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MOFD Finalizes Contract with Firefighters Union

By DAVID DIERKS
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After lengthy and sometimes contentious talks between the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) and the firefighters' union, the two sides have finally reached an agreement.

On May 20, MOFD approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa County IAFF Local 1230. The previous MOU expired in January 2010. The new MOU is in effect from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2018. MOFD and the union have been in negotiations since 2010 and participated in mediation with a state-appointed mediator in March. Both parties reached a tentative agreement that was taken to IAFF Local 1230's membership and ratified on April 4, 2014.

"We feel good about the final document," said MOFD Chief Stephen Healy. "I want to thank Local 1230 for their time, effort and thoughtfulness in working with us. It takes two sides to do that and my hat is off to you for that."

Two major components of the new MOU include across-the-board salary changes and the creation of a new Single-Role Paramedic (SRPM) job classification. Effective July 1, all staff will take a three and one-half percent reduction in salary. On July 1, 2015, there will be an across-the-board increase of one percent. There will be another across-the-board increase on July 1, 2016 of four percent, with the potential of an additional three percent increase if MOFD revenues hit target goals. Another four percent increase will be applied on July 1, 2017, with the potential of an ad-

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4th of July Fun Includes Haley's Run for a Reason



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Participants in last year's **Fun Run** and **Haley's Run for a Reason** get off to a good start. The day begins at 7:30 am with Rotary's pancake breakfast at the Orinda Community Center followed by Haley's Run (Fun Run not happening this year) at 8 am in front of the Community Center. The parade begins at 10 am by the Orinda Theatre with activities in the Orinda Community Center Park beginning at 11:30 am. Complete details on pages 11-14.

Changing of the Guard at Orinda Books

By VALERIE HOTZ
Staff Writer

Orindans Maria and Danny Roden have purchased Orinda Books from long-time proprietor Janet Boreta. The deal becomes official this month, and the husband and wife partnership team are enthusiastic about bringing new programs to the community's independent book shop that was first established in 1976.

"I have always wanted to own a bookstore and realized I needed to know what was involved in managing a successful one, so eight years ago I joined the staff here. It is one thing to dream of doing something and then quite another to know exactly what it involves. Having gained an understanding of what is involved, I love it even more," says Maria Roden, who earned a Master in Fine Arts degree at St. Mary's College in 2006. Being well versed in all genres and having just returned from the American Booksellers Association Book Expo America conference, Roden is brimming with ideas for new programs she will be introducing soon. Her favorite genre is nonfiction.

For 38 years, Orinda Books has been a vital resource for the community, building a thriving book club program and offering a 10 percent discount for book club readers who register their club with the shop. "We have a reading staff that consistently makes good recommendations for our customers. Our 'Staff Picks' program has really been appreciated by our customers over the years," points out Boreta. Reminiscing on nearly four decades in the business, Boreta prized the opportunity to welcome everyone in the community. "I love to look back



SALLY HOGARTY

Long-time Orinda Books owner **Janet Boreta** (seated L) and new owners **Maria Roden** and her husband **Danny Roden** (standing).

and remember all the young people that came into the store in the early days, and now they are coming back with their own children," she says.

The author speaker series is a keen attraction, keeping the community engaged with current writers and their work. "I recall the first author we invited was the popular mystery writer Dick Francis, and it was a smashing success. I wrote a letter to him asking him to speak. When he accepted the invitation, I then wrote a letter to *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist Herb Caen letting him know that Dick Francis was speaking at Orinda Books. Prior to the event, Caen made a reference in his column about Francis speaking at Orinda Books.

Of course, people were lined up around the block to get inside and hear Dick Francis. It was wonderful," smiles Boreta. More recently, Abraham Vergese, Ivana Trump, Annie Leibovitz, Ayelet Waldman and the late Wayne Miller have participated in the speaker series.

"It is a lovely thing when you own a bookstore and see in advance of publication the new books that will be coming out and then sharing the joy of this great book with other people so they can enjoy it too," enthuses Maria Roden. "My goal is to create more foot traffic, in essence making the book shop a community gathering spot, so that I can help more people discover new books."

