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THEATER and MUSIC

Campolindo High School Jazz Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 23 at Temple Isaiah, Lafayette. The evening features a catered dinner and dancing to the music of the acclaimed Campolindo Jazz Band under the direction of Harvey Benstein. Proceeds support the Campolindo High School Instrumental Music program. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$40 for students, and are available at campomusic.org.

Bernard Slade's "I Remember You" playing 2 p.m., Sunday, February 24 at DVC.

Featuring Buddy Bedford, who has never quite gotten over a brief, passionate affair he enjoyed 25 years ago.

When a young beauty enters the lounge one rainy evening, he is stunned by her resemblance to his lost love, but the romance that ensues comes to a halt when the young miss introduces him to her eccentric mother—the woman he once loved in London. Diablo Valley College's Performing Arts Center, 321 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 for members), and parking is free. Call (925) 687-4445.

Piano Jazz Café on Sadie Hawkins Day Featuring the Jazz Keyboard

Members of the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society, Friday, Feb 29, 1:30-2:30pm. The venue is informal and relaxed with inspiring musical standards (Cole Porter, Bill Evans, Sonny Rollins et al) and a featured jazz vocalist Vivian Perry partnering with colleague Christopher Johnson. There is no charge but, as usual, a small donation at the door would be appreciated. Call us at 284-5050 so we have enough "tea and crumpets" on hand. Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd.

Lafayette Town Hall Theatre presents "Moonlight and Magnolias" Through - March 15

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. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street at Moraga Rd., Lafayette. 925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org.

The Orinda Preschool Presents 13th Annual Art & Music Festival

with The Puppet Company and Musical Performances by Total Rhythm and Jacqueline Lynaugh as Mother Goose as well as arts, crafts, musical performances, bake sale, face painting, and more. Saturday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. www.topsonline.org/media/map.html \$7.50 per person. Children under 2 are free. For information and tickets call (925) 254-2551.

The Northern California Welsh Community invites you to join us at our musical celebration of traditional

hymn singing to celebrate St. David's Day. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 2. Lafayette United Methodist Church 955 Moraga Rd., Lafayette. Popular Los Angeles musician Rhiannon Evans Acree will lead the congregational singing in both Welsh and English. A Te Bach (little tea) will follow in the church social hall. Members of all choirs in the Lamorinda area are welcome - just bring your voices! For further information, contact Idris Evans at (925) 283-0912 or by email at lorite@gte.net

2008 Lafayette Jazz Festival March 6-9, Bentley School Theater and the

Acalanes Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at the chamber website: www.lafayettechamber.org. (see article page 1 and 10)

WomenSing, an auditioned chorus, Sounds and Sweet Airs.

Vivaldi's Beatus Vir, Hasse's Miserere, Orbán's Mass, Mendelssohn's motet, Surrexit Pastor Bonus, a set on texts from Shakespeare, a celebratory St. Patrick's Day set with Artistic Director Martín Benvenuto, Accompanist Paul Caccamo, Jubilate Orchestra.

Saturday, March 15, 8 p.m., Holy Names University Chapel, Oakland Sunday, March 16, 4 p.m., St. Mary's College Chapel, Moraga, reception follows. Tickets: \$10-\$25 May purchased online at www.womensing.org, at the door, or by calling (925) 974-9169

ART

A photo exhibit of the Selma to Montgomery March will be on display at the Orinda Community Church's new Art Gallery Wall in the sanctuary through mid March.



Photo-Journalist Matt Herron covered the Civil Rights struggle for Life, Look, Time, Newsweek and the Saturday Evening Post in the 1960s and his photographs have recently been displayed in Washington, DC at the Smithsonian Institution and at the Justice Department to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act. Matt Herron will be speaking on Sunday, Feb 24, 2008 at 11:30 am at the Fellowship Hall of Orinda Community Church in celebration of Black History Month. His topic will be "The March to Voting Rights - Selma and Today." The public is invited.

