

Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, September 3, 2004

Class Web Site Training Begins Sept. 10

CATE, SRJC's Center for Advanced Technology in Education, will be offering a complete series of training workshops this semester for its "do-it-yourself" software for creating and maintaining class websites. The series of eight sessions will begin on September 10 with workshops on Friday afternoons, all starting at 1:00 pm. The first four sessions run until 3:00 pm and the last four go until 3:45 pm.

Each workshop covers one specific module of the online courseware system, ranging from the basics of personal homepages for faculty and staff all the way to advanced topics such as Web-based tests, student management, and online gradebooks.

For complete details go to http://online.santarosa.edu/presentation/schedule/?504

If you don't already have a CATE account, you'll need to visit the CATE homepage to request one before attending any workshops: **http://online.santarosa.edu**

As always, sessions are subject to cancellation, postponement, or over-enrollment (because of limited seating in the lab), so please contact Bill Stone at wstone@santarosa.edu to reserve your seat or if you have any questions.

Computer Purchase Program Starts Sept. 13

For the past five years the District has offered an Employee Personal Computer Purchase Program. This program affords District staff the opportunity to acquire personal computers at favorable District pricing and the convenience of making interest-free payments

through payroll deductions. Last year, the District loaned \$98,063 for the purchase of 47 faculty and staff personal computers.



Due to the success of this program the Board of Trustees again approved offering the Employee Personal Computer Program. The open application period for this year will be from **September 13 through October 15, 2004.** Please note that this will be the only application period this year. This year's offerings include all models of desktops and laptops that Apple and Dell offer for sale to the District.

Information about the program, including who may apply and information on how to apply, will be available at **www.santarosa.edu/compserv/staffbuy.html**, starting September 13, when the Web site will go live.

If you cannot access the web page starting September 13, or have additional questions about repayment, please call the Purchasing Department at ext. 4422.

Purchasing and Computing Services can assist with selecting a system to purchase, however they are not available to assist with software installation or provide technical assistance.

Staff Discounts Available

Feeling in the mood for a Safari? Safari West is offering a 10% discount on tours, lodging, and gift shop purchases over \$25.00. Discount is available Monday through Friday. Advance reservations required and some restrictions apply. Mention you are an SRJC employee at time of reservation. Upon arrival please be prepared to show your staff ID card or a recent pay stub. For more information contact 1 (800) 616-2695 or www.safariwest.com

Planning a trip, maybe to Route 66? Hertz car rental has a deal for you. When placing a reservation, remember to quote your Hertz Corporate Discount Program (CDP) ID number (#0014207). You must present your Hertz CDP card at time of pickup. Cards are available in the Human Resource Department. For more information contact 1 (800) 654-3131 or www.hertz.com

Thinking of changing banks? Check out the services offered by Exchange Bank. For employees who have direct deposit, the regular monthly service fee will be waived. With this service your cancelled checks will not be returned with the monthly statement. For more information contact 524-3000 or www.exchangebank.com

WOW! Fair Scheduled for September 10

Plan to attend the WOW! (Work-on-Wellness) Fair on Friday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. located at the outdoor stage area under the oaks on the Santa Rosa campus. An array of interesting exhibits and short presentations about health, fitness, and wellness, ranging from alcohol abuse, electrical home safety, earthquake tips, and integrative medicine to massage therapy, mental health options, blood pressure and body fat screening will make an exciting day!

Due to budget constraints this year, we will not be serving food as we have done in the past.

RAFFLE DRAWING! You may enter the free WOW! Fair Raffle Drawing to win one of the many terrific gifts donated by vendors, plus you don't have to be present to win. Raffle items include:

- Giants ball game tickets
- Gift certificate for one-month family membership at a health club
- Ergo platform wrist rest
- Photo mouse bridge
- Gift certificates for an office massage
- First aid kits
- · Fire extinguishers
- Yoga wellness kit
- Emergency kits
- WorkRite banana board
- Ergonomic products package
- Bike patch kit
- Grocery bags made from recycled plastic bottles
- Hypnotherapy session gift certificate
- Vision Service Plan (VSP) sports bag
- Weight Watchers cookbook
- Whole Foods gift basket
- Pedometers



NEWMAN AUDITORIUM, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

(PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A TWO-DAY PRESENTATION WITH BREAK-OUT SESSIONS SCHEDULED FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM IN VARIOUS CAMPUS LOCATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 13 & 14.FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, CONTACT JUDITH THORN, JJTHORN@SBCGLOBAL.NET, OR RAFAEL VASQUEZ AT RVASQUEZ@SANTAROSA.EDU OR (707) 527-4585.)

