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**Lamorinda's Annual Spring Events Extravaganza** featuring:  
Lamorinda Earth Day Festival, Moraga Community Faire, Orinda Salutes Cal Shakes, Cinco de Mayo, Moraga Beautiful Clean Up Day, Orinda in Action Day, Garden Club Plant Sale, Concert at the Res, Taste of Lafayette, TreeLine Triathlon and the Rossmoor Big Band Dance can be found in a feature spread on pages 18 - 19.

fering taken. Sat., April 18, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette.

**Lafayette Town Hall Theatre Company** Presents "The Odd Couple (Female Version)" through April 25. The Female Version Adds a Twist to Neil Simon's Superbly Written Comedy (Rating - PG-13.) Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times. For Tickets: 925-283-1557. Town Hall Theatre Company; 3535 School Street, Lafayette.

**ART**

**The Moraga Art Gallery's** group show "The Inner Spirit" is open through May 30th and features the work of Nancy Robinson. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center- next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sun., 12-5 pm. 925.376.5407.

**The Lafayette Gallery** invites you to join us for our new show, "Food, Glorious Food" through May 9, 2009. We are pleased to invite the community to join us as we celebrate "Food, Glorious Food" and the re-opening of our Sculpture Garden on Sun., April 26 from 1 to 4pm. We will have new pieces in our Sculpture Garden and of course, food, glorious food. Lafayette Gallery is a 23 member cooperative at 50 Lafayette Circle in downtown Lafayette. Bring canned goods to the Gallery and when you make a purchase you will be automatically entered in our raffle. We will be choosing the lucky winner at our April reception. Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, 925-284-2788. Gallery Hours are Tuesday to Sat., 11am to 5pm.

**Local Photographer Michael McEuen** will be exhibiting his original photography at Fastframe of Lafayette through April 30th. An avid outdoorsman since his first Sierra backpacking trip as an early teen, Michael combines his fascination for geographic phenomena with his talent for photography. Michael has spent much of the last 15 years traveling throughout the United States, with occasional forays into South America, Europe and Australia. His particular favorite is California and the American Southwest. FASTFRAME is located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd., next to Postino's. Call owner Anthony Ruiz at 283-7620 for more information.

**LITERATURE & LECTURES**

**Michael Krasny Talks Off Mike**-Monday, April 20, 6:30 pm, The Veterans Memorial hall, Lafayette. Host and Senior Editor, KQED's "Forum"; Professor of English, SFUSU; Author, Krasny delves into his life on and off the microphone. Time: 6 p.m. check-in, 6:30 p.m. program, 7:30 p.m. book signing Cost: \$12 members, \$18

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non-members, \$7 students (with valid ID) For Tickets go to: <http://tickets.commonwealthclub.org/> Or call (415) 597-6700 for more information. Location: Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

**Stamps In My Passport with Harry Hubinger** - Monday, April 20; 9:30 to 10:30: Coffee and refreshments; 10:30 - Noon Harry Hubinger presentation. Cost: \$25/person. Join the Alliance for an entertaining accumulation of insights and experiences from Harry's traveling abroad through 115 countries. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Avenue, Walnut Creek (925) 627-2961.

**Robert Scheer, veteran liberal journalist**, will speak on the Pornography of Power: The Origins of the Banking Meltdown on Monday, April 20th at 7:00 P.M. at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane in Walnut Creek. Robert Scheer has a long and distinguished career as a journalist and foreign correspondent. His upcoming book is The Great American Stick-Up: Greedy Bankers and the Politicians Who Loved Them. He is a regular contributor to the San Francisco Chronicle and the Los Angeles Times. Flyer for the event is available at [www.mtdpc.org](http://www.mtdpc.org).

**On Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m., Dr. Jay Sordean** returns to the Orinda Library to host a Fireside Chat on Natural Solutions to Allergies. If you start sneezing at the first hint of spring, this is one program you do not want to miss. Whether you react to pollen, strawberries, or your sister's cat, don't reach for that pill just yet. Although prescription and over the counter drugs can help in the short term, natural solutions are better for you overall. Dr. Sordean will help you make the healthy choice, as well as understand the why of allergic reactions. Free of charge. The Orinda Library is at 26 Orinda Way in Prinda. For more information, please call (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website at <http://occlib.org>.

**On Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 7 p.m., the Orinda Library** invites audiences to a talk by a BRT docent on Berkeley Repertory Theatre's new production, "The Lieutenant of Inishmore". Described as a "vicious comedy," "The Lieutenant of Inishmore" mixes comedy and mayhem with explosive dialogue and a well-oiled plot to comment on the endless cycle of violence that surrounds us all. The program will take place in the Gallery Room of the library. It is free of charge, and will last about an hour with time for questions and answers. The Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Pease call (925) 254-2184.

**KIDS, TEENS & PARENTS**

**Free Bike Safety Rodeo on Sun.**, April 19, 9am-2pm, Stanley Intermediate School, 3477 School St. Lafayette. For further information, contact Dan Harkins at 925-323-6682 or [dharkins1000@aol.com](mailto:dharkins1000@aol.com).

**Moraga Bright Beginnings Preschool** is having its annual Animal Fair, Open House and Yard Sale on April 25. Animal Fair: 10 am - 2 pm - Friendly animals to see and touch. Visit our school - enrolling for Fall. Yard sale: 9 am - 2 pm (50+ families); bargains galore! 1689 School Street, Moraga. More information: (925) 376-2600.

