Note no on Measure J. We need a smaller and fairer tax to support our schools. Lawrence Pines Lafayette

## Campo Alumni to Talk About Iraq at Saint Mary's

The depiction of life in occupied Baghdad has won the author many awards, such as the Samuel Johnson Prize for non-fiction, the Overseas Press Club's Annual Cornelius Award for best non-fiction book on International Affairs and the Ron Ridenhour Book Prize, he appears regularly on CNN, MSNBC and National Public Radio. For the journalist, coming back to America and writing the book was a way to bring a much-needed closure to an exhilarating but sometimes dangerous time of his life. Chandrasekaran is now facing an interesting new challenge. Like most newspaper in industrial countries, the Washington Post competes with the Internet and television to be the media of choice for communicating the news. This

... continued from page 5 may be why the paper has chosen him as its national editor, a young man that understands the forces that drive today's news media. Chandrasekaran manages a team of sixty journalists and editors who are in charge of providing content for the paper and the online version of the Post. Since the online version is updated 24/7, journalists have to work in different ways and sometimes even send their articles directly from the scene of breaking news. This exiting life and great responsibility do not preclude a bit of nostalgia for his native Bay Area. He often visits his family, who still reside in Moraga, and will talk at Saint Mary's College about his book on October 22nd. For reservations call (925) 631 4381.

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