Moraga Art Gallery Show to run through March 16 The Moraga Art Gallery featuring the work of jewelry designer Karen Blum-Boateng, John

Diester, digital photographer. Karen's funky elegant designs combine the hippest jewelry fashions with sophisticated style. John teaches digital photography, digital art, multimedia and graphic design at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs in Moraga. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm.

Lafayette Gallery's new show, Objects of Affection is open through

March 1st and will be featuring works from 22 artists. Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, is open Tue. to Sat. from 11am to 5pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayettegallery.net.

LECTURES

Orinda Library presents a FiresideChat with author William Poy Lee, author of "The Eighth Promise: An American Son's Tribute to His Toisanese Mother." The award-winning memoir has garnered local and national attention since its publication in 2007. Tuesday, February 26, 7 - 8pm. Free. 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more information, please call (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website at cclib.org.

"Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders" Roxanne Mysinger, Ph.D., who recently opened a private practice in Lafayette, will provide

valuable information regarding this alarming, costly and seemingly skyrocketing disorder among our children at the Lafayette Library on March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Topics she will cover include: what the common signs of autism are, how it is diagnosed, what causes it, what role inheritance plays, symptoms over time, how autism is treated, and the latest research. Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Rd. Lafayette, 925-283-3872

"Gaming the Olympics: Symbols and Images in China's Quest for National Identity" A fascinating discussion by Dr. Wah K.Cheng, associate professor of History at Mills

College about the politics and tension behind the 2008 Summer Olympics in China. Wed, Feb 27th at the Lafayette Library. Reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and program begins at 7p.m. For more information, call (415) 293-4600 (World Affairs Council) or (925) 283-3872 (Lafayette Library or go to cclib.org or itsyourworld.org. Lafayette Library 952 Moraga Rd. Lafayette

JUST FOR KIDS

Storytime for Three to five year olds will enjoy listening to stories, singing songs and learning fingerplays followed by a simple craft. No sign-ups required. Mon, Feb 25, 11:15am, Lafayette Library

"Peek-a-Boo Time" Stories: Songs, Rhymes and Rhythm Tue, Feb 26, 10:00 AM 0-12 mos. Orinda Library

Toddler Lapsit Storytime Wed, Feb 27, 10:00 AM Stories, songs and bounces for infants to 3 year-olds and their caregivers. Please choose one storytime to attend a week. Orinda Library

Lapsit/Toddler Time at Moraga Library- 10:30am, Wed, Feb 27th, March 5th and March 12th. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. For ages 6 months to 3 years with adult participation. Moraga Library

Pajamarama Storytime Tuesday, Feb 26. 7pm. This family storytime includes stories, songs and fingerplays for the young at heart. Put on your jammies and slippers and don't forget Teddy! All ages. Lafayette, Library

Ventriloquist Steve Chaney & Cornelius Crowe, Thurs, March 13, 4 p.m. Steve and his friend Cornelius Crowe will provide a fun filled show for ages 3 and older. Moraga Library

Programs and Events at all Lamorinda Libraries can be found at http://cclib.org/programs/

OTHER EVENTS

Secretary of State Debra Bowen to address area voters regarding the growing controversy over her decision to decertify touch-screen voting machines, Thursday, February 21, 7pm at the Contra Costa County Jewish Community Center, Koret Auditorium, 2071 Tice Valley Boulevard, Walnut Creek. Suggested donations of \$10 per attendee, payable at the door. Call 925-210-7337 or visit www.lamorindademoclub.com/ for more information. All members of the community and press are welcome.

Men's Basketball Open Gym 7-9pm at Joaquin Moraga School in Moraga. \$5 per player/night. For more information contact Gerald De Venuta at 817-8429 or the Moraga Parks and Recreation Dept at 925-888-7045.

