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MUSIC-THEATER
2008 Lafayette Jazz Festival March 6-9, Bentley School Theater and the Acalanes Performing Arts Center. March 6th 7:00 p.m. - Rossmoor Big Band w/ special guest performance by Mary Fetti and the Bentley Jazz Ensemble with Brian Pardo and Mic Gillette March 7th 7:00 p.m. - Jamie Davis Trio and Stanley Jazz Messengers March 8th 7:00 p.m. - Wayne Wallace Quintet and Acalanes Jazz Ensemble March 9th 3:00 p.m. - Contra Costa County Jazz Honor Bands Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber website: www.lafayettechamber.org.

Jazz Night at St. Mark's: The Dan Damon Quartet will perform Jazz standards, hymns and spirituals at 7:30 pm, Sunday, March 9, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way in Orinda. Snacks and drinks. Open to the public. Free admission; free-will offering received. For more information, contact St. Mark's at 925-254-5965, or stmarkorinda@sbcglobal.net.

Live Jazz - Joe's of Lafayette is a hip, funky, jazz lounge/restaurant/bar offering California Cuisine, full bar, live music, a large space for special events w/ private party room, and much more. Thurs 3/6, DJ Diamond Dave! 9pm, Fri 3/7, Fred Randolph Quintet, 7-10pm, Mon 3/14, Mark Robinson Trio, 7-10pm, Mon 3/17, St. Patty's Shindig w/ Par Fore! 9pm, Wed 3/26, Diva Eve Clothing Swap! 7pm, Fri 3/21, Susan Rancourt w/ Jazz Connexion 7pm 3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Call 925) 299-2924 for reservations.

WomenSing, an auditioned chorus, Sounds and Sweet Airs, Vivaldi's Beatus Vir, Hasse's Miserere, Orban's Mass, Mendelssohn's motet, Surrexit Pastor Bonus, a set on texts from Shakespeare, a celebratory St. Patrick's Day set with Artistic Director Martin Benvenuto, Accompanist Paul Caccamo, Jubilate Orchestra. 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.

Miramonte High School Choral and Drama Departments presents: "Les Miserables" (school edition) A Musical by: Alain Boubill & Claude-Michel Schonberg. Miramonte High School Theatre, 750 Moraga Way in Orinda. March 13, 14, 15 at 7:30pm - March 20, 21, 22 at 7:30pm - March 16 & 22 at 12:00 noon. Advance Tickets available on line: \$10 Students and \$15 Adults At the Door: \$15 Students and \$20 Adults.

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
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mid March. Photo-Journalist Matt Heron 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 .

"LEAP" New exhibit at Martinez Gallery February 29 through May 2 Hours: 10am - 2pm, Wed. - Friday Martinez Gallery 630 Court Street Martinez (925)372-6270 Martinezgallery@gmail.com.

LITERATURE
World Affairs Book Group will discuss "The Silk Road: Two thousand years in the heart of Asia" by Frances Wood, on Tue, March 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square. The purpose of the World Affairs Book Group is to enlarge our understanding of important issues through reading and discussion. New members are always welcome. There are no membership requirements or obligations. For information, call Daisy Daymond, Group Leader, at 935-1565.

Commonwealth Club of California – "Peony in Love"
Wed, March 26, 6:30pm, Wine and Cheese Reception, 7:00pm, Program. Lisa See, the Author of Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, has always been intrigued by stories that have been lost, forgotten, or deliberately covered up, whether in the past or happening right now in the world today. Come hear See in conversation about her new book, Peony in Love, and what inspires her work. \$15, Members \$30, Non-members. Peony in Love is available at Lafayette Book Store. Bentley School, Student Performing Arts Center, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Road, Lafayette.

JUST FOR KIDS

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 at all Lamorinda Libraries can be found at <http://ccclib.org/programs/>.

Spring Egg Hunts
Moraga, Sat, March 15, 10am, Moraga Commons, \$5 per child. Tickets: 888-7045.
Orinda, Thurs, March 20, 11am, Community Center Park \$5 per child donation
Lafayette, Sat March 22, 9:30am, Lafayette Plaza.

OTHER EVENTS

Sun., March 9, Orinda Hiking Club: Round Valley Regional Preserve/Brentwood. Leaders: Dave & Caroline Moyer 925-376-8926 Meet: 8:30 am at the old Orinda Library parking lot. Must arrive early. Regular hike 8-10 miles in length, with up to 2000 feet of total elevation gain. Sturdy hiking boots are a must. Bring plenty of water and lunch. Hikes are led by experienced leaders, please call if you have any questions about a particular hike. Website: <http://orindahiking.org/2008Spring.html>

Northern Calif. Camellia Society presents its 63 rd annual camellia show and plant sale on March 8 and 9. Saturday 2 to 5 PM and Sunday Noon to 4 PM at Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. FREE. Exhibits and advice provided on selecting and growing better camellias.

