

## Not to be missed

**Smart Start, Teen Driver Safety Class**  
The California Highway Patrol offers this free class at Las Lomas.

Thursday, April 9th, 6:30-8:30 pm, in the Theater. This CHP sponsored program is for parents and teens to attend together. It is designed to reduce the number of teenage injuries and deaths resulting from motor vehicle collisions. Please note, "Red Asphalt", a graphic auto accident video will be shown, younger children should not attend. Space is limited, to register for the class, please sign-up in one of the following ways: Go to <http://www.aalanes.k12.ca.us/adulted/html/pehighschool.htm> OR Email: [schroter5@astound.net](mailto:schroter5@astound.net) with "Smart Start" written in subject line.

**MORAGA MOVERS' monthly dinner** meeting, at Soda Center, St. Mary's College, Monday, April 13, 4 PM = Social Hour with beverages--5 PM = Dinner. Steve Butler ("Mr. 401K) will speak on Staying Sane in this Insane World. Come listen to Mr. Butler try to fathom this upside down economy and put it in perspective. This should be a sellout, so make your reservations early (must be by Wednesday, April 8 by 5 PM) by calling (925) 376-6622. The \$15, payable at the entrance, includes dinner.

**Transition from Middle-School to High-School** - Panel discussion. Las Lomas High School Counselors Hanalee Washburn and Ellen Smith - Student Panel. Thursday, April 16, 2009, Noon - 1:30pm, library Walnut Creek Intermediate School, 2425 Walnut Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA 94597, no fee, register at the event or online at (course no 05-6111) Questions? Vera Babor at [vbabor@aalanes.k12.ca.us](mailto:vbabor@aalanes.k12.ca.us)

**Miramonte Presents:** International Night-Supporting the Kapnek Trust, an organization that helps pediatric aids in Zimbabwe. April 16th, 7 p.m. Tickets sold at the door and on the MHS website. A night of Appetizers, Student Performers, Diversity, and Awareness.

**Free Bike Safety Rodeo** on Sunday, April 19, 9am-2pm, Stanley Intermediate School, 3477 School St. Lafayette. See story below.

**The Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch of AAUW** will hold an Awards Night program on Tuesday, April 21st at 7 pm, at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Dr. Karen Ramorino, founder of the Berkeley Lab Learning Institute at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, will speak on "Communication, Confidence and Commitment", the three C's for achieving success in educational and career goals.

**NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?** Contra Costa Association of Realtors Scholarship Foundation is offering scholarships to residents of Contra Costa County that have completed one year of full-time college, completed courses with emphasis on real estate, finance and/or business and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. If you qualify, scholarship awards can range from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Further information and applications may be found on line at [www.ccaarscholarship.com](http://www.ccaarscholarship.com). Deadline is April 24th.

**Senior Health Faire** on Tuesday, April 21 at the Hacienda de las Flores (2100 Donald Drive) from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about Memory Screening Testing (coordinated by the Alzheimer's Association), Free VA Benefits for In-home Care, Elder Care Fraud (presentation by the Moraga Police Dept) and Nutrition & Exercise Tips. The event is free and reservations can be made through Senior Helpers at 925-376-9900.

**Self defense class for middle school girls**-Sunday April 26th, from 3 to 6 p.m. organized by the Moraga Juniors. Self defense techniques will be taught in a fun and safe environment by Thomas Westernoff at the Karate and Fitness Place, 1375 F Moraga Way (in the Moraga Shopping Center next to Pennini's). Applications are available online at

[www.moragajuniors.org](http://www.moragajuniors.org). They have to be returned to the JM School Office with the \$25 fee before April 17th. For additional questions send an email to [lwang393@yahoo.com](mailto:lwang393@yahoo.com).

**STRESSED OUT?!!?** A Teen Panel on Stress Moderated by Merritt Rollins, Las Lomas Crisis Counselor. Come and hear a teen panel talk about the stresses that today's teen faces and best practices for helping to ease the situation. Thursday, April 23rd, 7pm in the Las Lomas Theater. This FREE event is sponsored by: Las Lomas PTSA Parent & Teen Education. Please sign-up in one of the following two ways: Online AUHSD Parent Ed #056058 -or- Email [schroter5@astound.net](mailto:schroter5@astound.net) with "STRESSED OUT" written in subject line. Please include your name and high school your student attends.

**Kids!!! Ready to run a 1K or 5K Race???** Join us on April 26th at 9am at the Miramonte High School Track for a Fun Run, Brunch and Great Music!!! The 1K will begin immediately following the 5K run and will involve running approximately two laps around the track. The cost is \$10 and that includes the cost of the brunch and a great t-shirt. All kids under 10 years are welcome to run in the 1K event. Bring your older brothers, sisters and parents for the 5K walk/run. Registration for Adults is \$30 and for under 18 year olds the fee is \$15. For more information and registration check out our website at [www.JFKapnekTrust.org](http://www.JFKapnekTrust.org).

