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## Work Resumes on Miner Road

### Neighbors Agree to Enlarged Culvert Plan

By MAGGIE SHARPE  
Staff Writer

At a Mar. 14 Community Meeting about the Miner Road sinkhole, City of Orinda's Director of Public Works Larry Theis didn't waste any time getting to the point.

"I'm going to get to the punch line and get that out upfront. We received a signed agreement late last night (Mar. 13) from the property owners [at 7 Camino Lenada] that allows us right of entry to their property to proceed with the work. That's a major hurdle," Theis told a crowd of about 150 neighbors and city officials who gathered in Sleepy Hollow Elementary School's multipurpose room. "Weather permitting and barring any unforeseen conditions, Miner Road should reopen in June or July. Bottom line is, we'll do it as quickly as we can."

Darryl and Jana Rains, owners of 7 Camino Lenada – one of three homes flooded after the creek overflowed its banks – did not accept the original fix to the problem that the city suggested, which was to replace the failed 7-foot culvert with a new 9-foot design, and hired their own consultant to study the problem.

## Ninth Annual Orinda Action Day

By SALLY HOGARTY  
Editor

Community volunteers will once again spend a Saturday morning showing their civic pride at the ninth annual Orinda Action Day scheduled for Apr. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

"Orinda Action Day, co-sponsored by the Orinda Community Foundation (OCF) in partnership with the City of Orinda, is a time our city comes together to not only clean and foster civic involvement but to showcase what a wonderful, friendly com-

munity Orinda represents," says former Mayor Sue Severson.

Holly Henkel and Brian Chinn are co-chairs of the event with Steve Harwood acting as D.J. and presenting prizes for unusual "finds."

"As a local realtor with Pacific Union and longtime resident, I understand why families move here and never leave! Orindans love to support and improve the environment," says Henkel.

Henkel and Chinn encourage volunteers of all ages, especially families, to sign up for Action Day. It all begins at 9:30 a.m. [SEE ACTION DAY page 16]

### Volunteer Fair Part of Orinda Action

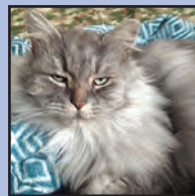
The Orinda Association will once again sponsor a volunteer fair as part of the Orinda Action Day on April 22.

Library Plaza from 9 a.m. - noon

Learn about volunteer opportunities with a variety of local nonprofits including the California Independent Film Festival, Earthwatch, Cal Shakes, Friends of Wagner Ranch and many more. Call 925-254-0800 for more information.

### Help Me Find My Owner

Several months ago I got lost and ended up on this nice family's roof by the Orinda Theatre. While they are very good to me, I miss my owners and would love them to see this and come and get me. I'm around three years old, neutered (I don't want to talk about that!), healthy and very gentle.



If you recognize me, please call Michael at 925-788-0548. Thank you!

### Summer Camps Directory



Day campers attending Orinda Parks and Recreation's Skyhawk camp perfected their aim last summer. Complete directory of summer camps on pages 11-14.

Darryl Rains said he is happy with the recent resolution reached with the city to install a much bigger 16- by 7-foot culvert, along with other structural modifications.

"Our engineer and the city's engineer agreed that this is the best solution. Given the city's financial and time constraints, we were willing to agree to it," said Rains, adding that a bridge would clearly be the best solution, but the enlarged culvert is a compromise he can accept. Rains said he's also turned a corner regarding repairs to his family's flooded home. "Last week, the demolition phase was complete, this week we started

construction," said Rains.

While some residents had expressed concern that the Rains were delaying the road repair that's caused traffic logjams in and out of Sleepy Hollow, by holding out for a bridge or a bigger culvert, Rains said the city's original plan was not sufficient protection against future flooding, according to his consultant. He said he only saw the city's drawings for the redesign for the first time Mar. 10, a couple of days before he agreed to it.

"A big structure is going to be built right in our front yard, so we wanted to see what it would look like and if it would work," said Rains. "Now the city has got what it wants to get going. They can work 24/7 on our property if they need to, to get the road reopened as soon as possible."

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Theis gave an overview of the sinkhole's history at the Mar. 14 meeting and what is going to happen moving forward. The sinkhole

appeared on Jan. 11 over the creek that runs under Miner Road near Camino Lenada, causing the road to collapse and be immediately closed. After particularly heavy rains on Feb. 7, three homes flooded, including 7 Camino Lenada and two homes on Miner Road. The existing culvert and part of the headwall were removed the same day to allow for the free flow of the creek and avert further flooding of homes.

The Rains' agreement to the redesign was crucial, as the city needs right of entry to their property to work on the road. The final agreement between the Rains and the City calls for a 16-foot wide by 7-foot-high concrete box culvert and three 2-foot-wide high flow pipes above the culvert for extra flood safety. The redesign gives a statistical 1 in 100 chance of flooding. "That's a pretty high standard," said Theis.

Theis said that the next step is to get a [SEE MINER page 4]

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### 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Egg Hunt in the Park



The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at the Orinda Community Center Park on April 15. Children ages toddler to 7 years old will hunt for treasures beginning promptly at 11 a.m. followed by games and refreshments. Go to [www.orindarotary.org](http://www.orindarotary.org) for more information.

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# Annual Arts Ambassadors Exhibit Showcases “The Art of Science”

By ELANA O’LOSKEY  
Staff Writer

The Educational Foundation of Orinda (EFO) and the Lamorinda Arts Council invites the public to view the Arts Ambassadors’ exhibit at the Orinda Library Art Gallery through Apr. 28. It showcases artwork from students in first through 12th grades in all Orinda Union School District (OUSD) schools. This year’s theme is “The

Art of Science.” Some pieces of artwork specifically relate to science while other projects explain the science behind the students’ artwork.

Over 150 pieces of artwork are on display. The EFO invites guests to meet the young artists at a Celebration of the Arts reception on Apr. 19 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. when light refreshments will be served. The Orinda Intermediate School (OIS) Jazz Band will be on hand to drum up some rhythmic entertainment in Library Plaza. The event begins when OUSD Superintendent Dr. Carolyn Seaton makes the opening remarks in the auditorium. Next, enjoy orchestral performances by elementary school students and a drama performance by Miramonte High School (MHS) students. Then the MHS Jazz Band will play for everyone. As always, student artists will receive invitational letters to the

exhibit from their art teachers and receive an Arts Ambassador ribbon badge at the reception.

You might have seen *Wild Thing*, a white metal sculpture created by Del Rey students that was recently installed in the Orinda Library Plaza. A video about the makers of the sculpture and the benefits of collaborative art for students will be screened at the reception. Sculptor John Toki and certified welder Amanda Larson worked with 20 fifth-grade girls and boys to see the project through. Toki felt it was important that the students experienced installing the work, not just creating it.

Jackie Noyes, EFO Arts Ambassadors coordinator, wishes to thank the EFO, Lamorinda Arts Council, Bene Streubel and Lori Brook for their help with this event. Noyes reminds us that Orinda’s talented students are not only supported by their

[SEE GALLERY page 6]



ELANA O’LOSKEY  
During the 2016 Arts Ambassadors reception, Lynn Kalmar helps her eight-year-old daughter Nora show off her artwork.

## Look Out for IRS Scam

If you receive a phone call from the IRS, it is a scam. Do not give out personal or credit card information. The real IRS will not call you asking for payment over the phone. Contact your accountant if you have questions about your tax status.

## Fitness Tip of the Month

### Live Lean for Health

We begin to lose lean muscle after the age of 30 through a process called Sarcopenia. Common minor side-effects are premature aging, pronounced wrinkling, sunken cheeks, loss of strength to do simple things.

### Muscle Building Tips

Effective resistance training at least twice a week, combined with a protein and nutrient rich diet, specific for your body composition, will increase muscle mass. Cardio improves our response to insulin, helping with muscle repair.

### How to do Both

In addition to cardio classes, try high intensity, cardiovascular strength training workouts.



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# Orinda Garden Club Hosts Tour of Five Unique Local Gardens

By ELANA O’LOSKEY  
Staff Writer

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow” - Audrey Hepburn

Orinda Garden Club’s (OGC) garden tour offers a rare opportunity for garden lovers to view five gardens in Lafayette and Orinda created with this sentiment in mind. The self-guided tour on May 11 begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Along the way enjoy light refreshments, pop-up boutiques (including plants grown by OGC members) and a silent auction. Sponsored by Melanie Snow of Coldwell Banker Orinda, the tax-deductible tickets are \$50 per person. Proceeds benefit OGC’s ongoing projects for beautification of Orinda, bouquets for patients at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez, and scholarships and donations

[SEE GARDEN CLUB page 16]



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The Orinda Garden Club Spring Tour features this beguiling play area for the owner’s delighted grandchildren.

## Stay Informed, Involved and in Touch with Orinda

Join The Orinda Association’s Annual Volunteer Fair  
Saturday, April 22, 2017  
9 am-noon

Meet representatives from the following organizations:

- The Orinda Association
- Lamorinda Arts Council
- Orinda Historical Society
- Orinda Chamber of Commerce
- Orinda Starlight Village Players
- Friends of Wagner Ranch Nature Area
- California Independent Film Festival
- Orinda Woman’s Club

- Orinda Rotary
- Orinda Community Foundation
- Lamorinda Village
- Boy Scout Troop 237
- Tabor Sister City
- Cal Shakes
- What’s Up Downtown Orinda
- Orinda Junior Women’s Club
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A Message From the OA President  
Spring is Busting Out All Over!



Cindy Powell

On April 1, it's no joke, check with your insurance carrier to see how you may lower your rates because our Fire District rating moved from a "three" to a "two" today. Go to [www.MOFD.org](http://www.MOFD.org) and get the hot info.

Orinda schools have **Spring Break** the first week of April so watch for bicyclists on their way to camp at the Orinda Community Center.

On Apr. 7 Americans are encouraged to participate in **Walk to Work Day**. If you can't walk to work, take a walk another time during this day. We are hoping this will encourage people to add a 30-minute walk to their daily lives, a new habit that can significantly improve your overall health.

April 14 is the last day to turn in community service hours at Miramonte to be con-

sidered for the **MHS Service Award** and **Presidential Service Award**. These hours not only help with college applications but also really benefit our town. Thank you to students volunteering your valuable time.

Not to be missed is the **Orinda Trivia Bee** on April 14. Teams of six get dinner and the chance to win \$500 for the non-profit of their choice. Orinda Chamber can set up your group or help get a group together if you don't have a full team of six.

Orinda **Spring Egg Hunt** on April 15 is at 11 a.m. If you have an egg hunter under 7 years old, then the Orinda Community Center Park is the place to be! Get a photo with the Easter Bunny and thank Rotary Club of Orinda for this very fun event.

Why is the deadline for filing your 2016 taxes on April 18 this year? Because April 15 is a Saturday and in Washington D.C. a holiday is being observed on April 17, so **Tax Day** is on the following Tuesday.

Friends of Orinda Library's **2017 Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest** deadline is April 21. This contest is named in honor of the late Poul Anderson, a popular science-fiction writer and Orinda

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OA Safety Video

Check out the informative OA Safety Video by Susan Garell on our website ([www.orindaassociation.org](http://www.orindaassociation.org)) and on our Facebook page.

Orinda Association Welcomes Three New Board Members



SALLY HOGARTY

The OA welcomes new board members (L-R) **Jeremy Conescu**, **Carlos Baltodano** and **Carol Zischke**.

By SALLY HOGARTY  
Editor

Thanks to the tenacity of The Orinda Association (OA) Board President Cindy Powell, the OA board now boasts three new members eager to contribute to the OA's mission of enhancing the quality

of life in Orinda.

