



“Odd Creatures in the Galactic Zoo” at SRJC October 18

Dr. Gosta Gahm from the Stockholm Observatory in Sweden will present an astronomy talk, “Elephant Trunks, Globulettes and Teardrops,” from 6:00 – 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 18 in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus. Sponsored by SRJC’s Engineering & Physics Department, doors open at 5:30 PM, so come early, as seating is limited. For more information, access <http://www.astro.su.se/swesolsyst/>

Will the sky’s elongated dark clouds resembling elephant trunks that spin and form complex networks of filaments and cloudlets develop into stars, brown dwarfs, or free-floating planetary mass objects or will they dissolve altogether? Explore the possibilities through this fascinating presentation! Call ext. 4680 for more information.



October Open Enrollment for District Benefit Plans

During October 2006, all District employees who are currently enrolled in SRJC’s health plans can switch from one health provider to another. The coverage you choose in October will become effective January 1, 2007, and will remain in place through December 31, 2007.

This year a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan will be made available to all eligible management and classified active employees. Interested employees will pay the premium difference between the Health Net HMO and PPO rates. During the month of October you are also able to enroll in the District’s dental and vision plans. If you’ve waived medical, dental, or vision coverage in the past you may enroll now! Eligible employees include:

Classified employees with an FTE of 50% or greater
Management employees with an FTE of 50% or greater
Faculty with an FTE of 60% or greater
Adjunct Faculty who met eligibility requirements in September 2006*

On Friday, October 13 Bech Hall Room 1999 – 12:30 PM, Jule Hansen from Health Net and Myrna Dillon from Kaiser will be on the Santa Rosa Campus to present updated coverage information. They will each give a brief presentation and be available to answer questions. Informational packets and enrollment forms will be available at the presentation. If you are unable to attend, materials can be picked up in the Human Resources Department.

If you choose to remain with your current health provider, no action on your part is necessary. If you wish to switch your coverage, enrollment forms must be completed and returned to Human Resources by October 31, 2006. The coverage will become effective January 1, 2007. * (Adjunct Faculty are eligible for medical coverage only.) Contact Louise Burke at ext. 4304.

Chamber Concert Series

The 2006-07 six-concert Chamber Concert Series offers evenings of wonderful music performed by superb musicians in an intimate environment. The season includes violinist Axel Strauss with pianist Jeffrey Sykes; violinist David McCarroll with pianist Jordi Bitlloch; the Alexander String Quartet; pianist Jonathan Biss; the Fry Street Quartet and the Amelia Piano Trio.

Because of a generous donation by a patron, all season tickets will be one price: \$120. That's only \$20 per concert—one of the best deals in the North Bay! Individual tickets are on sale at \$20 per person for all concerts, except the annual Randolph Newman concert, which will be \$30 per person. A special youth ticket is for sale at \$12 per person for youth 16 years old or under who is accompanied by an adult. Concerts are not suitable for very young children. For information about obtaining tickets and parking, call Community Education at 527-4372.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8:00 PM OR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 8:00 PM

Violinist David McCarroll with pianist Jordi Bitlloch.

Newman Auditorium (Emeritus Hall), Santa Rosa Campus

A native of Santa Rosa, McCarroll plays a 1761 violin made by A & J Gagliano. He will be joined by pianist Jordi Bitlloch.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 8:00 PM

Alexander String Quartet

Newman Auditorium, Emeritus Hall, Santa Rosa Campus

A favorite of Santa Rosa audiences, the quartet has performed in the major music capitals of four continents and is among the world's premier ensembles.

Be a Swedish Project Host Family!

Bring a little foreign culture into your home by housing visiting Swedish students. A group of 18 and 19 year-old Swedish students (pictured here) in their final year of studies in the entrepreneur program at Sven Eriksongymnasiet in Borås, Sweden will participate in the Swedish Project, arriving on February 22 to spend five weeks studying at SRJC.

To complement their work in Sweden, the students will take special five-week courses in the BOT and CIS departments, among others, and will also participate in semester-length PE classes for more interaction with other SRJC students.