HABRA UNA PRESENTACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL EL 12 DE SEPTIEMBRE. PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN, LLAME 707-527-4585

In a whirl of bad publicity and misunderstanding the newspapers have often depicted Santa Rosa gangs and gang *culture* as undesirable and dangerous without considering what function gangs have in the lives of adolescents. Nor have they considered who these adolescents actually are—how they define themselves and why. Two worlds exist in Santa Rosa and SRJC is a natural place for them to meet. There are good working models for peace in the streets in NYC and Los Angeles from which we can, and *must* learn. The *Crips* and the *Bloods* and their respective sets offer an enlightening perspective on peace in the streets as well as the *culture* of gangs in California. They succeeded in creating a gang truce. Understanding the magnitude of this success will be useful for us because it casts a very different light on issues that are polarized and misunderstood. Toward Peace in the Streets, two days of presentations, will offer basic information on the culture of gangstas and gangs.

Presenters include Ruben Gonzales, who has been involved with gangs and peace for over ten years and is affiliated with The Valley, a non-profit comprehensive youth agency whose landmark programs in the Institute for Community Peace offer immersion training under the aegis of *Collaborating to Prevent Violence and Promote Peace*, and Rafael Vasquez, a graduate in criminal justice of SRJC and Sonoma State who presently works with gang members and their families in Santa Rosa. He is well known for his Spanish radio talk show presentations on gangs in Santa Rosa. *Cosponsored by SRJC's Multicultural Events Committee and funded in part by a grant from the SRJC Foundation-Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment*.

STRAIGHT TO THE HEART: AN EVENING WITH POET ELLEN BASS THURSDAY. SEPTEMBER 16. 7 PM

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Ellen Bass's most recent book of poetry *Mules of Love* was published by BOA Editions and won the 2002 Lambda Literary Award for Poetry. In 1973, she co-edited the groundbreaking book, *No More Masks: An Anthology of Poems by Women* and has published four previous volumes of poetry. Her non-fiction books include *I Never Told Anyone, Free Your Mind*, and *The Courage to Heal*, which has sold over a million copies and been translated into eleven languages. Among her awards for poetry are the Elliston Book Award from the University of Cincinnati, a Pushcart Prize, The Pablo Neruda Prize from Nimrod/Hardman, the Larry Levis Prize from Missouri Review, the New Letters Poetry Prize, the Greensboro Award in Poetry, the Chautaqua Poetry Prize, and a Fellowship from the California Arts Council. She lives in Santa Cruz, CA where she has taught creative writing since 1974.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

WITH ELLEN BASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10 AM-NOON

ROOM 1691 EMERITUS HALL, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

All of SRJC's Arts and Lectures events are open and free to the public, unless otherwise indicated. For more information about Arts & Lectures events on the Santa Rosa Campus, please call SRJC's Community Education Office (707) 527-4372. For the Petaluma Campus, please call the college's Mahoney Library (707) 778-3974.

Details about the events are also listed on SRJC's website under Calendar of Events: http://autobahn2.santarosa.edu/calendar

We Tip Our Hats

Curriculum Specialist **Debra Sands Miller** has started a company called Herbaceous & Woody. Her business designs and installs fanciful container gardens for urban environments, providing instant landscape for hard-togarden spaces. Upcoming events featuring her work are posted at her website: www.herbaceousandwoody.com. Congratulations, Debra!

Leslie Cole, adjunct instructor in College Skills department, won this year's Dickens prize for fiction. Her piece appeared in *The Dickens* literary magazine, which is published by Copperfield's books. The magazine spotlights talented local authors. Awards were given in each of three categories: fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry.

Marty Bennett, Instructor of History, is the Board Chair for New Economy, Working Solutions (NEWS), a nonprofit research and education organization in Santa Rosa. The organization's first report released in 2003, "Affordable Housing For All: Solutions to Sonoma County's Housing Crisis" was featured in the cover story of the July 2004 North Bay Biz magazine, "Damned If We Don't: Can the Jobs-Housing Imbalance be Solved." To view the article go to www.northbaybiz.com and to view the housing report go to www.seiulocal707.org. NEWS will publish a second report early in 2005, "The North Bay and the New Economy: Shared Prosperity or Deepening Inequality?" which is an analysis of income inequality and income distribution in Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino counties. Both reports are funded by the UC Institute for Labor and Employment.

Blood Drive Scheduled for Sept. 7-8

Staff, faculty and students are invited to participate in the fall Blood Drive September 7-8, in the Student Lounge in the Doyle Student Center on the Santa Rosa Campus. Hours are 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. You can contact Student Affairs at ext. 4424 to sign up in advance. Walk-ins are also welcome. Photo I.D. is required.

Fresh Produce On Sale!

SRJC's Sustainable Agriculture Program continues its popular Wednesday produce stand on the Santa Rosa Campus. Staff and students can buy fresh-picked fruits and vegetables grown and harvested by students at the college's Shone Farm. The stand is open from noon to 3:00 p.m., and is located under the oaks between the Bookstore and Burbank Auditorium. Call Wendy Krupnick at 887-0740 for more information.

GALEAF Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

GALEAF (Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends)

would like to welcome all new faculty and staff to SRJC. For those who would like to join GALEAF's email distribution list, please contact Phyllis Usina at pusina@santarosa.edu, or call her at 527-4773. For further information about GALEAF, please call Rhonda at 527-4586.



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