Parents for a Safer Environment, celebrates 5 years of success in protecting public health and the environment in Moraga and County-wide. New participants are welcomed this Saturday, February 23, 2008 to vote on future projects for 2008, followed by a dinner party with live French music. For information contact Susan JunFish junfish@gmail.com (925) 283-4609 or visit our website: www.pfse.net

ARF Mobile Adoption in Moraga

The Animal Rescue Foundation's mobile adoption will be at Aegis, Sunday, February 24th 11:00am to 3:00pm. Come and see the adorable pets! Aegis of Moraga 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga 925-377-7900 www.aegisliving.com

Lafayette Hiking Group

Meet at Lafayette BART's main entrance at 8:30 a.m. We form carpools to the trailhead. Remember to bring lunch, water, layered clothing, good walking shoes, sun protection and money to contribute toward gas, bridge tolls and parking. February 23 - Wildcat Canyon, moderately strenuous 5 miles. March 8 - Cataract Trail, Marin County -Climb the canyon on this beautiful well maintained trail winding past numerous water falls at their spring best. Grand views of the Pacific Ocean and of San Francisco at lunch time. Moderately strenuous 7 miles. Email LafayetteHiking@comcast.net

Wine Appreciation Series, Friday, February 22nd 6:30 to 9PM

Join us for an informative evening and learn to apply a few simple principles to turn your palate into an increasingly confident guide. We'll unlock some pairing secrets and provide tips and insights for everyone from novice to connoisseur. We will taste 5 wines and sample foods to go with them. Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd.. Register on-line at www.lafayetterec.org. \$40.

Crab Feed and Silent Auction, Sunday, Feb 24, 4-8 pm

Oakwood Athletic Club-Lower Court-4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette. Dinner to include, crab, pasta, french bread, salad, ice cream, and coffee. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for sale. Proceeds benefit Soroptimist International of 24-680, a non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. \$35.00 per person. No reservations needed. 925-890-1167.

Moraga Women's Society February Meeting, Monday, February 25th,

coffee 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10a.m. Speaker 11.am. Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, St. Mary's Professor Patrizia Longo, from the Department of Politics, will be speaking about Engendering Medicine. Free, no reservations required. For more info call 376-3520.

St. Monica's Women's Faith Sharing invites you to join us Tuesday Feb.

26 for the second section of our two-part Lenten series with Chiara's Lantern. We meet at St. Monica's Peace Center, 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga at 9:30am-11:30am. This is a free event with babysitting available for a small fee. For more information call Kimberly 631-0792.

The Gun Violence Crisis: Causes and Solutions. A panel of experts discusses the social, economic and public health devastation of gun vi-

olence in our communities as well as possible solutions. Thurs., March 6, 7-9pm. Christ the King Church Hall, 199 Brandon Rd., Pleasant Hill.

Two Body Work Classes presented Fridays Afternoons free of charge.

Luk Tung Kwen helps practitioners to achieve body wellness with goals similar to western physical therapy. It also promises to combat some chronic conditions and build resistance to a host of illnesses. The program relies on the 36 body movements performed slowly and repeatedly. Fridays (Feb 22, 29; March 7, 14, 15, 22) 1:00 - 1:50 pm. Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd, Lafayette.

The Orinda Woman's Club is currently welcoming applications for major beneficiaries for their 2008 Festival of Trees fundraising event to be held in November. Application deadline is March 4, 2008. To obtain an application, please contact: Barbara Woolmington-Smith babswool@comcast.net

The Moraga Movers' Monthly Luncheon will be held on Monday,

March 10. This month's guest speaker will be Moraga Town Manager Phil Vince. The social hour begins at 11:00 and lunch is served at noon - for \$15/person, enjoy corned beef and

cabbage with all the trimmings! Reservations are required; sign up in La Sala by March 7.

The Lafayette Senior Services Book Club (LSSBC) celebrated its 3rd anniversary and continues to flourish.