Most of the Swedish students plan to develop their own businesses or university studies when they graduate. Many of this year's students are interested in careers in textiles and fashion design. Borås has a strong history in textile design and manufacture, and, as part of their Swedish coursework, many of the students work with mentors at local textile companies.

Swedish Project Assistant Corinne Kriegel recently returned from a trip to Sweden where she met with all of the students who are coming to SRJC this spring. Corinne reports that all the students are looking forward to coming to SRJC and are ready to begin corresponding with their host families. Contact Corinne Kriegel at ckriegel@santarosa.edu or 527-4999, ext. 4971, for more information about what a rewarding experience it is to host a Swedish student.





THROUGH OCTOBER 12 – PETALUMA CAMPUS

Quilt Quest 2006

This vibrant exhibit represents the landscape of California quilting in the 21st century by contemporary quilters.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Celebrating Cultural Diversity /Celebrando Nuestra Diversidad Cultural

Noon to 6:00 PM, Finley Community Center 2600 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa

3rd Annual Race Equality Week Festival/Semana de Raza y Igualdad

Authentic Cultural Events Including: Music & Dance, Ethnic Food, Costume Show, Cultural Displays and Crafts, Storytelling, Games, Food & Crafts for Purchase, Bring the Whole Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 - 12:15 PM

Student Perspective on the Diverse Culture of Work and Life in London

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Lively student dialogue about their participation in SRJC's Work in Britain Program.

OCTOBER 16—DECEMBER 15 – PETALUMA CAMPUS

D.A. Bishop—Paintings

A billboard painter, a graphic artist for a theatre company, and an itinerant limner.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 - 12:15 PM

Grassroots Movement Political Theatre Dance Company

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Presentation of contemporary dance featuring several short pieces with themes that reflect social, political and environmental issues

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 8:00 PM

Jazz Combos Concert

Meryl Wamhoff directs combos by SRJC Jazz Ensemble and Montgomery High School musicians.

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus. Admission \$5.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 7:30 PM

Symphonic Bands Concert

Meryl Womhoff directs the SRJC, College of the Sequoias, and Maria Carillo High School Symphonic Bands

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Admission \$5



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - 7:00 PM

Dia de los Muertos/ Day of the Dead

*Music by CantaFlor with Carlos Aguilar & Margarita Montez,
Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus*

*A time to remember those who have died with music, altars,
and special foods. Features Latin American songs about life,
love, nature, peace, hope.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 7:00 PM

Doyle Library Lecture Series - History of the American West: The Significance of the Lewis & Clark Expedition

Gary Moulton, Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Inaugurates lecture series on the History of the American West.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006, 12:15 PM

A Time to Reflect: Veterans Day Panel

Featuring veterans of the U.S. - Iraq Wars, Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

To honor of Veterans Day presents speakers who have served in U.S. wars in Iraq.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:00 PM

Ancient Glory: A Christmas Concert by the Festival Consort

Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

*The group specializes in the performance of medieval and renaissance music on authentic replicas of early instruments,
including recorders, shawms and crumhorns.*

International Film Festival – Petaluma Campus

A Dios Momo

Friday, October 13, 7:00 PM Mahoney Library

Leonardo Ricagni, 2004, Uruguay

*Spanish with English subtitles - Obulio's charismatic mentor introduces him to the world of literacy and teaches him the
meaning of life through the lyrics of the Murgas.*

Ni muy, muy...ni tan, tan...Simplemente TIN TAN

Friday, October 20, 7:00 PM

Mahoney Library

Manuel Marquez, 2005, Mexico

*Spanish with English subtitles - Vibrant documentary examines the life and career of Germán Valdez, better known as
"Tin, Tan," the great Mexican comedian.*

SRJC Employee Potluck Costume Parade and Contest

Halloween Bash!

12:30 to 1:30pm on October 31!

Heritage Plaza Santa Rosa Campus

Costume Contest!

INDIVIDUAL and GROUP Prizes for: Funniest, Scariest,
Most Original, Nerdiest, Best Impersonator

Judges

Don Zumwalt
Robert Agrella
Chriselle Raguro
Mike Ceser
Debbie Weatherly
Bonnie Panizeera

Potluck

Bring a delicious treat to share!