**Moraga Triathlon** - Saturday, April 25 - 7am Soda Center-Moraga. The Moraga Triathlon is the ideal venue for the beginning triathlete as well as the more advanced competitor. The swim is a challenging 400 meter sprint, followed by a 22 Km bike ride (about 13 miles) winding thru a scenic redwood forest. The event culminates with a 5 K (3.1mile) run. After the event, athletes, family and friends enjoy the post-race celebration. New this year will also be a raffle with prizes donated by local merchants. To register go to [www.moragatri.com](http://www.moragatri.com)

**The Moraga Women's Society** will meet on Monday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street in Moraga. The speaker will be Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge, John Minney. His topic will be "Megan, Amber and More", explaining the disclosure and registration laws applicable to sex offenders. Visitors are welcome. Contact President, Roberta Klaproth, 376-0708

**Divorce Recovery Workshop** will be held at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church on Thursdays from April 23- June 4 at 7:00pm. The church is located at 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. The workshop is designed to help individuals gain insight into their own experience of divorce in a supportive environment. Topics include the stages of divorce, co-dependence, forgiveness, feelings, and more. The group is led by Ray Campton, MFT who is also an ordained Presbyterian minister. A donation of \$125 is requested to help cover the cost of the workshop. Please contact Gerald at [gerald@LOPC.org](mailto:gerald@LOPC.org) for more information.

**Las Trampas, Inc. presents** "What's in Our Hat?" Escape to Africa Event, Sunday, April 26, from 3pm - 6:30pm, Tickets \$100 per person. Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette. (Safari attire encouraged - optional) One Lucky person will win \$10,000 from our Safari Hat! Live Music performed by Generations in Jazz-Raffle & Silent Auction. Proceeds support adults with developmental disabilities. Bonnie Peacock at (925)284-1462 ext. 239 email: [ltrapas@pacbell.net](mailto:ltrapas@pacbell.net). Change to WIN 2 TICKETS -Answer "Escape to Africa" Trivia questions: How many countries make up the continent of Africa? How long is the Nile River (from it's remotest headstream to its delta into the Mediterranean Sea? Please email your answers to [ltrapas@pacbell.net](mailto:ltrapas@pacbell.net) by April 10 - winner will be notified by April 13.

**Lamorinda emergency preparedness committees** will hold a workshop the evening of April 29th. Keynote speakers are Tanya Hoover, Assistant California State Fire Marshall, and Rob Van Wormer, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Battalion Chief. They will be joined by representatives from local fire and police services and local emergency preparedness groups. We will cover current threat assessments for Lamorinda, evacuation planning, fire resistant construction and landscaping, family and neighborhood emergency plans, and resources available to assist you in your efforts. 7-9pm at the Orinda Library Auditorium (26 Orinda Way). Registration 6:30pm in the Atrium Lobby (2d floor).

**Dads for Children's Healthcare**, a 501(c)(3) organization, has been formed by a group of dads from the East Bay. Our goal is to assist organizations like Children's Hospital in Oakland, California to maintain and enhance the highest quality of medical care. For 2009 our goal is to purchase multiple, much-needed Drager Babytherm Warming Tables for Children's Hospital Oakland. These Warming Tables provide a unique thermal environment to care for critically ill newborns. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please join us at our Winemaker's Tasting, Dinner and Fundraiser Orinda Country Club, Friday, May 1. Call 925-906-5358 or email us at [dads4ch@comcast.net](mailto:dads4ch@comcast.net). [www.dads4children.org](http://www.dads4children.org)

**Another Big Band Ball Room Dance** with the Rossmoor Big Band will be on Friday, May 1st at the Art Deco Rheem Theatre in Moraga. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Dancing from 7:30-10:00pm. Tickets \$10 per person-available at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Rheem Theatre in Moraga. Sponsored by the Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda Chambers of Commerce. Call 284-7404 or go to [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org).

**Please submit events to:**  
[calendar@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:calendar@lamorindaweekly.com)

### Upcoming Bike Safety Rodeo for Kids

*Big Wheels Keep on Turning*

By Cathy Tyson

A part of the big Earth Day celebration at Stanley Intermediate School on April 19, kindergarten through sixth grade bicyclists are invited to brake for the Bike Safety Rodeo from noon until 4:00 p.m. Young pedal-ers can practice riding through a mini-version of a city sidewalk and street, have their rides checked by mechanics from Sharp Bicycle, and have helmets adjusted.