Orinda Books has a long-standing relationship with California Shakespeare Theater, Friends of the Orinda Library and Saint Mary's College, not to mention the thousands of individuals who patronize the shop. Orindan Kath Balamuth designed the classic Orinda Books' bookmark each customer receives with a purchase. Maria hopes to expand these existing relationships, for example, by conducting meetings for students entering the Master of Fine Arts program at Saint Mary's College, where she serves as chair of the MFA Advisory Board.

Conducting outreach to local preschools and public schools is a priority for the Rodens, as well as continuing the Artist of the Month program. Maria is currently

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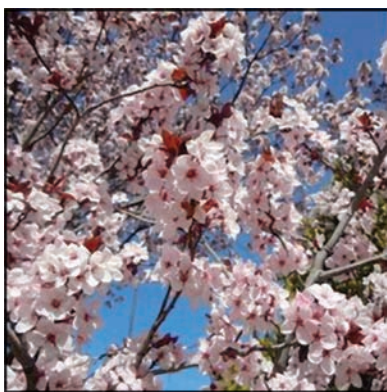
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**July Gallery: Experimental
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Buddha Is Thinking by **Angela Cheng** is a 42"x34" mixed media painting that will be displayed at the Orinda Library Gallery during July.

By **ELANA O'LOSKEY**
 Staff Writer

a passion for painting with an emphasis on experimenting with abstraction, layering and color. All have exhibited extensively in the Bay Area.

The Orinda Library Gallery is proud to present the work of nine award-winning artists: four painters from the Art Connection and five instructors from the Mount Diablo Woodturning Center (MDWC) in Pleasant Hill. Look for walls filled with more than 40 intriguing paintings and the glass cabinet display featuring some 70 pieces of wood art. The public is invited to an artists' reception on Saturday, July 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm to meet the artists, find out about their work and enjoy light refreshments.

Angela Cheng, who lives in Walnut Creek, grew up in China and was deeply attracted to the beauty in nature and excited by color and shapes. Being a product of two cultures she creates paintings that are a bridge between them – art works of abstraction with a Chinese flavor. She considers her work intuitive and experimental and works without a detailed sketch. *Power of Love*, a 40" x 30" mixed media painting, is a good example.

Art Connections is a self-managed group founded in 2005 by four painters. Angela Cheng, Mary Claire Stotler, Pamela Howett and Ann Marie Taboloff met in 2000 at an intuitive layering class taught by experimental artist Kathleen Brennan. They share

Mary Claire Stotler, also of Walnut Creek says, "Abstract painting is a combination of memories, imagination and a bit of my soul." She starts painting by turning on music, which frees her to be happy and paint with a flow of energy that comes out in the

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A Message From the OA President
A Special Word of Thanks To Our
Fourth of July Volunteers



Bill Waterman

This is the 31st year that the Orinda Association has organized the city's Fourth of July Parade and Celebration, the only "all Orinda" event of the year. Our Fourth of July committee has been hard at work since January to bring Orindans a better event than ever.

This year's parade will feature five marching bands – including, for the first time in Orinda, the Concord Blue Devils' C Corps Youth band, two marching brass bands (MJ Brass Boppers and St. Gabriel's Celestials), a Mariachi band and Orinda's own All Volunteer Marching Band. There will also be musical performances by youth groups - Lamorinda Idol singers, the Peter Pan Foundation and, new this year, a band from the ALMA studio in Orinda. We also have music by our standby groups – Spirit of '29 and the East Bay Banjo Band. Plus, we will have music before and during the parade (thanks to the EFO Jazz Band and Lewiston Jazz). Don't miss our great music and food in the park (thanks to Orinda Chamber, Orinda Rotary, Tabor Sister City and our other participants). There will be great kids' activities in the park and a chance to talk to many non-profit groups in front of the community center. So, put off that trip to Tahoe by a half-day and stay here in town for all the fun!