Green Blueprints!- Model House Design 3-Day Workshop for Girls- Starts Saturday, March 15, 10am-1pm. (March 15, 22, & 29) Construct your own dream studio from start to finish. Brainstorm an idea and create a digital floor plan, then build it with genuine green resources. . Girls in grades 6-8 will make a green model house to take home. 3-Saturday workshop is \$165/\$150 members. More information on our web site www.chabotspace.org/visit/programs/girlpower.asp, or call the Chabot Box Office at (510) 336-7373.

Got Stuff to Sell? Looking to Buy? Register by March 19th for a booth at the Moraga Community Garage Sale! \$45 gets you a 20 ft x 12 ft booth space. The Moraga Parks and Recreation Department will welcome shoppers and sellers from throughout Lamorinda to its first ever Community Garage Sale on Saturday, March 29, from 9:00-2:00 at the beautiful Hacienda de Las Flores,

2100 Donald Drive in Moraga. Call Parks and Rec at 888-7045 for more information, or go to <http://moraga.ca.us>.

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.

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. March 8 - Cataract Trail, Marin County -Climb the canyon on this beautiful well maintained trail winding past numerous water falls at their spring best. Moderately strenuous, 7 miles. March 22 - San Francisco Hills - Climb the stairs to Coit Tower - parakeets, historic houses and murals. From there to historic North Beach, down to the Bay and back along the Embarcadero. Moderate, 5 miles. Email LafayetteHiking@comcast.net.

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, (March 7, 14, 15, 22) 1:00 - 1:50 pm. Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd, Lafayette.

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.

"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 Road Lafayette, 925-283-3872.

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.

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.aauwoml.org/Sistertostister.html>.

"Santa Maria Catholic Church Youth Ministry and Women's Guild in Orinda will be holding a Bake Sale to raise funds for 10 year old Christopher Rodriguez. Christopher was hit by a stray bullet while attending a piano lesson in Oakland and is now paralyzed from the waist down. The bake sale is open to the public's support and will be held from 9-12 am on Sunday, March 16th in the Parish Hall at Santa Maria Church, 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda."

St. Patrick's Day Sunday Brunch Sunday, March 16th, 11:30am to 1:30pm. \$15.00 per person, Children 10 and under free. All proceeds to benefit Potato Soup Foundation. Aegis of Moraga 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga RSVP Required 925-377-7900 www.aegisliving.com

How do you talk to your aging parents about your concerns and worries? Tue., March 18, 7 pm. This workshop given by Eldercare Services will cover the following: When to talk to Mom and/or Dad and how to start the conversation; What you have to know about legal issues, medical matters & options; Should I talk to Mom or Dad regarding a memory problem? Is further testing indicated or helpful? Why do I feel in-

adequate in communicating with Mom? Can Mom or Dad stay at home? Lafayette Community Center

Emergency Preparedness Seminars for Businesses Wed., March 26th See details in Business Briefs page 13.

Orinda Historical Society is seeking to compile a record of all Orinda Olympic athletes who have competed beginning with the 1896 Athens games and to hear of any Orinda athletes who have been chosen to compete in Beijing. We welcome the assistance of our community! Please send any information, such as the person's name, sport, and Olympic year, to: Erik Andersen, c/o the Orinda Historical Society, PO Box 82, Orinda, 94563, or please leave a message at the Historical Society at 254-1353. The athletes may be current or former residents of Orinda.

The Generations in Jazz Foundation is requesting the entire community participate in an all area used musical instrument drive. If anyone would like to donate an instrument to our not for profit 501c3 Generations in Jazz Foundation --the target recipients will be students in the Oakland area and the Oakland Conservatory of Music. Call Bob Sutherland at 925- 933-9754 to arrange for Boy Scout Troop 204 to pickup your donation. Thanks to Troop 204 Lafayette for their community service.

Saint Mary's College

Campus Happenings




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Lectures:
"Iranian-Saudi Relations: Prospects for Peace in the Region"
Lecture by Banafsheh Keynoush, an Iranian native who is a lecturer in international relations at San Francisco State University and a translator of Persian for CNN. She will be teaching in the Saint Mary's College Politics Department in spring 2008. Tuesday, March 11, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Galileo Hall, Room 201. Contact: Politics Department (925) 631-4467

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>.

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