**Come on down and join the fun at this year's Wagner Ranch Round-Up Sat.**, April 25th from 11:00 am- 3:00 pm. The Round-Up welcomes everyone to share in the fun, food and festivities! This year we will feature delicious food, games, a cake walk, inflatable amusements, a bake sale and much more! The Round-Up is the roo'tin', tootin' event of the year! Don't miss this year's event!

**Girl Scout Troop 32905** (9th graders, Orinda) is hosting a Dog Faire on Sat. 4/25/09 from 12:30 - 3 p.m. at the Moraga Commons Park. (St. Mary's Rd at Moraga Rd.) This Faire is a service to our community to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award. Admission is FREE, with access to adoption, fostering, rescue and dog services organizations open to all Activities (face painting) and Food & Drink will be available at \$1 each For the Dog show, there will be 4 groupings: miniature/toy, small-medium, medium-large, REALLY BIG. Judges will sort dogs into their category at the beginning of the show, at 1:30 p.m. Dogs will be judged on such characteristics as personality/character, response to owner, loveliness, and other non- breed-specific characteristics that show what we love about dogs. Every participant will be recognized, and each size-class winner will take home a basket of goodies for them and their owners.

**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!!!. For more information and registration check out our website at [www.JFKapnekTrust.org](http://www.JFKapnekTrust.org).

**The Moraga Juniors is sponsoring Moraga's** first ever sidewalk chalk art contest as part of the Moraga Community Faire on May 9 at Rheem Shopping Center. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. the day of the event, and contestants can work on their creations between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. A \$1 participation For more information visit [www.moragachamber.org/faire](http://www.moragachamber.org/faire).

**Sport Equipment Freecycling in Lamorinda-Local Mom** organizes a free recycling event for families. No money exchange, just give and take. Sat., May 16 from 1:00 - 3:00pm at Moraga Commons (next to the fountain by the parking lot) All kid's equipment such as bikes, trikes, golf clubs, skis/boots/ helmets, baseball equipment, tennis rackets, scooters, rollerblades, skateboards, soccer balls/shin guards, strollers, booster/car seats, high chairs, pack 'n plays, etc. Please make sure that all items are in good and safe condition. Please have all items at the park by 1pm. Items will be either marked so donors can pick them up if they are not taken or a mission group will pick what's left as a donation. Feel free to contact Bev Harper with any questions: [bali42@yahoo.com](mailto:bali42@yahoo.com)

**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.

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**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.ccsarscholarship.com](http://www.ccsarscholarship.com). Deadline is April 24th.

**Advance screening of "Slipping Behind,"** a Lafayette filmmaker's 40-minute documentary exploring stresses youth face in our achievement-focused culture along with a panel of local teens talking with the filmmaker following the film, Tue., April 21 7:00 p.m. at the Miramonte Performing Arts Center, Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda. Sponsored by the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation and Reel Link Films.

**Self defense class for middle school girls**-Sun. April 26th, from 3 to 6 p.m. organized by the Moraga Juniors.) Applications are avail. 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).

**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@atwood.net](mailto:schroter5@atwood.net) with subject line "Stressed Out" written in subject line. Please include your name and high school your student attends.

**The financial situation affects families** as well as colleges. On May ,6th, two savvy professionals of the admission process and of college financing will respond to parents of 8th to 12th graders about concerns over financing college as well as creative options for college choices. The new configuration that will emerge is still uncertain, with public colleges getting less funding and private schools preparing for lower enrollment. The evening event is free and will take place in the Campolindo High School Library, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Park in the school's parking lot off Campolindo Drive. Register at <http://adulted.acalanes.k12.ca.us/onlinereg/>

**MEF showcase event May 20 Commons Park**, 6-8pm Witness the power of a community banding together to be inspired by its youth. Our first Annual MEF Showcase will celebrate the talents of our Kindergarten through High School students with instrumental & choral music and art. This unique event serves as a thank you to our generous community of donors and will truly ignite your senses and enlighten your souls. Don't miss out on this free, fun event for the whole community Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Moraga Commons Bandshell. For more information, please contact Stacy Giglio at 925-388-1110 or [thegigliofamily@comcast.net](mailto:thegigliofamily@comcast.net)

**OTHER**

**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.

**Lafayette Hiking Group** - April 25 - Bay to Breakers, San Francisco. We will walk, not run, the famous Bay to Breakers route from the Embarcadero, up the Hayes Street Hill, to the Panhandle and Golden Gate Park. We will picnic in the park before taking the N- Judah street car back to BART. Bring money for BART and streetcar. Distance: about 7 miles with one hill. Leader: Chester Jung. Questions? Email [LafayetteHiking@comcast.net](mailto:LafayetteHiking@comcast.net)

**Annual Tossed Treasures Sale** Sat. April 25 (9 to 3 p.m.) and Sun. April 26 (11 to 2 p.m.) at Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Rd. Plenty of free parking. Presented by Lafayette Service League to raise funds for Meals on Wheels and the Community Center. Come browse for jewelry, collectibles, kitchenware, linens, garden equipment and much, much more. (No clothing) Donations are welcomed. Please call Judy 284-9266 or Diane 283-8790.

**Las Trampas, Inc. presents "What's in Our Hat?"** Escape to Africa Event, Sun., 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).

**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. 7-9pm at the Orinda Library Auditorium (26 Orinda Way). Registration 6:30pm in the Atrium Lobby (2d floor).

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