Thanks go to our wonderfully talented

and dedicated volunteers. This year, our committee has new leadership, including Andy Radlow (Co-Chair), Mimi Bommarito (Publicity), Bret Young (Logistics), Allen Lescure and Nicole Radlow (Volunteers). Plus, this year two Miramonte High School students, Kyle McKeen and Maya McGrath, have created an Instagram campaign and photo contest to publicize the event with our Orinda youth, who can submit their photos to #orindaparade, with the winner receiving a cash prize. Veteran leaders Steve Meagher (Co-Chair), Cindy Powell (Music), Steve Harwood (Music and Announcing), Isela Barel (Decorations), Bill Cosden (Announcing), Jim Luini and Joe Haughin (Logistics and Ordering), Clay Deanhardt (Food and Bev Booths) and Jan Cushman (Non-profit Booths) also staff our Fourth of July committee.

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary is again organizing the Pancake Breakfast. *Orinda News* Editor Sally Hogarty heads our news team coverage, Marie Waterman and Jen Villafane cover our office and Lisa Burlini handles our website needs. Suzanne Tom and her family are hosting and organizing our fun run – "Haley's Run for a Reason." Finally, thanks go to our local Boy Scout Troops (color guard) and Veterans (for the Flag Raising and Color Guard).

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Staying Home this Summer?

By KATE WILEY
Contributing Writer

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JEN VILLAFANE
SAT rider **Joan Caldwell** (L) with her driver **Tish Harwood**.

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- 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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Editorial... Stratford, England – Ashland, Oregon – Orinda?

With the City of Orinda preparing for the fifth cycle of the General Plan's Housing Element (first community workshop was held June 26), I find not only thoughts of providing adequate housing for current and future residents surface but also thoughts on revitalizing the downtown area.

The various pros and cons of changing the downtown area have been well documented with OrindaVision providing colorful renderings of its elaborate ideas for making both sides of Orinda's business district more viable and Save Orinda and Orinda Watch voicing their opposition.

A local resident recently posed a less am-

bitious suggestion – why not capitalize on the California Shakespeare Festival, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year? According to this resident, the buildings in Country Club Plaza (think Geppetto's and the Village Horse store) lend themselves easily to a Shakespearean look. She also suggested a small hotel in the vacant lot across from the Orinda Library – done, of course, in a Tudor style to enhance the village aspect. This could be an interesting concept to consider.

"To be or not to be?" Is that really the question or just the stuff that dreams are made of?

– Sally Hogarty, Editor



Cub Scouts Work on Media Badge



KEENAN HEINZ

Members of Den 2, Pack 52 pitch stories to *The Orinda News* editor Sally Hogarty (far right).

On June 8, Cub Scouts from Den 2, Pack 52 came to *The Orinda News* to learn about newspapers. The first graders from Del Rey Elementary took on various personas such as policemen, robbers and sports figures and interviewed each other. The "cub" reporters then pitched their stories to editor Sally Hogarty. Scout master Todd Wertheimer organized the event and Keenan Heinz, older brother of one of the Cub Scouts, took photos.



KEENAN HEINZ

(L-R) Tyler Grimsrud, Peyton Heinz, Gabriel Savala and Noah Wertheimer.

Letters to the Editor

On the Road to Better Roads

Congratulations and thanks to all of the Orindans who voted in favor of Measure J on June 3. The measure passed with more than 75 percent of the vote. The message of "Let's keep fixing Orinda's roads" really resonated with our friends and neighbors.

From phone calls made during the days leading up to the election, we learned that many voters thought long and hard before

agreeing that Measure J was the correct next step for us to keep fixing our residential streets. Because of the number of endorsers (more than 600!) on our website and in print, the number of "Yes on J" yard signs, the generous financial support from more than 100 donors who paid for those signs and campaign mailings and, perhaps most important, the conversations you had with friends and neighbors to persuade them about the importance of passing Mea-

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sure J, we can all look forward to continuing to see Orinda's worst residential roads being fixed next year (when the first bonds authorized by Measure J will be issued).

