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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, November 16, 2001

Special Board Meeting to Decide on Bond Campaign

SRJC's Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting Thursday, November 29, to decide whether or not to place a general obligation bond measure on the March ballot.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Pedroncelli Center on the corner of Elliott Avenue and Armory Drive on the Santa Rosa campus.

Begin Planning Now for April Career Fair

Planning for the second annual Spring Career Fair at SRJC is now under way. Mark your calendars for April 24, 2002!

Faculty and staff are invited to help in planning and promoting this event. Here's how you can help:

- Increase student awareness by promoting the value of the career fair to your students
- Announce the date of the career fair early in the semester so students can plan ahead
- Develop career-related activities for your students to coincide with "Career Week"
- Encourage student participation in workshops offered during "Career Week"
- Provide SRJC's Career Center with names of employers in your industry or discipline who may be interested in participating

"If your department is planning a career fair for spring, please consider collaborating with us on the April 24 Career Fair," said Suzanne Papa, career developer for SRJC.

The planning committee for this year's Career Fair are: Robert Ethington, Jack Geary, Heide Timko, Joy Gipson, Bev Henningsen, Caroline Mercer, Suzanne Papa, and Barb Fournier.

For more information, contact Suzanne Papa, (707) 527-4690.

Limited Release SRJC Sauvignon Blanc on Sale

It is not too late to purchase wine made from grapes grown at SRJC's Shone Farm.

The wine, a Sauvignon Blanc, was made from SRJC's grapes and then produced and bottled by students in the Enology Program at Fresno State University in a collaborative effort between SRJC and Fresno State.

The 1998 Sauvignon Blanc is available at \$100 per case (12 bottles per case). Half cases are also available for \$50 (*sorry, single bottles will not be sold*). All proceeds benefit the SRJC Foundation AG Trust.

To purchase your case, send your check (payable to the SRJC Foundation) to 1501 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. You may also telephone (707) 527-4348 or Fax (707) 524-1806 to use your Visa or MasterCard. To make your purchase on-line, visit us on the web at www.santarosa.edu/foundation. You must be at least 21 years of age to purchase the wine.

Wine may be picked up with your proof of purchase at the California Welcome Center in Rohnert Park on Nov. 16, 17, 18; and 23, 24, 25 only.

CalPERS Plans Spring Workshops in Santa Rosa

CalPERS has scheduled two free, financial planning seminars in Santa Rosa in March 2002.

"Achieving Financial Security," a workshop for CalPERS members who are more than ten years from retirement, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., March 27, 2002.

"Retirement and Estate Planning," a workshop for members who are planning to retire in ten years or less, will be held March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Registration is taking place now. For more information, contact the CalPERS Regional office, 1-877-720-7377 (toll free).

Author and Poet Piri Thomas at SRJC Nov. 20

Author and poet Piri Thomas, whose *Down These Mean Streets* is a classic story of growing up Puerto Rican in New York City, will be at Santa Rosa Junior College, Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Thomas will speak about life, poetry and prison, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. time in room 1, Plover Library on the Santa Rosa campus. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by SRJC's American Cultures Forum and Multicultural Events Committee. For more information, contact Judith Thorn, ext. 4336.



High School Students Attend Technology Day

More than 100 students from eleven area high schools came to SRJC's Santa Rosa campus Tuesday, November 6, to participate in Diesel & Machine Tool Technologies Day.

The purpose of the event, sponsored by the Tech Prep Career Pathways Program and the Diesel and Machine Tool programs, was to introduce students to the occupations in these fields through demonstrations and interactive activities. Industry representatives and high school teachers also participated in the event.

Students cycled through five stations in each program. High schools represented included Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Analy, Santa Rosa, Piner, Montgomery, Ridgway, Rancho Cotate, Tomales, DeForest-Hamilton and Ukiah. The day ended with a pizza lunch and a raffle of donated prizes.

New Planetarium Show Thanksgiving Weekend

"Santa's Star Filled Journey," the annual holiday show at Santa Rosa Junior College's Planetarium, will open Friday, November 23.

The show will be presented Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. through December 16. Admission is \$4/general and \$2/students and seniors. Children under 5 are not permitted in the Planetarium. Tickets are sold at the door 30 minutes before each show.

During the holiday show, audiences will have the opportunity to travel with Santa Claus as he leaves his home at the North Pole and travels south to Antarctica.

For more information, call SRJC's Community Education Office, (707) 527-4372 or the Planetarium at (707) 527-4465.

Letters

Dear SRJC Community,

I am back at work after the successful surgical removal of a brain tumor at UCSF. I am grateful, beyond words, to all who so generously donated their catastrophic leave credits to an anonymous plea in *The Insider* and to those of you who encouraged me by keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. As a result of these amazing gifts, I was able to let go of feeling financially and emotionally vulnerable and fully focus on recovery.

My heart is truly full and my thanks go to each of you who supported me so well.

Sincerely,

Martha Bigelow-Begin, Student Health Services

Memorial

A memorial service for retired SRJC music instructor Gerald Ogle will be held Saturday, November 17, at 3 p.m. in Newman Auditorium on SRJC's Santa Rosa campus.

Ogle came to SRJC in 1954 and was the primary instructor for music appreciation and music history courses at the college until his retirement in 1983. He was also principal violist of the Santa Rosa Symphony, was active in chamber music as the founder of the Santa Rosa Players and Piano Quartet, and was a music critic for *The Press Democrat*.

He died October 6 following a lengthy illness. He was 80 years old.

We Tip Our Hats

Tim Bosma, SRJC Purchasing Director, was one of the volunteers working at SRJC's ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) Tracking Station last month when the station helped make a contact between an elementary school in Houston, Texas and the International Space Station. This time, the link enabled astronaut Frank Culbertson, the American commander of the International Space Station, to talk to his son and daughter. "I think that is the first time I've heard 'Hi, Dad' in a school contact," Bosma said. ARISS is a long-running program to use amateur radio equipment on board NASA's Space Shuttle and the International Space Station to involve students in exchanging questions and answers with astronauts on orbit. SRJC's ARISS Tracking Station is located in Lark Hall and has been operational since 1996.

Herb Sullivan, Electronics instructor, was operating SRJC's ARISS station November 7, when the station linked ten elementary school students from P.S. 234 in New York City with the International Space Station. The students' school was only two blocks from the World Trade Center and was evacuated after the planes struck the towers. These children asked Commander Frank Culbertson what New York City looked like from space on September 11.

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