We read a wide variety of books and have lively discussions; join us on the 2nd Monday of every month if that sounds like fun. Call for more information or a list of upcoming books. March 10th, 10:30 AM - Noon (2nd Monday of the month) Lafayette Community Center -284-5050

The 2008 Sister-to-Sister Summit for middle school girls will be held at Acalanes High School on March 15,

from 9:00-3:30. Pre-registration is required, by March 7: http://www.aau-woml.org/Sistertosister.html

Free afternoon concert Fri., March 14th, 1:30-2:30 performed by the Muir Trio led by Lafayette harpist Wendy Tamis. Diane Maltester on clarinet and Karen Anderson vocal soprano round out the group which will play musical works from a variety of classical and operatic sources. Let us know you are coming by calling us at 284-5050. Light refreshments will be available. Donations at the door appreciated

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Campus Happenings

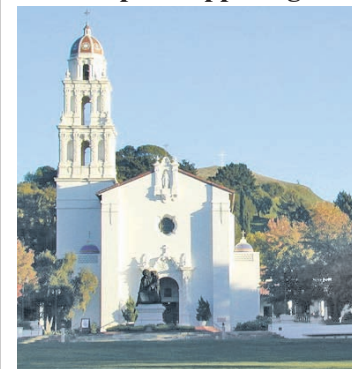


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Special Events:

"Sacred, Secular and Stylized Santos"

A power point presentation by Pamela Thomas, M.A., Lecturer, Religion and the Arts, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. Friday, Feb. 29 from 5 to 6 p.m. Reception: Mexican-themed appetizers and beverages.

Lecture & reception free to current Hearst members, children 12 and under; \$5 general admission. Friday, Feb. 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. Soda Activity Center

Part of "Pinturas de Fe: the Retablo Tradition in Mexico and New Mexico" Exhibition (see Art Exhibitions below)

"1724 Stradivarius at Saint Mary's College"

The Associate Concertmaster for the San Francisco Symphony, gifted pianist Marc Shapiro, and violinist extraordinaire Nadya Tichman (who will play on a 1724 Stradivarius purchased by the Symphony for her exclusive use) will appear together in the College Chapel on March 2. The program will include Beethoven's Sonata No. 8 in G-Major for Violin and Piano, Prokofiev's Sonata for Violin Solo, Stravinsky's Pastorale, Somei Satoh's Birds in Warped Time II and Saint Saen's Sonata in D-Minor. A champion of contemporary music, Ms. Tichman has had pieces dedicated to her by composers Peter Schickele and Jim Lahti. Last April she premiered a duet written for her and her husband, guitarist John Imholz, by composer Allen Shearer. Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. Saint Mary's College Chapel

Tickets: \$20 general; \$15 seniors (65+); \$2 SMC students; \$10 for

SMC faculty, staff and non-SMC students.

For info: call (925) 631-4381 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu for reservations.

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Lectures:

"Former Presidential Nominee to Discuss 2008 Campaign"

Former Massachusetts Governor and 1988 Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis will discuss the current presidential race as well as public transportation issues. Sponsored by the Roy and Patricia Disney Forum, the event is free and open to the public. Monday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m. Soda Center

For info, call Tim Farley, Director of Community and Government Relations, (925) 631-4830

Art Exhibitions:

"Pinturas de Fe: The Retablo Tradition in Mexico and New Mexico"

Pilgrimage, procession, and the creation of home altars and shrines are ancient religious practices that endure today in many cultures around the world. This exhibition tells the story of one such tradition as it evolved in the Americas from the time of the Spanish Conquest to the present day. Today, individual artists faithfully carry on the tradition of hand painted retablos, and contemporary artists from diverse cultural backgrounds draw creative inspiration from this popular art form. Exhibition runs through April 6 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

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.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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Ægis of Moraga invites you to our **St. Patrick's Day Sunday Brunch**



Join us in celebrating **St. Patrick's Day** Bring your family to our **Sunday Brunch** Sunday, March 16th 11:30am to 1:30pm

Enjoy **Corned Beef • O'Brien Potatoes Eggs Benedict • Scones • Omelet Station Irish Coffee and More!**

15.00 per person Children 10 and under free

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