The repairs actually start this summer – on Lost Valley Drive and Charles Hill Road – thanks to the passage of Measure L in November 2012. That half-cent sales tax increase generated nearly \$1 million in 2013 which is now being put to work.

Please continue to visit our website, www.fixorindaroads.org, for updates on

how funds from Measures J and L will be put to use and where. Working with the members of the Citizens Infrastructure Oversight Commission and the city's Public Works department, we look forward to sharing good news with you.

Here's to a smoother-riding tomorrow – and thanks again!

– Brad Barber, Bob Burt and Mark Roberts

Fix Orinda Roads/Yes on Measure J campaign co-chairs

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POLICE / COMMUNITY CHURCH



POLICE BLOTTER

May Through June 7, 2014

Burglary: 1 incident – Orinda View Rd./Happy Valley.

Burglary, Auto: 11 incidents – Theatre Square, Wagner Ranch Elementary, La Cuesta Rd. (3), Bryant Way (2), Brookwood Rd. (3) and Paintbrush Ln.

Burglary, Residential: 9 incidents – Knickerbocker Ln., Oakwood Rd., Miner Rd., Bates Blvd., Irwin Way, Donna Maria Way, El Toyonal, Bates Blvd. and Oak Dr.

Credit Card Fraud: 3 incidents – Ivy Dr. and Bryant Way (2).

Grand Theft: 2 incidents – Stein Way/Moraga Way and Cedar Ln.

Identity Theft: 3 incidents – Tarry Ln., Evergreen Dr. and Sunrise Hill Rd.

Petty Theft: 2 incidents – La Cuesta Rd. and Camino Sobrante.

Shoplifting: 2 incidents – Orinda Camino Sobrante and Camino Pablo.

Stolen Vehicle: 2 incidents – Bates Blvd./Davis Rd. and Tahos Rd.

Vandalism: 4 incidents – Fiesta Circle, Crest View Dr. and Daryl Dr. (2).

Arrests

Drunk in Public: 1 arrest – Brookwood Dr./Camino Pablo.

Reckless Driving Arrest: 1 incident – Camino Pablo/Orinda Way.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery: 2 recoveries – E. Altarinda Dr. and El Toyonal.

Subject Stop Arrest: 2 arrests – Orinda Way and Brookwood Rd./Camino Pablo.

Suspicious Subject Arrest: 1 arrest – Lombardy Ln./Dalewood Dr.

Suspicious Vehicle Stop Arrest: 2 arrests – Donald Dr. and Orinda Way.

Threats Arrest: 1 incident – Oak Dr.

Traffic Accident Arrest: 1 incident – Overhill Rd./Moraga Way.

Traffic Stop Arrest: 8 arrests – Camino Pablo/Camino Sobrante, Moraga Way/Camino Encinas, St. Stephens Dr./Tahos Rd., Hwy. 24/Mt. Diablo, Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way, Hidden Valley Rd./Juniper Dr. and Hwy. 24/St. Stephens Dr.

Warrant Arrest: 2 arrests – Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way and Camino Sobrante.

Welfare Check Arrest: 1 arrest – Camino Sobrante.

Orinda BART Station

Identity Theft: 1 report.

– Compiled by Jeanette Irving,
Orinda Police Department

Additional Police Activity From May Through June 7

• For those who use BART, BART P.D. notes an increase in auto burglaries at the Orinda BART station parking lots. Suspects are targeting vehicles that show power tools, GPS, stereos and other miscellaneous items. Most of the burglaries are occurring midweek during daylight hours. Please be mindful of any items that are visible through the car window that may cause temptation or provide a target for burglars. If you see something suspicious or someone lurking in parking lots or walking aimlessly looking through windows, please call Orinda Police dispatch at 925-284-5010 as soon as possible.

Correction

• In the June issue of the Police Blotter, it was reported by the Orinda Police Department that one incident of battery occurred at Orinda Convalescent Hospital. Subsequent investigation showed that no incident of battery took place.

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ditional three percent if MOFD again hits its revenue goals. A final salary increase of one percent will be applied on June 1, 2018.