Jeremy Conescu and his family recently moved to Orinda, to be closer to family and friends and take advantage of Orinda's wonderful public schools. As the CEO of a tech startup and father of two, Conescu wanted to show his kids that the best way

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- Maintaining and improving the quality of life in Orinda;
- Promoting awareness and discussion of issues that are important to the community;
- Encouraging and recognizing volunteer efforts to enhance the beauty, character and security of Orinda.

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Couple Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary

On April 5, **Lucia and Anthony Steger** celebrate 65 years of marriage. The couple have lived in Orinda since 1973.

They are grateful to the Orinda Association's **Seniors Around Town** transportation program which matches volunteer drivers with the couple to take them to various doctors' appointments, shopping trips and more.



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# Editorial...

## Time Flies When You're Having Fun

I happened to look through an old file recently and discovered that I've been with *The Orinda News* – first as assistant editor and then as editor – for 24 years! Back in 1993, I didn't have gray hair or a marvelous granddaughter!

Continuously published by The Orinda Association, the paper only came out quarterly in 1993 with special issues for the 4th of July and during local elections. While much has changed since that time, one thing stays the same – the loyalty of our advertisers, without whom this non-profit newspaper would not exist.

Every month when I receive the sheet listing our advertisers for the month, I am filled with gratitude to see many of the same names. These loyal advertisers consistently support our paper, month after month and year after year. Given the often uncertain financial times, this is quite a feat, and one I am most grateful to acknowledge with a new feature.

Beginning this month, we will highlight one of our long-time advertisers each month on our back page, next to Valerie Hotz's Business Buzz column.

I hope you will read this new feature and patronize the business highlighted. Remember to tell them that *The Orinda News* sent you!

# Letters to the Editor...

## Attend Meeting on Downtown

Orindans have an enormous opportunity to show how important it is to makeover our downtown. The City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint session on April 11 to hear recommendations from a panel of experts that will suggest a path forward toward a re-imagined, friendlier and more functional downtown.

That change won't happen overnight, but an auditorium full of community members will emphasize the urgency of making a renewal plan with a cohesive vision a priority for the city. The Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel is

comprised of several experienced professionals drawn from a pool of economists, architects, historians, engineers, developers, traffic and parking experts and others whose expertise has helped many cities and towns focus their approach to renewal and revitalization.

Please join me on April 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Library Auditorium to hear the panel's report, ask questions, and encourage the City Council and Planning Commission to create a process with broad community input that will address the dowdy and awkward character of our downtown.

–Barbara Bennett

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new work permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. "The original permit has lapsed, so we have to apply for a new one. That could take one or two weeks. We also need to divert the stream by putting a temporary dam and diversion pipes upstream to allow the area to dry out so that we can work on it."

Once the new culvert and headwalls are installed, the road will be graded and resurfaced and utility pipes that formerly ran under the road will be under-ground again. Currently, the sewer and gas lines are being bypassed over the surface of the street, while the water line is temporarily shut down – a situation that Theis calls "a big concern."

When the sinkhole first appeared, the City Council declared a state of emergency, making it eligible for FEMA monies. "This project is eligible for emergency federal reimbursement at 88.53 percent," said Theis at that time. "The city's contribution is 11.47 percent of the project and any determined betterments."

The original construction contract was awarded to Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc. of Concord at a cost of \$1,471,717. At

the Mar. 14 meeting, Theis said an amended contract with Bay Cities would be worked out, based on the redesign. The increase in cost over the original estimate has not yet been finalized but will fall into the category of "betterments," which are the city's financial responsibility, according to Theis.

Also present at the meeting were Mayor Eve Phillips, Councilmember Inga Miller, Senior Engineer Jason Chen, Fire Chief Stephen Healy and Police Chief Mark Nagel. Vice-Mayor Amy Worth joined "remotely" from Washington D.C. to give an update on school and public bus re-routes.

One of the hot-button topics raised by neighbors was traffic jams and the somewhat perilous conditions of detour roads in and out of Sleepy Hollow and The Downs, including narrow, winding Camino Sobrante – now a major thoroughfare – and the equally challenging Manzanita Road. Chen said that another detour is being proposed to spread the traffic load. "We are proposing a third detour through St. Stephen's Drive," said Chen. "It's the widest on average and the curves are not so sharp. It looks longer but travel time is about the same as it's less hilly and curvy."

He outlined new striping and signage measures to improve traffic safety. He said



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that while all roads are open to bikers, new signs will encourage bikers to use the St. Stephen's route and urge motorists and bikers to "share the road." Some audience members scoffed at the idea of cyclists using Camino Sobrante or Manzanita for recreation at this time, saying they're just adding to the problem. "Share the road with a bike? That's insane! Only a government would suggest something that insane," said one neighbor.

Fire Chief Healy addressed concerns about emergency response times to Sleepy Hollow. "Response times are two minutes

longer," said Healy. "It's 2-1/2 miles to the temporary fire station at St. Stephen's Church. We now have an ambulance at St. Stephen's station in the event of something happening." He added that there hasn't been a medical emergency at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School requiring an ambulance since 2011.

Healy quoted stats gathered over the last three years on fire and ambulance service in the area. Some neighbors at the meeting were skeptical about those figures. "The 3-year data doesn't take this current situa-

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# POLICE BLOTTER

January 29 through March 11, 2017

**Calls for Service**

911 Hangup: 14 incidents.  
 Accident Injury: 4 incidents.  
 Accident Property: 9 incidents.  
 Alarm, False: 179 incidents.  
 Animal Cruelty: 1 incident.  
 Barking Dog: 1 incident.  
 Battery: 1 incident.  
 Burglary: 2 incidents.  
 Burglary, Auto: 6 incidents.  
 Burglary, Commercial: 1 incident.  
 Burglary, Residential: 6 incidents.  
 Civil Matter: 29 incidents.  
 CVC Moving Violation: 178 incidents.  
 CVC Non-Moving Violation: 85 incidents.  
 Death Non-Criminal: 5 incidents.  
 Dependent Adult Abuse: 2 incidents.  
 Disturbing the Peace: 2 incidents.  
 Found Property: 6 incidents.  
 Fraud/False Pretenses: 1 incident.  
 Grand Theft from Building: 4 incidents.  
 Hailed by Citizen: 1 incident.  
 Health & Safety Violation: 1 incident.  
 Hit & Run Misdemeanor: 3 incidents.  
 Identity Theft: 8 incidents.  
 Illegal Entry: 1 incident.  
 Juvenile Disturbance: 5 incidents.  
 Lost Property: 1 incident.  
 Loud Music: 2 incidents.  
 Loud Noise: 6 incidents.  
 Loud Party: 1 incident.  
 Medical Hospital: 7 incidents.  
 Missing Adult: 2 incidents.  
 Missing Juvenile: 1 incident.  
 Motorist Assist: 4 incidents.  
 Occupied Stalled Vehicle: 1 incident.  
 Ordinance Violation: 6 incidents.  
 Outside Assist: 34 incidents.  
 Parking Detail: 118 incidents.  
 Patrol Request: 61 incidents.  
 Petty Theft: 2 incidents.  
 Petty Theft from Vehicle: 2 incidents.  
 Petty Theft Shoplift: 1 incident.  
 Public Assembly Check: 4 incidents.

Public Nuisance: 13 incidents.  
 Reckless Driving: 18 incidents.  
 School Check: 26 incidents.  
 Security Check: 63 incidents.  
 Service to Citizen: 200 incidents.  
 Shoplift: 3 incidents.  
 Suspicious Circumstances: 32 incidents.  
 Suspicious Person Stop: 17 incidents.  
 Suspicious Subject: 15 incidents.  
 Suspicious Vehicle: 29 incidents.  
 Suspicious Vehicle Stop: 14 incidents.  
 Tow: 11 incidents.  
 Traffic Hazard: 16 incidents.  
 Trespass: 1 incident.  
 Trespass w/Vehicle: 1 incident.  
 Vacation House Check: 20 incidents.  
 Vandalism: 3 incidents.  
 Vehicle Theft: 2 incidents.  
 Verbal Dispute: 4 incidents.  
 Violation Custody Order: 2 incidents.  
 Welfare Check: 19 incidents.

**Arrests**

Battery: 2 arrests.  
 Burglary: 2 arrests.  
 Drunk in Public: 1 arrest.  
 DUI: 1 arrest.  
 DUI Misdemeanor: 3 arrests.  
 Misdemeanor: 1 arrest.  
 Possession of Controlled Substance: 2 arrests.  
 Recovered Stolen Vehicle: 2 recoveries.  
 Revocation of Probation: 1 arrest.  
 Shoplift: 1 arrest.  
 Vehicle Theft: 2 arrests.  
 Warrant Arrest: 6 arrests.

**BART Statistics**

Grand Theft - Catalytic Converter: 1 incident.  
 Possession of Stolen Property: 1 arrest.

- Compiled by David Dierks  
 Assistant Editor

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## State of the City Presentation Lists Priorities



SALLY HOGARTY

Mayor **Eve Phillips** gave the annual State of the City address at the Orinda Rotary and Orinda Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Mar. 1. The mayor listed fixing Miner Rd. sinkhole and other infrastructure problems as top priority. She also noted that crime was down significantly thanks to cameras around town and looked forward to Urban Land Institute and Main Street America reports on downtown redevelopment. The mayor's power point presentation is available at [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org).



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## MOFD Visits Orinda Preschool



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Firefighter **Daniel Griffen** instructs students at St. Stephen's Preschool on safety techniques on a recent visit he made to the school along with Captain Matt Nicholes and engineer Brad Nygard.

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## WRNA Wildlife Festival

Take part in pond activities, check out the honey bees, baby goats and turtles plus participate in nature arts and crafts and enjoy Native American drumming and more at the Wagner Ranch Nature Area's (WRNA) Wildlife Festival on April 23 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The WRNA is an 18-acre nature preserve and historic site located adjacent to Wagner Ranch Elementary School, 350 Camino Pablo Rd., in Orinda and this free community event offers fun and educational enrichment for the entire family. BMW will even have an electric car to test drive! Lots of hands-on activities including scavenger hunts in the garden, face painting and interacting with beautiful parrots from the Contra Costa Avian Society.

For more information, go to [www.fwrna.org](http://www.fwrna.org).

— Sally Hogarty, Editor



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The pond at **Wagner Ranch Nature Area** is always a popular destination during the Wildlife Festival.

## Seasoned Shopper

20 Seasons & Reasons to Shop Orinda Farmers' Market

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- Opening Saturday, Apr. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Orinda Way in front of the Community Park for its 20th season, Orinda Farmers' Market promises stalls filled with fresh in-season produce including strawberries, asparagus, salad greens, mushrooms, artichokes, beets, broccoli, fava beans and leeks.
- Specialty food vendors return with honey, jams, hummus and baked goods.
- There are new vendors to look for – Santa Rosa Fish and Californica bagels.
- Fun kids' activities are set up every week.
- Ben the Broccoli is hiding at the market and kids have fun finding him to claim a prize at the information table.
- The information table is a great place to catch up on local events, pick up free recipes and a complimentary copy of the latest issue of *Edible East Bay* magazine, or to purchase reusable shopping bags.
- Enjoy Music at the Market every Saturday.
- Get to know the farmers who grow your food – they're happy to offer suggestions on how to cook, serve or store their produce.
- The market is an ideal, central meeting place for friends and families.
- The community park is adjacent to the market and kids love to visit both.
- You're supporting local farms and contributing to the vital link between farmer and consumer.
- It's convenient to shop at the market using market bucks. Use your debit/credit card at the information booth to purchase Market Bucks, which are accepted by all market vendors. Many growers and vendors also use Square to make debit or credit purchases at their stalls.
- Farmers' markets support and promote local businesses and other non-profits.
- Convenient parking is located adjacent to the market area on Orinda Way.
- Farmers' markets offer something special during every season – new varieties of fruit arrive, new vendors and new products to try.
- Find all the latest updates on the market's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/OrindaFarmersMarket>, on the website at [www.cccfm.org](http://www.cccfm.org) or call the market hotline at 925-431-8361.
- Ask growers if they sell their produce in bulk to save you some money.
- Recycling is active at the market. Many growers and vendors recycle glass jars, pint baskets or empty cardboard flats. Bins are also located on site for market recycling.
- You can always count on the market to be open rain or shine.
- A farmers market is part of a healthy lifestyle by helping to promote good food choices and offering a place to take a few extra steps for some enjoyable exercise.