11:45 AM to the President's Office in Bailey Hall.

A-G: Side Dish or Salad

H-M: Main Dish

N-R: Drinks

S-Z: Dessert or Snack

Prizes & Volunteers Needed!

Donate a prize for the winners of the Costume Contest by calling Public Relations, ext. 4266 And if you would like to help set up or clean up the Halloween Bash, we'd love more volunteers!

Environmental Forum Oct 18

The environmental forum "From the Baltic to Bad Mitterndorf: Searching for Environmental Philosophy in Germany and Austria" is scheduled from noon to 1:15 on October 18 in Emeritus Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus. George Freund, SRJC Philosophy Instructor, will discuss his search for environmental philosophy in Austria and Germany during his spring 2006 sabbatical. You can link to the schedule of forums at <http://online.santarosa.edu/presentation/schedule/?2311>. [Contact 4638 for information.](mailto:4638@online.santarosa.edu)

Cultural Enrichment Grant Applications Deadline Oct 27

The SRJC Foundation announces that grant applications are now being accepted to fund college cultural enrichment activities. In its fifth year of funding, the Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment offers \$5,800 for projects planned for fall 2007, spring 2008, and summer 2008.

Contact the SRJC Foundation at 527-4348 for a hard copy of the application. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 27. A committee will review application materials. Grant recipients will be announced by Thursday, December 7.

After reviewing the grant application and its requirements, send any questions to lfrank@santarosa.edu. Thirty-minute informational appointments can also be scheduled to review the necessary paperwork or review grant ideas.

"Lewis & Clark's New Look" Nov 3 Lecture

The inaugural lecture of the new Frank P. Doyle Library Lecture Series will be presented by visiting scholar Gary Moulton titled "Lewis and Clark's New Look" on Friday, November 3 at 7:00 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus.

Moulton, a Sorensen Professor of History, Emeritus, University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Editor of the *Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, offers an intriguing exploration of the character and personalities of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark whose visionary four-year mission into the uncharted West that began in 1803 has become one of the nation's greatest stories of adventure.

The lecture is underwritten by Nelson Weller, a member of the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors, and coincides with Mr. Weller's donation of a collection of works about Lewis and Clark to the Doyle Library, which he has compiled since the 1950s. Mr. Weller has extensively explored the Lewis and Clark trails over many years.

A hosted reception in the library's fourth floor reading room will immediately follow the November 3 lecture.

Contribute to United Way!

You are urged to contribute to this year's United Way Campaign, which is so vital to the success of many nonprofit agencies in our community that continue to struggle to provide health and human services. Through employee contributions, SRJC partners with United Way to help Sonoma County become a healthier, stronger region. No matter the size of your donation, it will be combined with other contributions to positively impact the lives of people in our community. You also have the option to designate funds to your favorite agency. If you are rolling over your contribution commitment from last year, you must again designate your favorite agency or the amount will automatically be directed the Impact Fund.

Your donation to the Impact Fund help youth make healthy choices, help end the cycle of abuse and violence in families, and help seniors remain in their homes.

United Way has evolved from an organization funding many agencies to one that provides leadership, collaboration, and funding to impact programs that support youth, support families, enhance senior independence, and provide food, shelter and housing to those in need.

Our goal for SRJC this year is \$36,905 (last year District employees raised \$32,091), so thank you in advance to every employee who contributes through our payroll deduction program to United Way. If you are not currently a contributor, please consider joining your colleagues in supporting this worthwhile campaign. Every dollar makes a difference to this community!

Contact Diane M. Traversi or Deborah Wootten with any questions!

Baby News

Congratulations to proud parents **Sabrina and Greg Meyer** at the arrival of their daughter Hallie Lane Meyer who was born October 6 at 8:21 AM. A healthy 7 pounds, 5 ounce beauty, Hallie also joins her new brother and sister, Joey and Sarah.

Rachel Lallatin gave birth to Samuel Everett Lallatin at 7:27am this morning. Samuel is the first child for Rachel and her husband Jay.



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