Like regular flossing, good habits start early - kids are encouraged to stop by to learn about bike safety

practices, rules of the road, sample some refreshments, and more.

Kids and their parents should consider riding their bikes to the event, since obviously they'll need their bikes anyway, but due to Earth Day activities, parking will be limited.

The Rodeo is sponsored by The City of Lafayette, Sustainable Lafayette, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

## Big Band Ball Room Dance (again!)



*Listen, watch and dance to the sound of The Rossmoor Big Band*

**Friday, May 1st, at the Art Deco Rheem Theatre in Moraga.**

Doors open at 7:00 pm and the dance runs from 7:30pm through 10:00pm.

**Tickets \$10 per person**

available at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce & Rheem Theatre in Moraga

**Call 284-7404 for reservations** [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org)

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# MICHAAN'S AUCTIONS

**Auctioneers & Appraisers**

**Free Appraisal Event**

**Thursday, April 23 from 11am to 2pm**

at the Orinda Theatre  
2 Orinda Theatre Square  
Orinda, CA

To make an appointment or to learn more about this event, please contact: Tammie Chambless at (510)740 0220 extension 130 [tammie@michaans.com](mailto:tammie@michaans.com)

Michaan's Auctions will be conducting a Free Appraisal Event offering you an on the spot verbal evaluation on your fine art and antiques in the following categories:

- Fine Paintings and Prints
- Furniture and Decorative Arts
- Asian Art
- Jewellery



1. Art Deco Diamond, Platinum Bracelet, Sold for \$11,700 on March 1, 2009.
2. Nathan Olivera, American (b. 1928), 'Head' 1967, Lithograph, Sold for \$1,872 on January 4, 2009.
3. Robert William Wood, American (1889-1979), 'Monterey Landscape,' Oil on canvas, Sold for \$6,500 on June 21, 2008.
4. Tibetan Polychrome Gilt Bronze of Yamataka, Sold for \$25,740 on August 3, 2008.
5. Napoleon III Gilt Bronze Cut Brass Tortoise Shell Mounted Boulle Meuble D'Appui Sold for \$4,973 on June 21, 2008.
6. S. Kirk & Son Sterling Two Handled Tea Tray, Sold for \$7,020 on December 3, 2007.

## Saint Mary's College Campus Happenings



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### MUSIC

**Friday, April 17** at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. Soprano Christine Wong accompanied by Renee Witon. Singing the works of G.F. Handel, Franz Schubert, W.A. Mozart and E. Charles. Free admission.

**Monday, April 27** at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. Classical Guitarist Kyle Bonderud and Soprano Karina Gillette Kyle Bonderud to perform the works of J.S. Bach, Leo Brouwer and Heitor Villa-Lobos. Karina Gillette singing the works of J. Brahms, C. Debussy, and Heitor Villa-Lobos. Free admission.

**Saint Mary's Jazz Band** Spring Recital directed by John Maltester. Thu., April 30 at 8 pm in the Soda Center and Wed., May 6 at 1 pm in the Quad. Free admission.

### THEATER

The Saint Mary's College Performing Arts Department presents a deliciously demonic evening of musical theatre, Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" featuring a cast of Saint Mary's devilishly talented performing arts students. Regarded as one of the greatest achievements in musical theatre, "Sweeney Todd" is based on the 19th Century legend of a London barber driven to a life of crime after a malevolent judge takes his wife and child from him. Sweeney's plan for revenge includes a cutthroat partnership with Mrs. Lovett--an enterprising businesswoman--who is soon producing the tastiest meat pies in London. LeFevre Theatre. Please call (925) 631-4670 for tickets. April 16, 17, 18 at 8 p.m. April 23, 24, 25 at 8 p.m. Matinee on Sun., April 26 at 2 p.m. \$15 General Admission \$12 Non-SMC students \$8 SMC students, faculty, staff (Some group rates available).

### LECTURES

**Graduate Student Reading Series** Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Soda Activity Center

**Kazim Ali is the author** of two books of poetry: The Far Mosque, winner of Alice James Books' New England/New

York Award, and The Fortieth Day. He is also the author of two novels: Quinn's Passage, named one of the best books of 2005 by Chronogram magazine, and The Disappearance of Seth. One of the founding editors of Nightboat Books, Ali is an assistant professor of creative writing at Oberlin College and teaches in the low-residency MFA program at the University of Southern Maine.

### HEARST GALLERY

Bert Monroy, Master Artist Tribute VIII: A Digital Artist Paints With Light through April 5. The Hearst Art Gallery of Saint Mary's College is pleased to present a major survey of the preeminent digital master Bert Monroy, a world-renowned Photoshop artist and teacher, known for pioneering and innovative digital painting technique. This is the last weekend to view the exhibit.

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>.