### ◆ GALLERY from page 2

families and the community, but by EFO's arts enrichment program. This program funds highly qualified credentialed arts, music and electives teachers (and many other programs) to keep education in Orinda of the highest quality. For more information about the EFO see [www.orindaefo.org/](http://www.orindaefo.org/).

A big shout out to the following art teachers for inspiring their students to keep creating and for teaching them how to display their work in a gallery: Stacey Churchill, Heather Cousins, Deborah Hovey-LaCour and Gavin Kermode of MHS; Hillery Patterson of Del Rey, Wagner Ranch and Glorietta and an OUSD arts coordinator; Greg Mazmanian, Lesley Millstone and David Morrirt of OIS; Gretchen Nielsen of OUSD elementary schools; David Uyeno of MHS; Susan Weiss of OIS and Susan Zib of Glorietta and Sleepy Hollow.

Arts Ambassadors began in 2006 as a collaboration between the Orinda Arts Council (now known as the Lamorinda Arts Council) and OUSD art teachers. In 2012, Arts Ambassadors became an EFO event in partnership with the Lamorinda Arts Council, which donates the gallery space for the show. To learn more, go to [www.lamorindaarts.org](http://www.lamorindaarts.org).

Visit the gallery at 26 Orinda Way during normal library hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed for Easter on April 16. Call 925-254-2184 for more information or visit <http://ccclib.org>.



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Tom Westlake

**F**east or famine is an expression that emphasizes the disparity between abundance and lack thereof, and it just so happens that we are in a feast month so let's get right to it.

The Rheem Theatre occasionally gifts us with the very best of the worst, be it zombies, atomic mutations or aliens. This time it's robots. Long before *A.I.* or even *2001: A Space Odyssey*, stories of benevolent, helpful machines turning on their creators have been a staple of science fiction. Indeed, it's been a common theme, most famously brought to light by Isaac Asimov. Several examples will air in one marathon run on the first of April.

In no particular order (though there may be additions – as always, keep checking <http://lamorindatheatres.com>) is *The Invisible Boy*, a film that plays with many different ideas such as artificial intelligence, mind-controlled robots and, in a way, "stage fathers." Its other distinction is the resurrection of Robby the Robot from *Forbidden Planet*. *Tobor the Great* (released in 1954) is like a precursor to *The Iron Giant* insofar as it deals with a friendship between a boy and a robot designed to go into space. The Cold War also plays a role as "those evil Communists" want to steal Tobor for their own nefarious purposes. Like *The Invisible Boy*, there is something stronger, namely the bond between boy and machine.

Then, there's *Robot Monster*, clearly the worst of the lot. This one does *not* have a warm-hearted child at its center but rather a fiendish robot that wants to kill off the last family left on earth (shades of *The Terminator*). This mission is compromised when the monster falls in love. Oh, and there

are also dinosaurs and bubble machines. And, as an extra bonus, one of *Ro-Man's* hapless victims will be there in person. Pamela Paulson, who played Carla, will share recollections and answer questions. What better way to spend a day dedicated to foolery?

Doing a 180, we next have the Film Showcase's free showing of the classic *Rebel Without A Cause*. A cinematic landmark, in much the same way that *Catcher in the Rye* was for literature, this is very much the model for teen-angst dramas. James Dean, who sadly died before the film's release, never heard the accolades heaped upon this film, but I'm not sure he would have been all that impressed if he had. Natalie Wood, Sal Mineo and a very young Dennis Hopper round out the cast. Be prepared to be "torn apart" on Apr. 13 at 7 p.m.

Next on the agenda will be a very abrupt journey into the past as the Rheem hosts "Silent Movie Night," featuring a selection of shorts starring Lillian Gish. This is a golden opportunity to see the basic template for all ingénues that came after. But Gish was far from just another pretty face. As multi-talented behind the camera as in front of it, she was a true mold-breaker back in the day when women were not even allowed to exercise their own free will. This program, with live piano accompaniment by our very own Patty Leidecker, will serve to inspire future filmmakers. There will also be a lecture by Leonard Pirkle. This event is on Apr. 15 at 7 p.m.

The Moraga Movers weigh in next with one of those movies taken from a play. *The Rainmaker*, a fairly well known stage

[SEE REEL page 14]

## Long Time Resident Bids Farewell to Orinda

By ELANA O'LOSKEY  
Staff Writer

**L**ocal artist and 50-plus-year resident, Peggy Moulton will soon be leaving her beautiful Orinda home to move to Ville Verde retirement community in Santa Barbara to be near her family.

Moulton first came to Orinda when her dad, Hal Curtis, decided to join the Orinda Country Club. Since they lived in Berkeley and you had to have property in Orinda to join, he bought some lots near Lake Cascade.

Moulton remembers when the old tunnel (a predecessor to the four-bore Caldecott) would cave in and says, "I've seen firsthand many things in the photos on the Village Café walls. When the Orinda Theatre was built, it stuck out like a sore thumb because there was nothing around it."

After attending UC Berkeley and marrying Kirby Moulton, she lived in Japan among other places before landing back in Orinda in 1964. In June of that year, the family garden was featured in *Sunset*



SALLY HOGARTY  
Peggy Moulton enjoys the garden in her Orinda home that was once featured in *Sunset Magazine*.

*Magazine*. "Since I studied Japanese art at Cal, the garden has evolved into a sort of Japanese garden – though not a traditional one," says Moulton.

Between caring for her three children and volunteering at the schools, Moulton found time to take painting classes and slowly migrated from oil painting to acrylic painting to collage and finally to fabric and

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PETS

All Orinda Water Polo Club Wins Big



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Pictured (L-R) back row: **Peyton Gray; Lauren Greenfield; Grace Clark; Lindsey Lucas; Lauren Hett; Dania Innis; Isabel Stice; Allie Lurie; Coach Guy Baker;** front row: **Kaia Levenfeld; Meghan McAninch; Lucy Berkman.**

Three-time Olympic medal-winning coach Guy Baker led his Lamorinda Water Polo Club 12U girls team to Orange County for the KAP7 International Water Polo Tournament, where the team went undefeated and won the (top) Platinum Division championship. The girls displayed a trademark Guy Baker stingy defense and outscored their opponents 35-9 over four games.

Something to Howl About...  
Animal Tales

What's New in Animal Rights?



Jennifer Conroy

Things they are a-changing in some quarters of our country with regard to companion animals. Earlier this year the state legislature of Alaska passed a law requiring that a companion animal's interests be considered in a divorce proceeding. Alaska is also the first state to allow pets to be included in domestic violence protection orders. Other states, such as Michigan, are following suit.

What's important about this is the realization that in many states, including California, pets are considered personal property and can be disputed and distributed in legal dealings much as other personal property. Take it from one with personal experience of this, it's no fun to fight for the right to keep your dog.

Recognizing that our companion animals are more than objects is an issue tackled by a local nonprofit, the Animal Legal Defense Fund in Cotati. They have attorneys hard

at work researching and supporting legal remedies against violence to animals. For information about their work, visit [www.aldf.org](http://www.aldf.org).

In San Francisco, where the term "companion animal" instead of pet is now conjoined with the term "animal guardian" instead of pet owner, leadership for animal justice has long had a stronghold at the San Francisco SPCA. Readers may remember the fight years ago led by former San Francisco SPCA head Rich Avanzino when he refused to euthanize Sido, a healthy little sheltie, whose owner declared in her will that she wanted the dog euthanized and buried with her. Avanzino refused and became an overnight hero to many dog lovers.

Continuing in the tradition of animal protection, San Francisco SPCA recently issued a ban on prong collars at its two campuses, including its veterinary hospital. As

[SEE HOWL page 13]

Orinda/Tabor Sister City Foundations Visiting Student

Marek Vybiral loves swimming, skiing, cycling and hiking, geography and history. The energetic Tabor student won the competition to attend Miramonte High School for the 2017 Fall/Winter term as the visiting student from Orinda's sister city.

The 17-year-old plans to prepare a panel on past and present famous Czechs for Orinda's Year of the Czechs plus a short video on the story of St. Wenceslaus for younger children. He also speaks English, French and Spanish.

Now he needs an Orinda host family, preferably one with a Miramonte student at home. If you are interested and have a spare room, contact Bobbie Landers: 925-



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**Marek Vybiral** is a visiting student from the Czech Republic.

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STUDENTS

# Four Orinda Teams in State Odyssey Competition

Orinda Rotary's team, OIS' Division II team, Glorietta's Blue Team and Del Rey's Blue Team all advanced to the state level of the annual Odyssey of the Mind competition. Created by Samuel Micklus and Theodore Gourley in 1978, Odyssey challenges students from kindergarten through college to find creative solutions to very specific problems.

Students and parents interested in forming teams next year can contact Amy Inouye at [aei2pld@gmail.com](mailto:aei2pld@gmail.com).

– Sally Hogarty, Editor



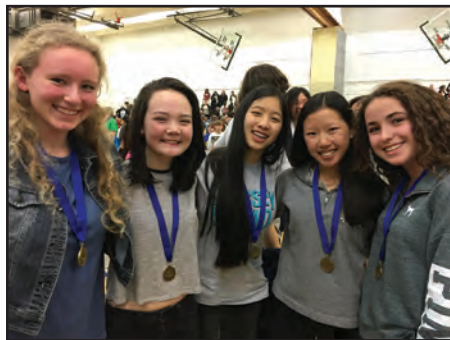
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OIS' Division II team, coached by Amy Inouye and Rob Scott, solved a problem involving the classics and art history to get to the state competition. (L-R): **Tom Inouye, Owen Younger, Jason Ritchey, Degen Naldoza and Samantha Scott.**



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Del Rey's Blue Team, coached by Nicole Reader and Kelly Trestrail, created a robot that could learn tasks. They dressed as Antarctic researchers and penguins as part of their solution. (L-R) top row: **Diego Aguilar, Sammy Ishikawa, Cameron Berg;** bottom row: **Isaac Reader-Taatjes, the Odd-a-Bot and Sam Laudy.**



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Orinda Rotary's Division III team won its spot in the state finals by building a balsa wood structure capable of holding significant weight. Coached by Michael Kim and John Inouye, the team includes (L-R): **Sullivan Jordan (Campo), Sarah Inouye (OSA), Stephanie Wu (CPS), Caroline Kim (Head-Royce), Amy O'Connor (OIS)**



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Glorietta's Blue Team constructed three different vehicles that changed appearances to avoid being followed to a secret place. (L-R) **Karishma Caro, Tiago Jordan, Coach Susan Jordan, Sophia Kan, Claire O'Connor, Zoe Zimmerman, Dylan Tung, Lauren Angsupanich and Coach Mai Angsupanich.**

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

*Note: Please forward school calendar listings to [m.sharpe66@gmail.com](mailto:m.sharpe66@gmail.com). Note that Orinda public schools are closed Apr. 3 through 7 for Spring Break.*

- 10 **Monthly Mindful Schools Meet Up**, Miramonte High School Library, 750 Moraga Way, 7 p.m., for parents, educators and the community. Visit [www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/miramonte](http://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/miramonte).
- 19 **Board Meeting**, Orinda Union School District, 8 Altarinda Road, 6 p.m. Visit [www.orindaschools.org](http://www.orindaschools.org).  
**Blood Drive**, Miramonte High School, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Orinda Academy** (for 8th to 12th-graders) Open House, 7 to 9 p.m., 19 Altarinda Road. The community is invited to learn about the school and enrollment. Call 925-254-7553, email [info@orindaacademy.org](mailto:info@orindaacademy.org) or visit [www.orindaacademy.org](http://www.orindaacademy.org).
- 20 **Del Rey Elementary School** presents *Honk!, JR.*, the musical. Performances are Apr. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. and Apr. 22 at 2 and 5 p.m. Adapted for young performers, *Honk! JR.* is a heartwarming celebration of being different. Witty and hilarious, but also deeply moving, *Honk! JR.* brings the story of the Ugly Duckling to life through the magic of musical theatre. Call 925-258-3099 or visit <http://dr-orinda-ca.schoolloop.com>.
- 24 **Holden High School Information Session**, for prospective students and families, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, 6 to 8 p.m.
- 27 **Orinda Intermediate School Bulldog Theatre** presents *Madagascar: A Musical Adventure, JR.*, at OIS, 80 Ivy Drive. Take a journey out of the zoo and onto the stage with your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends from the blockbuster DreamWorks film. Performances are Apr. 27 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., Apr. 28 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Apr. 29 at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$3 to \$10. Tickets are available at the door or at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com).

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Miramonte Baseball Teams Give Back



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All three **Miramonte High School** baseball teams began their season by partnering with the nonprofit Grateful Gatherings and giving generously of their time and talents to clean, add furniture and remodel a dingy apartment into a beautiful home for a family in need.

OIS Presents *Madagascar—A Musical Adventure JR.*



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The Arctic cast and crew of OIS' upcoming production of *Madagascar, JR.* takes a break from rehearsals. The show runs April 27-29.

Orinda Intermediate School's (OIS) Bulldog Theater proudly presents its spring musical, *Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR.* Apr. 27-29 at OIS.

Take a journey out of the zoo and onto the stage with your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends from the blockbuster DreamWorks film. Filled with outlandish characters and an upbeat score, the OIS production

of *Madagascar JR.* will leave the audience with no choice but to "Move It, Move It!"

There are two casts, comprised of approximately 70 OIS students along with an additional 14 OIS students serving on tech crew. Performances will run Apr. 27-29 at

the OIS Bulldog Theater. The performance lasts approximately 90 minutes, with one intermission. For show time information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com). Tickets are also available at OIS Theater one half hour prior to show times.

– Jeanette Lipp, Contributing Writer

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Santa Maria's 4th grade basketball American team, the Warriors, clinched the Oakland Diocese Champion title besting an undefeated St. Perpetua team. Coached by **Jessica Smith** (L) and **Brian Chinn** (R), players shown are: **J. Smith, L. LaVelle, E. Crinks, M. Thorpe, J. Quinn-Ferguson, S. Chinn, G. Dutto, K. Barmmer, A. Ryan** and **A. Hogan**. Pennant proudly displayed by **B. Smith**.



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The Santa Maria 8th grade National basketball team won the League Championship tournament defeating a tough St. John Vianney Team 37-19. Coached by **Peter Bakonyvari, Kirsten Whipple** and **Scott Eversole** (not pictured) players are: **Reese W, Leilah H, Ava M, Natalie S, Grace B, Mia C, Lindsey B, Katie B** and **Anna L** (not pictured).

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## CAMPS

# Summer Camp Guide Offers Everything From Adventure to Zoo

By ELANA O'LOSKEY  
Staff Writer

Looking for a youth camp for summertime fun? We hope this guide will assist you in exploring possibilities. Now's the time to choose a summer camp for kids in grades K-12. Whatever the focus, you're bound to find it here. Review what's offered online and sign up early, as many sessions are small and spots fill up fast. Some locations offer scholarships, discounts for siblings and intern positions for teens.

## GENERAL CAMPS

**Orinda Parks & Recreation**  
28 Orinda Way  
Orinda, CA 94563  
925-254-2445  
[www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org)

This year's camps offer the same great quality, creativity and fun programming you have come to expect. There are 98 options for camps including Visual/Performing Arts and Sports Camps with locations ranging from the Orinda Community Center to Community Center Tennis Courts and Pine Grove Park unless otherwise noted. Camps at the Orinda Community Center are eligible for extended care; Stand Alone Camps not located at the Orinda Community Center, such as Wagner Ranch, are not eligible for extended care.

Access the Orinda Summer Camps Guide online at [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org). Full descriptions of all camps are listed alphabetically on pages 14 to 21. **Choose Your Adventure** camps allow you to pick a different morning and afternoon camp for each week. All camps are M - F, \$195 residents/\$224 non-residents for morning (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) or afternoon (1 - 4 p.m.) sessions. Or, choose both morning and afternoon sessions for \$350 residents/\$403 non-residents. To receive an all-day camp's discount, you must register by calling 925-254-2445 or walking in to the Orinda Community Center. Some camps have a materials fee payable at registration.

**Summer Enrichment** program information is on page 13. Programs run from weeks two to five (Jun. 19 to Jul. 14). This year's theme is Big Woods Adventure and programs are offered to students entering grades K-1. Jump Start Kindergarten Program: Forest Friends (\$490 residents/\$530 non-residents) and First Grade Program: Big Woods Fun (\$490 residents/\$530 non-residents).

**Before, Lunch and After Care:** Page 14 lists extended care details, a.m. (7:30 to 9 a.m.) \$10 resident/\$12 non-resident, free lunch lunch for registered campers (12 to 1 p.m. - children must bring their own lunch), and extended care p.m. (4 to 6 p.m.), \$10 residents/\$12 non-residents, for all camps, weeks 1 to 10, and all ages. Available only for camps located at the Orinda Community Center, Community Center Tennis Courts or Pine Grove Park. Requires advance sign-up; no drop-ins.

**Registration, cancellation and other camp information.** See pages 22 to 23 for details. If your child needs over-the-counter or prescription medication, a supplemental Parental Consent and Directions to Staff Form is recommended and available online or at the office. Registration options include: fax at 925-253-7716 (Visa or MasterCard only); hand-carry to the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda, open 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. M - F;

via U.S. mail, Orinda Parks & Recreation Department, Recreation Program Registration, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda CA 94563; online at [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org); or by phone, 925-254-2445.

**Camp Brainy Bunch**  
19 Altarinda Drive  
Orinda CA 94563  
510-548-4800  
[www.campbrainybunch.com](http://www.campbrainybunch.com)

Located on the Orinda Academy campus, weeklong camps serve children in grades first through sixth from Jun. 26 - Jul. 28. There are eight camps, each with a different focus, including: Engineering, Writing, Public Speaking and Leadership. Healthy lunches provided by School Foodies. Sibling and multiple week discounts. Extended care available 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call and/or check website for details and registration.

**Camp Galileo and Galileo Summer Quest**  
9 East Bay Locations  
1-800-854-3684  
[www.galileo-camps.com](http://www.galileo-camps.com)

Galileo believes that kids can change the world and have a blast while they're at it. Camps combine a mindset-shaping, innovation-based approach with crazy, summertime fun. One of their goals is to create an environment where children's "I can't's," "I don't know how's," and "I quits" are replaced with creative confidence, a spirit of collaboration and the bold innovator inside. Galileo promises that with expert instruction, the "coolest" curriculum, and state-of-the-art tools, pre-K to 8th graders can say goodbye to the same old summer.

**Camp Galileo** (pre-K-5th graders): Art, science and outdoor activities wrapped in four fun-filled, weekly themes for 2017. **Galileo Summer Quest** (rising 5th-8th graders): 14 dynamic majors that invite kids to realize their personal vision in the subject of their choice. Nine East Bay locations; extended care available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Optional healthy lunch program. Dates and times vary, so check extensive website.

## VISUAL, PERFORMING AND DIGITAL ARTS CAMPS

**Academy of Language & Music Arts (ALMA)**  
Dr. James Fiatarone, Director  
99 Brookwood Road  
Orinda, CA 94563  
925-254-5056 or 925-254-5053  
[www.alma-leap.com](http://www.alma-leap.com)

This camp offers a create-your-own program featuring private lessons in music, including guitar, piano, voice, strings, wind instruments, and percussion; also, private and small group lessons in foreign languages (Italian, French, Spanish, Greek, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese and Chinese, etc.) and English as a second language. Special summer group classes include Guitar Ensemble, Rock Guitar Combo, Band Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Theory and Musicianship (all instruments), Strings Ensemble, Percussion/Drum Clinic (two levels), and Vocal Ensemble/ALMA Glee Club. New classes include: "Acting up at ALMA" (Theater, Acting and Presentation skills), and Music Technology Class (Basic Studio Recording Techniques, creating/recording songs). Check website or call for dates, times and cost.

**California Shakespeare Theater**  
701 Heinz Street



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Fun drama exercises kept **Cal Shakes Summer Conservatory** students busy last summer. The company promises even more fun this year.

Berkeley, CA 94710  
510-548-3422 x105  
[learn@calshakes.org](mailto:learn@calshakes.org)  
[www.summershakespearecamp.org](http://www.summershakespearecamp.org)

Cal Shakes' Summer Shakespeare Conser-

vatory offers two- and four-week sessions for student actors in grades 3 - 12 (ages 8 - 18). Mornings are spent in a wide variety of theater disciplines taught by working theater professionals. Afternoons are spent in rehearsals.

[SEE CAMPS page 12]



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**One Week Introductory Sessions (8:30 - 11:30am)**

- June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> (Intermediate\* 10:30am - 1:30pm)
- June 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> (Intermediate\* 10:30am - 1:30pm)
- June 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> (Intermediate\* 10:30am - 1:30pm)
- July 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> (Intermediate\* 10:30am - 1:30pm)
- July 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> (Intermediate\* 10:30am - 1:30pm)
- July 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> (Intermediate\* 10:30am - 1:30pm)

\*Intermediate sessions available to athletes who have completed a prior one week introductory session or our middle school program

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The experience culminates in Shakespeare performances for family and friends at the end of the program. Campers receive free tickets to the Cal Shakes Main Stage season. Payment plans available; scholarships only available if you apply by April 14 – see website for details or call 510-809-3293 for info.

**Four-Week Conservatory** offered at Orinda Academy, 19 Altarinda Rd., Orinda from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Jun. 19 - Jul. 14. Cost \$1400. Performance Fri. Jul. 14.

**Four-Week Conservatory** offered at Oakland School for the Arts, 530 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Jun. 26 – Jul. 21. Cost \$1400. Performance Fri. Jul. 21.

**Two-Week Conservatory** offered at both the Orinda Academy in Orinda (Jul. 17 - Jul. 28) and Oakland School for the Arts (Jul. 24 – Aug. 4, Performance Fri. Aug. 4). Cost \$700 each. Check website for all details.

**Camp Community Arts**  
111 N. Wiget Lane  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
925-943-5846

[www.communityarts.org](http://www.communityarts.org)

Extensive list of choices in four affordable day camp segments from Jun. 19 - Aug. 11 for three age groups (5-7, 8-10 and 11-14) with extended care available 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Classes include visual arts (painting, drawing, clay, printmaking), fiber arts, digital media and performing arts (theater, dance, music and voice)

as well as field trips and fun outdoors.

Camps are half-day, full day, or an entire week. All teachers are working artists who give each child one-on-one attention. See website for scholarships, registration and info; morning and aftercare available.

**iD Tech Camps**  
St. Mary's College  
1928 St. Mary's Road  
Moraga, CA 94575  
408-871-2227  
<http://idtech.com>

This is the 19th season St. Mary's has hosted week-long tech camps (M - F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) offering a guaranteed 8:1 student to staff ratio. Camps are divided into co-ed age groups 7 - 12 and 13 - 17. A sample of the 14 camps offered from Jun. 12 to Jul. 21 includes: **Adventures in Coding & Game Design With Tynker; Mobile Game Design for iPhone and Android; and Robotics, Engineering and Coding with VEX.** The project oriented camps are segmented by course and age, emphasize STEM skills, provide a take home online portfolio and include games and outdoor time. Campers lunch at the college dining hall or have catered meals. See website for dates, cost and registration.

**Kids on Camera TV/Film Acting School and Day Camp**  
[info@kids-on-camera.com](mailto:info@kids-on-camera.com)  
[www.kids-on-camera.com](http://www.kids-on-camera.com)

Lights, camera, action and fun for ages 4 - 18.  
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**Orinda Ballet Academy**  
28 Orinda Way  
Orinda, CA 94563  
924-254-2445  
[www.orindaballetacademy.com](http://www.orindaballetacademy.com)

Taught by world-class professional dancer Patricia Tomlinson. Choose between 17 *Carnival of Animals* (COA) Camps and/or Intensives offered Mon. - Thurs. at the Orinda Community Center from Jul. 5 – Aug. 11. Camps/intensives are divided between eight girls' divisions. On Aug. 11, summer dance students demonstrate excerpts from COA at 3 p.m. Costs range from \$200/resident to \$1300/resident plus \$20 costume crafting supply fee at registration. A variety of private ballet lessons and private Pilates reformer lessons are available as well. See website for details.

**SingOut! Musical Theatre**  
Diablo Theatre Company Firehouse  
1948 Oak Park Blvd.  
Pleasant Hill CA 94523  
925-944-1565  
[www.singouttheatre.org](http://www.singouttheatre.org)

Rachael Pergamit offers youth musical theatre programs for kids aged 4 - 18 at Diablo Theatre Company Firehouse (DTC). Summer camp rehearsals are at DTC and run from Jun. 12 - 29.

**Summer Theatre Camp, High School Musical Jr.** After just 2 1/2 weeks of crazy fun rehearsals with the DTC's SingOut! professional staff, kids will put on performances for family and friends. Cast members will learn songs, dances and scenes. They will receive a t-shirt, script and make memories to last a lifetime. Performances for family and friends are Jun. 28 – 29 at 4:30 and 7 p.m. at Seven Hills School Theatre. Cost for afternoons only is \$500 for ages 8 – 14 and \$350 for ages 4 – 7. Inquire about high school interns.

**Triple Threat Workshop** This 2 1/2 week intensive (June 12-29) pushes incoming sixth graders to graduating seniors farther than they ever thought possible to hone acting, singing and dancing skills. Open to serious students who want to work hard. At the end of the intensive, students receive a DVD of their performances to share with friends and family. Camp runs 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., M – F. Tuition is \$500 alone or \$850 if combined with the afternoon *High School Musical Jr.*

**Town Hall Theatre Company**  
3535 School Street  
Lafayette, CA 94549  
925-283-6673  
[Ginny.Wehrmeister@townhalltheatre.com](mailto:Ginny.Wehrmeister@townhalltheatre.com)  
[www.townhalltheatre.com](http://www.townhalltheatre.com)

From Jun. 12 - Aug. 4, kids aged 4 - 18 receive a mix of training and production-based classes in live theater. Depending on child's age, they could participate in *Peter Pan Jr.*, *Treasure*



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Student ballerinas at **Orinda Ballet Academy** performing the "Garland Waltz" portion of *The Sleeping Beauty* ballet.

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**SCHOOL-RELATED CAMPS**  
**Fountainhead Montessori School**  
30 Santa Maria Way  
Orinda, CA 94563  
925-820-1343  
[www.fms.org](http://www.fms.org)

A Montessori-based summer camp and summer school. Summer school program for ages 2 – 6 years. Session 1 runs Jun. 26 – Jul. 20; Session 2 runs Jul. 21 – Aug. 15. See website for more information.

**Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool**  
433 Moraga Way  
Orinda, CA 94563  
925-254-3429  
[www.holyshepherdchristianpreschool.org](http://www.holyshepherdchristianpreschool.org)

Kids have seven weeks of summertime activities to choose from in a small class environment: cooking week, water week, planting week, spirit week, train week, mixed-up crazy week and pet week. Camps run from mid-Jun. to mid-Aug. from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. M – F with extended care available to 2 p.m. at \$8/hour. No camp on July 4.

**The Saklan School**  
1678 School Street  
Moraga, CA 94556  
925-376-7900  
[www.saklan.org/community/summer-saklan](http://www.saklan.org/community/summer-saklan)

Summer at Saklan provides culture, language [SEE SAKLAN page 13]



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**Oakland Strokes' Summer Rowing Camps** teach rowing techniques and teamwork.



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## CAMPS

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and summer fun for ages 3-11 from Jun. 12 – Aug. 11. Mornings are filled with enrichment in Mandarin, French, Japanese, Spanish or Italian. Afternoons are packed with summer fun, including field trips, swimming, art and music. Three-week sessions 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., half days available. Extended care available. Visit website for more information or to register.

## SPORTS-RELATED CAMPS

## Oakland Strokes (OS)

4675 Tidewater Avenue (at High Street)

Oakland, CA 94601

510-926-4100

oaklandstrokes@gmail.com

www.oaklandstrokes.org

Learn how to row and what real teamwork is all about. OS is a 14-time national champion. **Summer Rowing Camps** are one week sessions that provide training in rowing techniques, fitness, teamwork and endurance. Camps are held at the San Pablo Dam Reservoir in Orinda and the Tidewater Boathouse in Oakland. **Beginner and Intermediate Sessions 4 - 6** in Orinda run from Jun. 12 to Jun. 30; participants must be 12-17 years old. Varsity camps available. Check website for more details and to register online; limited scholarships available.

## Saint Mary's Athletic Camps

Saint Mary's College

1928 Saint Mary's Road

Moraga, CA 94575

925-631-4386

smccamps@stmarys-ca.edu

www.smcathleticcamps.com

Saint Mary's College offers 30+ outstanding Athletic Summer Camps to children and teens between the ages of 4-18 from Jun. 2 - Aug. 10. Overnight, Day, Half-Day, Team and Specialty Camps include All Sports, Baseball, Basketball, Running, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball. Athletes can expect to participate in daily competitions, conditioning, skill development

## ◆ MOULTON from page 7

fiber art. She has been active in the local arts community ever since.

In July of 2016, Moulton exhibited some of her whimsical stitchery including *Chairman Meow* (7" x 9") in the "Around the World at 80" show at the Orinda Library Gallery, which is no surprise. Her fabric art has been exhibited worldwide. "I decorated a pair of Levi Strauss jeans with flowers during the hippie era that still reside in the Oakland Museum. They've traveled to Paris, all over the world and back," she says. Her fabric art is featured in *Fiberarts Design Book 7* (2004), which documents the evolution of contemporary textile art and is available on Amazon.

While Moulton will miss her many friends in Orinda and her beautiful home, she looks forward to her new life in Santa Barbara, where she already has a mixed media wall planned in her casita.

and other activities. Residential camps are reserved for high school students only. Please see camp website for details regarding specific camps including dates, times, prices and descriptions. Early morning and extended care options available. Call or email with questions or for more information.

## Sherman Swim School

1075 Carol Lane (off Mt. Diablo Blvd.)

Lafayette, CA 94549

925-283-2100

www.shermanswim.com

Celebrating 57 years, the school offers year-round swimming and diving lessons in a warm, protected environment for ages 9 mos. to adult. The instructors love children and have received extensive in-water training. Private lessons coupled with patient, encouraging teachers and extremely comfortable water (90° - 94°) creates an ideal learning environment for swimmers of all ages. **Spring and Summer Sessions** run from Apr. 24 - Sept. 1 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sessions are 3-4 weeks long, Mondays through Fridays for one, two or three days per week. Private swim lessons are 15 to 30 minutes; small group dive lessons are 30 minutes. Facility is available for birthday parties. Check online for entire schedule and registration forms.

## Sleepy Hollow Swim &amp; Tennis Club (SH)

1 Sunnyside Lane

Orinda, CA 94563

925-254-1126

shstc@comcast.net

www.sleepyhollowclub.com

Private recreational facility; inquire regarding membership. **Legendland** is a supervised drop-off day swim camp for kids aged 5 - 9 and runs for eight weeks. **Summer Tennis Camp** runs mid-June through the first week in August; call for details.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION AND NATURE CAMPS

## Aspen Network Team Camp

## ◆ HOWL from page 8

I've shared in this column in the past, prong collars, also known as pinch collars, have no place around the necks of companion animals. For full details of the ban and the concerns around prong collars, visit [www.sfspca.org/prong](http://www.sfspca.org/prong).

The important point is that little by little animals are gaining protections long sought and deserved. These protections start in the same place - in the hearts and homes of those of us who share our lives with animals. They start with protecting our animals from unwanted pregnancies by having them spayed or neutered. They start with good diets and health care and regular veterinary checkups. They start with safe home environments and humane training methods. They start with honoring animals as partners in our travels on this journey called life and recognizing the value each of us has on this planet.



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**Roughing It** campers learn patience through fishing at the Lafayette Reservoir.

## 15 Vallecito Lane

Orinda, CA 94563

925-262-3135

info@aspennetwork.net

www.aspennetwork.net

Youth aged 13 - 27 who experience social fears and anxieties or difficulties with spectrum differences are welcome to learn and grow with like peers at this 16-day camp. The camp is located at a summer retreat in the Lake Tahoe area and runs from Jul. 5 - 19. Activities include light back packing, river rafting, campfires and many educational opportunities to improve social skills while having fun. Pick-up/drop-off at Reno Airport available for an extra fee.

## Lindsay Wildlife Experience

1931 First Avenue

Walnut Creek, CA 94597

925-935-1978

www.wildlife-museum.org/education/kids

Camps for kids age 4 to 17 with a camper to counselor ratio of 4:1 and a maximum class size of 25. The camp uses Lindsay Wildlife's two private classrooms, outdoor gardens and adjacent Larkey Park. Camp shirt, snacks and drinks are included for all camps. Register online, view or download a Program Guide for detailed information about many programs and events. All camps run Tues. - Thurs. In each of five age-appropriate sessions, campers learn about wildlife in their neighborhood, local parks and all of California. More information and registration online. Camps run from mid-June to mid-August.

## Roughing It Day Camp

P.O. Box 1266

Orinda, CA 94563

925-283-3795

www.roughingit.com

Celebrating 45 summers as Lamorinda's hometown camp. Sessions run Jun. 26 - Aug. 18. A traditional all-outdoor day camp located at the Lafayette Reservoir for Pre-K to 12th graders. Their flagship **Four and Eight Week Day Camp** groups campers by grade and gender. Activities include horseback riding, swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, sports, crafts and many more adventurous activities. Longer sessions are designed for social growth, skill development, friendship. Other programs available: two week **Little Raccoons** for younger campers entering K to second grade; two week **Specialty English Riding Horse Day Camp** for horse loving campers entering fourth to 10th grade; and one week **Outdoor Explorers** for campers entering first to sixth grades. Free transportation to and from home in Orinda for Four and Eight Week Day Campers and from Orinda Rite Aid for all other programs; six other Lamorinda bus stops available. Free extended care. Learn more and register online.

## Zoo Camp

Oakland Zoo

9777 Golf Links Rd.

Oakland, CA 94605 (off Highway 580)

510-632-9525 x280 (Zoo Camp hotline)

info@oaklandzoo.org

www.oaklandzoo.org

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CAMPS

◆ ZOO from page 13

The Oakland Zoo is renowned for creating age-appropriate options for campers grades K-8. Camp sessions are one-week long and run from mid-Jun. to mid-Aug. Campers learn about nature and animals through games and songs, creating-and-making, discovery hikes and science activities, plus plenty of up-close time learning about their more than 660 native and exotic animals. Full summer camp schedule, registration and need-based scholarship applications on the website. Extended care available. Open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Most camps are \$309 for members/\$339 non-members. No camps July 3 - 4. Check website for details.

**PreK and Kindergarten: Busy Beasts Full Day** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Children must be at least 4 and potty trained; proof of your camper's birthdate must be provided. Come discover some wild animal homes and habitats. Jun. 12 - Aug. 11. Cost: \$309 members/\$339 non-members.

**PreK and Kindergarten: Busy Beasts Half Day** 9 a.m. - 12 noon, same ages and requirements. Cost: \$206 members/\$231 non-members. Jun. 12 - Aug. 11.

**First Grade: Furry Friends:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Class A Week:** What makes a bird a bird? Or an ant an ant? June 12 - Aug. 11. Cost: \$309 for members, \$339 for non-members.

**First-Fifth Grades Together: Nature Play Camp** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kids will tour the zoo, explore Knowland Park, build forts and more. Jun. 12 - Aug. 11. Cost: \$309 members/\$339 for non-members.

**Second and Third Grade: Animal Adventures** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Do you know which zoo animals are from Africa and which aren't? Jun. 12 - Aug. 11. Cost: \$309 members/\$339 non-members.

**Fourth and Fifth Grades: Eco-Explorers** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. What does it take to keep animals in the zoo happy and healthy? What do animal tracks tell us? Jun. 12 - Aug. 11. Cost: \$309 members/\$339 non-members.

**Grades 6-8 Wild Survivor** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Learn and practice survival skills like building a fire, finding food, making a shelter. Jun. 12 - Aug. 11. Cost: \$329 members/\$359 non-members.

**Grades 6-8 Zoo Art:** Sculpt a siamang, paint a parrot or make a creature out of recycled materials. Jun. 12 - Aug. 11. Cost: \$329 members/\$359 non-members.

**High School: Grades 9-12 Teen Assistants** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Love animals and kids? Come to camp as a Teen Assistant. Spend three weeks helping to create a fun and exciting experience for campers. Jun. 12 - Aug. 11. Cost: \$60 members/\$80 non-members.

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production, gets the all-star treatment in the form of Katharine Hepburn as Lizzy Curry (a character not too far removed from Rose Sayer from *The African Queen*) and Burt Lancaster in the title role. I often feel that just mentioning Hepburn's name is enough to entice people into going to one of her films but it should also be noted that the play itself carries several important messages as well.

And speaking of messages, I would like to relay some vital information taken directly from the Moraga Movers' website: "The birth of the third Wednesday of the month old-time movies at 2 p.m. was to provide entertainment for Moraga Movers ... but the patronage of late has been disappointing. If it does not improve Derek Zemrak, the operator, will have to shutter the program. So, if you like old-time movies that remind you of happy times of yore, please support these offerings with your attendance." To read the full message, go to [www.moragamovers.org](http://www.moragamovers.org) or, better yet, show up at the Rheem on April 19 at 2 p.m.

The Rheem will also host a visiting celebrity from the past in the person of Serra Cary (born Peggy-Jean Montgomery) who, according to some, was second only to Jackie Coogan in the "precious moppet" department. More widely known as Baby Peggy, she made a whole series of silent shorts, some of which will be shown along with a documentary about her life: *Baby Peggy: The Elephant in the Room*, which was made after she was inducted into the Classic Film Hall of Fame. Thankfully still with us, she will share recollections and answer questions. This grand event will take place on Apr. 22 at 7 p.m.

And lastly, there's the International Film Showcase. Last month I noted that *My Life As a Zucchini* might well have been the first animated stop-motion film that Efi Lubliner and Jo Alice Canterbury had ever

presented and this month they're presenting another first. *Frantz*, by all accounts, is a stunning film made all the more so because it's photographed in black and white. One has to have real courage to lens a film in such a way, not to mention get a studio's approval. But director Francois Ozon is apparently one of the fearless few who won't let anything stand in the way of getting his vision up there on the screen. Just in case any of you have doubts about seeing a black-and-white film in this modern age of CGI spectacles, I invite you to visit <http://internationalshowcase.org/> and marvel at the preview.

Taking place in Germany in the year 1919, shortly after World War I, *Frantz* deals with loss, grief and the lasting, widespread effect that those we have lost in the war have on us. *Frantz* is scheduled for a one week engagement starting on Apr. 21 at the Orinda Theatre. After all, the duo of Canterbury and Lubliner were wise enough to bring *The Salesman* to our attention and look what happened there. By the looks of it, lightning has a very good chance of striking again.

So with this array of plentitude I leave you until next month and, as usual, I urge you to stay in the dark for that's where the reel magic lies.



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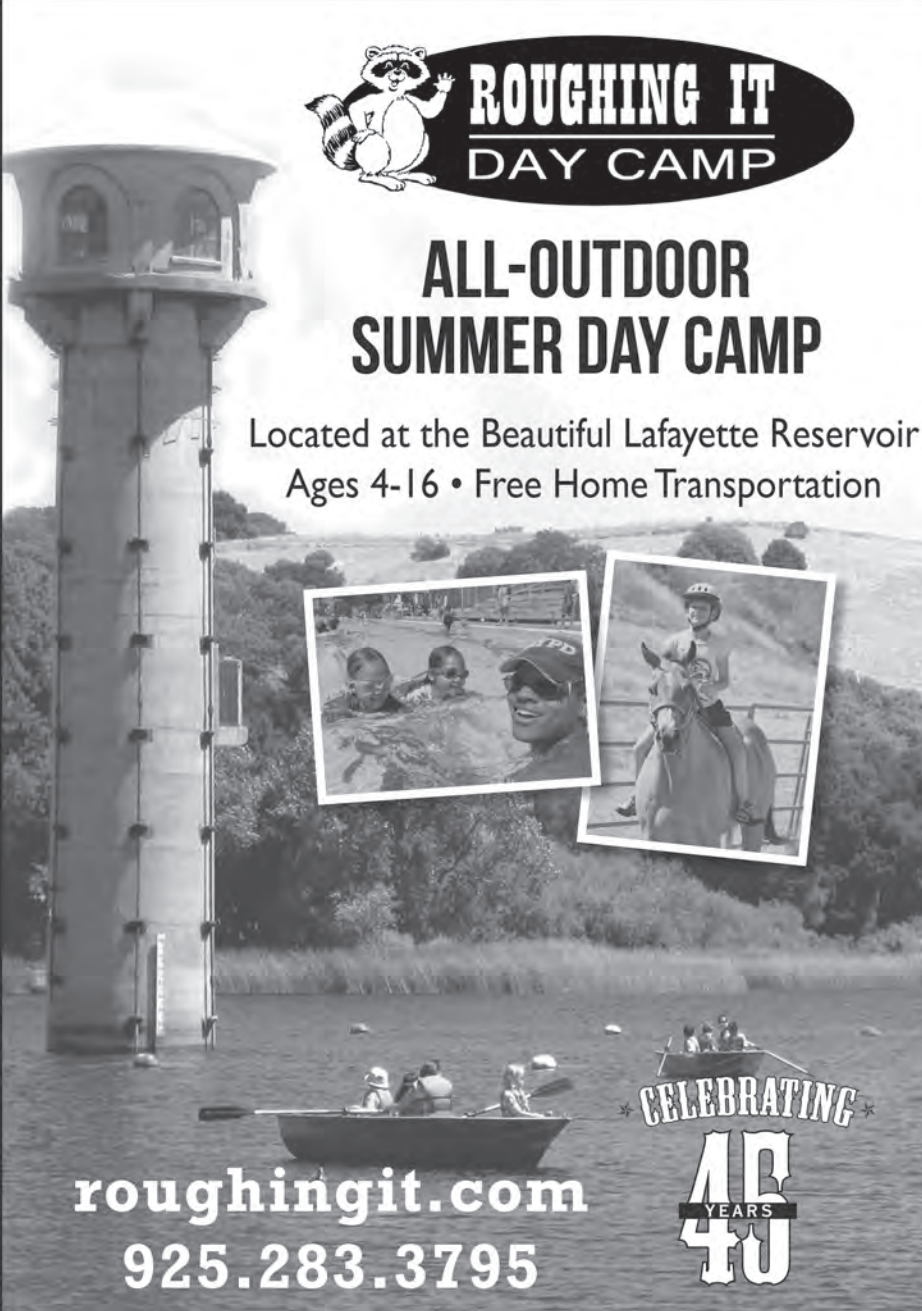
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### Orinda Chamber's Wine & Dine on May 2



Wine & Dine (sometimes known as the Restaurant Tour) is back this Spring on Tuesday, May 2, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The event will be held throughout and about Theatre Square with most of the new and favorite Orinda restaurants providing samples of their finest offerings to tour participants who want to "taste" Orinda in one, easy walking tour. Tickets and details at the Chamber's website, [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org).






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## ON THE CALENDAR

## APRIL

- 1 **Orinda Library Art Gallery** presents the Annual Arts Ambassadors' exhibit, featuring artwork by Orinda students in K-12, through April 28. Reception April 19, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., with light refreshments. See article p. 2.
- 2 **Orinda Starlight Village Players** season auditions, Orinda Community Center Park Amphitheater, 4 p.m. Also April 4, 7 p.m. at the Community Center Carpentry Room. For more information, call 925-528-9225 or email info@orsvp.org. See article p. 17.
- 4 **Orinda Books** hosts chef Charlie Vollmar in a cooking demonstration and luncheon "Springtime in Puglia," 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$35. For reservations, call 925-254-7606.
- 6 **Story Hour** with Cathy Goshorn for children 2 to 4 years, with reading, songs and games, Thursdays, Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, 10 to 11 a.m.
- 7 **First Friday Forum** features Dr. David Vasquez-Levy, on "World on the Move," at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette, 1:30 p.m. Call 925-283-8722. See article this page.
- 13 **Free Movie Night** at Orinda Theatre, 7 p.m., features *Rebel Without a Cause*, starring James Dean and Natalie Wood. Visit <http://lamorindatheatres.com>.
- 14 **Trivia Bee**, sponsored by Orinda Rotary and Orinda Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge, 9 Altarinda Rd., 6 to 9 p.m. See article p. 18.
- 15 **Orinda Rotary Club** 41st Annual Spring Egg Hunt, Community Center Play Area, 11 a.m. For toddlers and children up to age 7. Enjoy egg hunt, games and refreshments, plus photos with the spring bunny. Visit [www.orindarotary.org](http://www.orindarotary.org) for more information.  
**Orinda Recreation Department** Oakland A's Game trip for seniors, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org).
- 21 **International Film Showcase** presents *Frantz* for a one-week engagement in April. Visit [www.lamorindatheatres.com](http://www.lamorindatheatres.com) for dates and show times. See article p. 7.
- 22 **Orinda Community Foundation** Ninth Annual Orinda Action Day. Visit [www.orinda-foundation.org](http://www.orinda-foundation.org) for information. See article p. 1.  
**St. Mary's College** Guild Fashion Show and Luncheon, April in Paris, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., SMC Soda Center. Fashions by Carol Anderson. RSVP by Apr. 18. \$45, benefits scholarship fund. Call 925-376-6088.
- 23 **Friends of Wagner Ranch Nature Area** Wildlife Festival 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit <https://fwrna.org/wildlifefest> for information. See article p. 6.
- 29 **Orinda Books** Independent Bookstore Day features giveaways, discounts and games, refreshments from Loard's Ice Cream, Republic of Cake and Genuine Goodness and a Children's Picture Book Festival from 2 to 3:30 p.m. with children's authors. Located at 276 Village Square, call 925-254-7606.  
**Pushing for Peace**, a two-part "5 Animal Frolic Intensive Qigong Workshop" led by Taoist priest David Wei, Orinda Community Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will learn or review the beginner five animal forms for the first 90 minutes. The second 90-minute session will introduce the advanced set. \$50 per session fee is tax-deductible. Call 925-254-2445

## AT THE LIBRARY

All events are free unless otherwise specified. For information, call 925-254-2184 or visit <http://ccclib.org>.

- 1 **SAT Free Practice Test.** Warm up for the new SAT, get realistic practice (four hours) and receive a personalized score report pinpointing strengths and weaknesses, Garden Room, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign up at 510-295-0002, or visit [www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/334923](http://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/334923).
- 4 **Toddler Lapsit.** Songs and stories for babies, toddlers (0-5) and their caregivers, 10 to 10:25 a.m. and 10:30 to 10:55 a.m. Drop in to any Lapsit, attendance is limited to once per week. Also April 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26.  
**Peek-a-Boo Time.** Rhymes and rhythms for infants and pre-walkers (16 months) and their caregivers, Gallery Room, 11:30 a.m. Families with older siblings are welcome. Also April 11, 18 and 25.
- 6 **English as a Second Language Conversation Circle.** Volunteer teachers lead informal group discussions, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration not required. Also April 13, 20 and 27.
- 7 **Teen Coloring Club.** Join Orinda Library Teen Advisory Group (TAG) to de-stress, relax and have fun. The library provides age-appropriate coloring books and colored pencils; teens provide inspiration and creativity. Free, open to all teens, 4 to 5 p.m. Also April 21 and 28.
- 14 **Culinary Herbs for Warm Weather.** Learn how to plant, care for and use warm weather culinary herbs, Garden Room, 1 to 2 p.m., with handouts and herb plant raffle. Presented by Elana O'Loskey, former host of *Gardening With Spirit* radio show.  
**Teen Advisory Group (TAG).** TAG advises library on how to improve services for teens, Group Study Room A, 4 to 5 p.m. High school students welcome.
- 18 **Orinda Library Writers Group.** Meet with a friendly group of beginning writers in a supportive environment to motivate, critique and inspire one another. Share two pages of your writing (any genre) and get feedback from the group, Group Study Room A, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 21 **Mystery Book Club.** Meets every third Friday to discuss the mystery of the month, Study Room A, 3 to 4:30 p.m. This month's selection is *Deadlock* by Sara Paretsky. Adult program.
- 22 **Sudden Oak Death Blitz.** Learn how to help stop the disease as a citizen scientist. After a brief training session attendees will receive a SOD Blitz collection kit to survey and sample trees in their area, 10 a.m. to noon, adult program.
- 24 **Summer of Love.** Fine Arts Museums docent lecture, Garden Room, 1 to 2 p.m. For adults and seniors.
- 27 **Contra Costa Tale Spinners.** Storytelling for adults with a featured storyteller, Gallery Room, 7 to 9 p.m.

## CLUB MEETINGS

- Diablo Star Chapter #214,** Order of the Eastern Star. Second Monday, 7:30 p.m. Orinda Masonic Center, Karen Seaborn, 925-689-0995.
- Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe.** Third Monday, 7:30 p.m., Gallery Room, Orinda Library, [www.moragaadobe.org](http://www.moragaadobe.org).
- Friends of the Orinda Creeks.** Fourth Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., May Room, Orinda Library, 925-253-1997.
- Guided Meditation.** Wednesdays, 9 a.m., St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda, focuses on health, harmony and wholeness, 925-254-5965
- Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition.** Third Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Orinda City Hall

## First Friday Forum Speaker Addresses Issues of Immigration

By BOBBIE DODSON  
Staff Writer

Dr. David Vasquez-Levy, president of the Pacific School of Religion (PSR) will speak at First Friday Forum (FFF) on Apr. 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC), 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Focusing on immigration issues, his title is "World on the Move."

"Discussions and realities about immigration are reshaping the political, social and economic reality of our world. How we understand migration matters greatly and religious traditions, which capture our understanding and aspirations about the most significant aspects of our lives, have much to say about migration. In fact, migration is at the core of the biblical narrative," said Vasquez-Levy.

He is well equipped to discuss immigration issues. Following the devastating May 12, 2008 immigration raid in Postville, Iowa, at the time the largest single-site immigration raid in United States history, Vasquez-Levy served as part of the Postville Relief Effort core team. This work has led him to serve as a consultant on various documentaries and contribute a faith perspective to the national conversa-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Dr. David Vasquez-Levy focuses on immigration in his First Friday Forum talk on April 7.

tion on immigration including speaking at a congressional briefing and participating in two immigration consultations at the White House.

Vasquez-Levy is the author of various publications that explore migration stories in sacred texts and in people's lives. He has lived in four countries, taught courses and led international study and service

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Sarge Littlehale Room, 925-687-8844, ext. 227.

**Lamorinda Nature Walk and Bird Watching** for seniors. Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., free. Call 925-254-2445 for weekly meeting place.

**Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary.** Every Friday, 7 a.m., Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, [www.lamorindasunrise.com](http://www.lamorindasunrise.com) or 925-283-8288.

**Montelindo Garden Club.** Third Friday, 9 a.m., September through May, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephen's Drive, [www.montelindogarden.com](http://www.montelindogarden.com).

**Orinda Association.** Second Monday, 7 p.m., Orinda Library, May Room, 925-254-0800.

**Orinda Garden Club.** Fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon, September through May, Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante.

**Orinda Hiking Club.** Every weekend and first Wednesday, [www.orindahiking.org](http://www.orindahiking.org) or Ian at 925-254-1465.

**Orinda Historical Society.** Call 925-254-1353 for times and location of meetings.

**Orinda Job's Daughters.** First and third Monday, 7 p.m., 9 Altarinda Road, 925-283-7176.

**Orinda Junior Women's Club** community service group. First Tuesday, September through June, 7 p.m., [www.orindajuniors.org](http://www.orindajuniors.org).

**Orinda Rotary.** Every Wednesday, noon, Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, 925-254-2222, [www.orindarotary.org](http://www.orindarotary.org).

**Orinda/Tábor (Czech Republic) Sister City Foundation.** Fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., social, 7:30 p.m., meeting, call 925-254-8260 for location.

**Orinda Teen Advisory Council.** Second Wednesday, 4 p.m., Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, email [orindateenadvisorycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:orindateenadvisorycouncil@gmail.com).

**Orinda Woman's Club.** Second Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to noon, call Jean Barnhart, 925-254-3881, or [www.orindawomansclub.org](http://www.orindawomansclub.org)

## CITY/FIRE DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

**City Council.** First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library Auditorium, [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org).

**Historic Landmarks Committee.** Fourth Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m., Library Garden Room. Call 925-788-7323.

**Moraga-Orinda Fire District.** First and third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.. Visit [www.mofd.org/board/meetings](http://www.mofd.org/board/meetings) meeting location will be posted on the agenda.

**Planning Commission.** Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library Auditorium, [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org).

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PERFORMING ARTS

# Orinda Starlight Village Players Holds Auditions for Upcoming Season

By DAVID DIERKS  
Assistant Editor

Orinda Starlight Village Players is holding season auditions on Sunday, Apr. 2, at the Community Center Park Amphitheater at 4 p.m. and on Tuesday, Apr. 4, at the Community Center Carpentry Room at 7 p.m. The all-volunteer group has been presenting live theater in Orinda for over 30 years and is always looking for new volunteers, both on and off-stage.

The first production of the season is Agatha Christie's *The Unexpected Guest* directed by Suzan Lorraine. Starlight Village Players is well known for its productions of Christie's plays. Lorraine has been directing Christie shows for the past several years to great acclaim, carrying on the tradition set by Starlight Village Players' founder Charlotte Meyer. Lorraine will need a variety of adult ages for this show. Rehearsals begin in late April. Performance dates are June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 29 and 30 and July 1.

The second production of the season is Malcolm Cowler's adaptation of L. Frank Baum's *Wizard of Oz*. Cowler is a familiar face to Starlight Village Players' audiences, having been involved in over 35 productions, including adaptations of Carlo Collodi's *Pinocchio* and Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. This production offers roles for a wide range of ages, child through adult. Rehearsals begin in June. Performance dates are July 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30 and Aug. 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12.



DAVID DIERKS  
Gerardo Paz and Shawn Bonnington in last year's production of *Love, Sex and the I.R.S.*

The final production of the season is the Bay Area premiere of Robert Merrill's comedy *Five Door Farce*. Jill Gelster will direct the show. Gelster directed last year's production of Merrill's *Aria's*, as well as previous comedies *Wrong Window* by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore and *Madness on Madrona Drive* by Louis Flynn. Gelster will need a variety of adults. Rehearsals begin in late July and performances are Sept. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 30.

Come to auditions prepared to read from scripts. No prepared monologues are necessary. "This is a great place to get your feet wet in community theatre, so do come play with us," said Lorraine.

For more information or to volunteer, call 925-528-9225 or email [info@orsvp.org](mailto:info@orsvp.org).

# Cal Shakes Launches New Season With Bard's Romantic Comedy

By KATHRYN G. McCARTY  
Staff Writer

"Cal Shakes is committed to a more compassionate world through the theater we make - one that reflects the deep and abiding respect for the human experience reflected in all of Shakespeare's works," said California Shakespeare Theatre Artistic Director Eric Ting, who begins his second season at the helm of the 44-year-old company.

The company opens its season at the Bruns Amphitheatre in Orinda with William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, running May 24 through June 18. Director Desdemona Chiang guides audiences on a

journey to Arden, a fanciful forest, where everyone is much more than they seem in this romantic comedy.

Lisa Portes directs the second show of the season, *The Glass Menagerie*, by Tennessee Williams, one of America's most successful playwrights, running July 5 through 30. The classic was William's first successful play, and is the first of his plays to be staged at Cal Shakes.

Ting directs the West Coast premiere of *black odyssey*, opening Aug. 9. Oakland native and playwright Marcus Gardley re-imagines Homer's masterpiece, one of western civilization's earliest epics, in this vividly theatrical tale of homecoming set

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Annual Chamber of Commerce Business Awards



SALLY HOGARTY

The Orinda Chamber of Commerce gave out its annual Business Awards at a joint Orinda Chamber/Orinda Rotary luncheon on Mar. 1. Congratulations to Land Home Financial Services, 2016 Local Business Award; Sanvitalia Home and Garden 2016 New Business Award; and Susan Garell, 2016 Ambassador of the Year Award. Each of the winners received a bevy of awards and proclamations from local, county and state leaders. Shown above are: (L-R) **Angela Erves, Cheryl Sugarbaker** and **Leonard Tucker** of Land Home Financial Services, **Helen Bentkowski** of Sanvitalia, **Susan Garell, County Supervisor Candace Andersen, Mayor Eve Phillips, Noah Starr** representing State Board of Equalization board member **Fiona Ma** and Chamber President **Roy Hodgkinson**.

Town Buzz Over Upcoming Trivia Bee

By SALLY HOGARTY  
Editor

Time to eat anything labeled “brain food,” run through your old textbooks (or not!) and crank up that long-term memory as the Orinda Chamber of Commerce’s and Orinda Rotary’s annual Trivia Bee approaches.

This year’s “Bee” takes place Apr. 14 at the Orinda Masonic Lodge, 9 Altarinda Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. and the game starting promptly at 7 p.m. There will also be raffle prizes and, to take the sting out of this bee, participants are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine for the instant wine cellar drawing.

According to Chamber Executive Director Sophie Braccini, the event is perfect for families, companies, organizations, groups of friends or whatever. “It’s a wonderful event that also raises money for the winning table’s nonprofit of choice,” says Braccini.

Jointly sponsored by the Chamber and the Orinda Rotary, the Trivia Bee is limited to 16 tables of six persons each. Fees are \$360 per table with general proceeds supporting the Orinda Rotary’s Satellite Club’s Rotacare Clinic in Richmond as well as Chamber technological projects.

“What a fun night we had last year participating in the Trivia Bee,” says Orinda Junior Women’s Club member April Meagher. “The Juniors had a chance to win money for one of our favorite charities, while also getting to spend some time together! We had a great dinner and, this year, our group plans to strategize for more winning answers!”

To make your reservations, call 925-254-3909, go to [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org) or email [info@orindachamber.org](mailto:info@orindachamber.org).

Wild Magnolia Celebrates Fat Tuesday in Style



SOPHIE BRACCINI

Wild Magnolia, formerly Table 24, in Theatre Square had its official ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 28. Shown here are members of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce and Wild Magnolia staff.

2017 Poul Anderson Writing Contest

The Friends of the Orinda Library announces the start of the annual Poul Anderson writing contest. Named in honor of the late Poul Anderson, a popular science-fiction writer and Orinda resident, the contest is open to all high school students who reside in Orinda or who attend an Orinda school.

Entry categories include: Science Fiction/Fantasy; Essay/Memoir/Biography; Poetry and Short Story. Students may submit one entry in any of the four categories (with no more than three entries). Submission deadline is Friday, April 21, at noon.

A panel of local judges involved professionally in reading, writing or publishing will evaluate the entries with up to four winners awarded \$250 prizes, underwritten by the Friends of the Orinda Library.

Entries should be submitted to individual school representatives or at the Orinda Library. For additional information, go to: [www.friendsoftheorindalibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheorindalibrary.org) or email Julie Rossiter at [jjrossiter@me.com](mailto:jjrossiter@me.com).



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in the East Bay. *black odyssey* runs through Sept. 3.

Closing out Cal Shakes’ 26th season is Shakespeare’s *Measure for Measure*, a comedy which offers a chilling examination of the body politic and the body personal. The play explores the power of integrity to overcome injustice. Tyne Rafael directs the production, which runs Sept. 13 through Oct. 8.

Cal Shakes continues to host an array of special audience events associated with each production, including Civic Dialogues, Grove Talks, Insight Matinees and post-show discussions with cast members.

Season tickets and group tickets for par-

ties of 10 or more are currently available.

Cal Shakes Conservatory will also host four-week summer camps in July and August for students ages 8 through 18 at Orinda Academy and the Oakland School for the Arts. Students will receive training in acting, stage combat, makeup and improvisation.

Cal Shakes Main Stage season runs May 24 through Oct. 8. Four-play season packages range from \$156 to \$248 with discounts available for seniors, youth and full-time K-12 educators. Single tickets are also available, starting from \$39 to \$55. For tickets and information, visit [calshakes.org](http://calshakes.org) or call the box office at 510-548-9666. Bruns Amphitheatre is located at 100 California Shakespeare Way, Orinda.

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Friday, April 14	Good Friday: Noon and 7pm
Saturday, April 15	The Great Vigil of Easter: 7pm
Sunday, April 16	Easter Sunday: 7.30, 9am and 11am

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BUSINESS BUZZ

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the haunted house on the top floor, with the lower level downstairs reserved for older kids to tour.

“When December rolls around, children may post their letter to Santa right here at Orinda True Value Hardware and each child will get a reply,” says Monroe. “After all, we have the model train sets running and a coin-operated toy train ride in the front of the store for the kids.”

Monroe and his wife Marsha have been married nearly five years. Marsha is a chemist with the U.S. government and the couple has two young children. Three year-old Mateo and one-year-old Harmony keep them hopping. “We really treasure our time together as a family and keeping the house clean on Saturdays,” says Monroe.

Orinda True Value Hardware is open Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information visit <http://ww3.truevalue.com/orinda/home> or call 925-254-5429.

**Orinda Shoe Services**

Serving Orindans since 1952 - and in its current location at 19 Avenida de Orinda



VALERIE HOTZ  
**Torre Major**, owner of Orinda Shoe Services.

since 1958 - this family-owned shoe repair shop expanded to offer substantial discounts of 50 percent or more off retail price of high-end designer shoes for both men and women. Owner Torre Major and his son Tyler consistently provide outstanding customer service and on Saturdays Torre's Aunt Sandra helps out.

“Our clientele travels from all over the Bay Area for our special quality workmanship and materials,” says Major. “We provide complete shoe repair and can also repair handbags and belts. High-end, custom bespoke shoes we repair with superior quality soles from Germany. A lot of ladies purchase very high-end, custom-made


shoes and want protective soles on them, so we provide this service as well.”

Orinda Shoe Services is an authorized Alden Shoe Shop, with about 100 Aldens in stock, according to Major. Alden Shoes are still made in Massachusetts. “These never go on sale. We are not allowed to discount Alden Shoes,” says Major.

An extensive selection of attractively discounted designer shoes is available here. Up to 350 pair of men's and women's high-end shoes are in stock. The shop is adjacent to the Orinda Shoe Services entrance, so customers should stop by 19 Avenida de Orinda and ask Major or Tyler to show them the designer shoe boutique.

Major has always been passionate about flying and serves as a pilot flying Gulfstreams and Lear Jets for a furniture manufacturing company, Z-Line Designs. He and his wife, Sherry, have been married 34 years. You will find Sherry helping out in the family business, along with their son Tyler.


Orinda Shoe Services is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out the reviews on Yelp. A longtime member of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce, Torre can be reached at 925-254-5088.



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trips across the globe. His international experience has also included refugee resettlement work in Canada and studies at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany.

Vasquez-Levy received a bachelor's degree from Texas Lutheran University, summa cum laude, and master's and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. One of his assignments was on the Lutheran Refugee Committee at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Ontario, Canada. He has served as president of PSR for two years.

Darlene James, co-chair of FFF, comments, “The school is described as a progressive, interdenominational Christian seminary committed to preparing theologically and spiritually rooted leaders for social transformation. Dr. Vasquez-Levy is a committed pastor, a nationally recognized immigration leader, and a sought-after speaker. Please join us in this free event. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m.”

For further information, contact LOPC at 925-283-8722.

**Hamilton Helps Haley's Run**

**H**aley's Run for a Reason supporters raised \$2,025 for the Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) Foundation by bidding on four tickets to the blockbuster musical “Hamilton.”

The Tom family, who lost their daughter Haley to SUDC, sponsored the contest, which also included a collectible SHN bag for the winner. Haley's Run for a Reason will once again host a fundraising run the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Last year's “color” run was such a hit that the group plans to do it again.

If any individuals or companies would like to sponsor Haley's Run for a Reason, email Suzanne Tom at [haleysrun@gmail.com](mailto:haleysrun@gmail.com).



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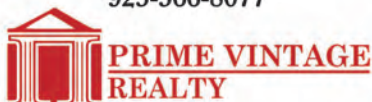
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### Orinda Chiropractic & Laser Center

Now in his 21<sup>st</sup> year of delivering chiropractic care, Kevin M. Wong, D.M., has been practicing in his Orinda office, located at 89 Moraga Way, since 2006. His wife, Isabelle Eleazer, D.M., is also a chiropractor



VALERIE HOTZ  
This **Foot Levelers Orthotic Center** will aid his patients says Dr. Kevin Wong.

licensed to practice in California. Eleazer helps patients by providing guidance with healthy eating, cleanses, protein shakes and exercise programs and oversees the staff, ensuring smooth office operations.

“Our whole body approach to wellness focuses on drug-free pain relief and non-invasive care that addresses the root cause for your pain, supporting whole body health from the inside out. Our chiropractic care services are beneficial for individuals of all ages,” says Wong, who teaches continuing education seminars to other chiropractors as a speaker for Foot Levelers, which specializes in customized foot orthotics, pillows and home exercise products for chiropractors and their patients.

“To best serve our patients, we have the Foot Levelers Self Scanning Kiosk in our office. This device is a 27-inch touch-screen unit, which allows a patient to scan his or her own feet and the resulting three-dimensional image is immediately emailed to the patient,” says Wong. “Additionally the scan is delivered to the Orinda Chiropractic & Laser Center portal in the cloud and stored there for me to access.” The Self Scanning Kiosk provides customized feet orthotics.

The Foot Levelers Self Scanning Kiosk

## Monthly Advertiser Spotlight

Located at 282 Village Square, The Medicine Shoppe has been a long time supporter of the Orinda Association by advertising in *The Orinda News*. Opened by Alan Wong in 2000, The Medicine Shoppe is your friendly neighborhood pharmacy. Customers are greeted by name and receive an unprecedented level of care from the staff. “We have a one-on-one relationship with our customers and offer personal service as well as special orders,” said Wong. The family friendly shop has a child-sized table filled with toys to keep the little ones entertained while parents get their prescriptions filled.

In addition to standard pharmacy services, compounding is also available. Compound medications are created based on prescriptions in which individual ingredients are mixed together



VALERIE HOTZ  
**Alan Wong** has been the trusted proprietor of The Medicine Shoppe for many years.

to create the exact strength and dosage required. “Compounding is pretty much a lost art today, but there is definitely still a need for it,” said Wong.

The Medicine Shoppe is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 6 pm, Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. For more information, call 925-254-1211.

is an educational tool that teaches what is going on in other parts of the body. “My practice is focused on feet, ankles and shoulders,” says Wong. “Many people do not realize that the knees, hips, shoulders and back are affected by the three arches located in each foot. A person’s feet are different from each other and often one foot is flatter than the other. Eighty percent of people have collapsed arches. In such cases, foot orthotics are helpful.”

Foot Levelers orthotics are made by hand in Roanoke, Virginia. Patients receive their orthotics about one week after ordering and rush orders are received in two to three days. A money-back guarantee is valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Orinda Chiropractic & Laser Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to noon, and closed on Sunday. For more information visit [www.orindachiropractic.com](http://www.orindachiropractic.com). Check out reviews on Yelp. Orinda Chiropractic & Laser Center is a member of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce. Call 925-254-4040 for an appointment.

### Orinda True Value Hardware

Located at the Crossroads at 56 Moraga Way, this old-fashioned hardware store has everything a homeowner needs for the house and garden and more. The two working Lionel model trains, complete with villages along the track, are reason enough to stop in and enjoy a bit of nostalgia.

“We care about our community and are pleased to serve our customers with competitive prices and help homeowners accomplish their goals,” says manager Walter Monroe. “We carry everything from cleaning supplies, plumbing and electrical and lawn and garden supplies. Lawn and garden care is extremely important because of all the rain we have received this year. We carry plant food, soil and fertilizer and

ample birdseed. In fact, I buy birdseed by the pallet. It is in such big demand that we stock it on aisle one.” 48-hour screen repair is available here, as well as grilling, paint supplies and even sporting goods items.

Orinda True Value Hardware hosts many community events throughout the year geared for young families. For the second year in a row the annual Easter Egg Hunt



VALERIE HOTZ  
**Walter Monroe**, manager of True Value Hardware.

takes place inside the store on Saturday, April 15. Three egg hunts will be conducted that day, at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. At each hunt, youngsters will be encouraged to find the golden egg that has \$100 inside.

“We always enjoy Kid Tool Tuesday. Every Tuesday throughout the summertime we give away a free tool that is fun and safe to each child that comes to our store. In the past we have given away tool boxes, paint brushes, pencils and levels, and shown children several ways they can use the tools,” says Monroe. Oct. 31 finds the store transformed into two haunted houses. Younger children may experience

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