In addition, the district will start using SRPMs to replace firefighter-paramedics who leave the district due to retirement or attrition. SRPMs will have a five-step salary range of \$18.25 to \$21.55 per hour and the retirement formula of non-safety personnel. All other benefits will remain the same as for any other district employee.

MOFD president John Wyro said, "I look forward to continuing to work closely with Local 1230 as we deal with all the issues that come before us. We look forward to a good four years ahead of us. We're very encouraged."

IAFF Local 1230 president Vince Wells was not as optimistic about the MOU. "Obviously, this is not a contract that we are happy with," said Wells. "I assured our members that I would come forward to let you know what their feelings were. The MOFD rank-and-file employees are pleased to see that the new long-range financial forecast shows a balanced general fund with surpluses in every year of the plan, including the current 2013/2014 year. Next year's financial forecast shows a surplus of around the same amount the district will be saving with a three and one-half percent pay cut. This further reaffirms our belief that our salary cut is unnecessary."

For more information, visit www.mofd.org and www.iafflocal1230.org.

Orinda Community Church Welcomes New Pastor

By HILLARY HOPPOCK
Contributing Writer

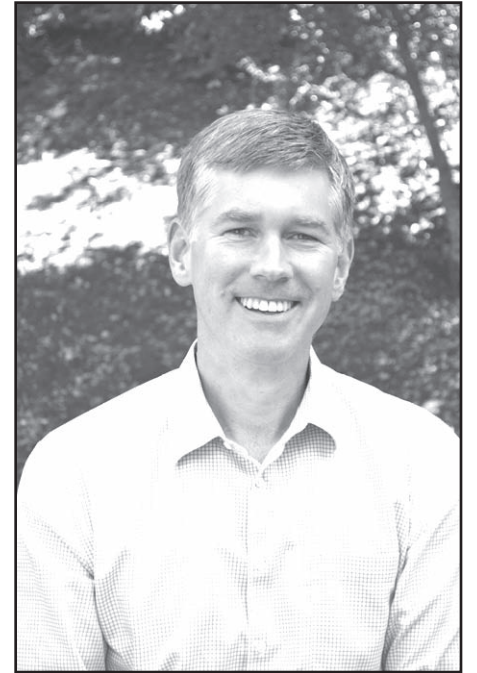
Jim Brommers Bergquist, the new pastor at Orinda Community Church (OCC), brings to the job 20-plus years of experience with youth and families in towns similar to Orinda. Bergquist relocated from Wellesley, MA, with his wife Ingrid and their two young daughters. The 46-year-old pastor, who grew up in Tacoma, WA, and served as a Seattle University chaplain and director of a Seattle center for homeless youth, was drawn to OCC's track record as a "liberal, forward-thinking community church in Orinda, making a difference."

In his two short months as pastor at OCC, Bergquist led the congregation through Holy Week services, an annual family weekend in Yosemite and a weekly forum for parents whose daughters were participating in the church's "GirlPower" program. He thinks OCC is truly "a church for the community," helping families wrestle with the big questions of life through such programs as "GirlPower" and the church's summer JAM (Joy, Art and Music) camp for grades K-5.

OCC's challenge to Bergquist is to build on the church's 75-year history. "The pieces are in place for dynamic and creative worship services," said Bergquist. "We have a great staff, our youth and children offerings are strong and there is a long history of social justice work." OCC is home to The Orinda PreSchool (TOPS), Holden High School, Boy Scout Troop 237 and a vibrant, multi-generational congregation. Bergquist also sees OCC hosting Friday night jazz, faith and film series, intergenerational game nights, community service opportunities and forums on contemporary issues.

"The church is supposed to be an agent for change," said Bergquist, pointing to OCC's long tradition of outreach for people in need – 30 years ago OCC donated 3.5 acres of its hillside campus and sponsored the construction of Orinda Senior Village.

The new pastor cites his experience working as liaison between a North Shore Chicago church and inner city social service agencies and is excited about what OCC has accomplished. The church provided seed money in 1991 for Contra



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jim Brommers Bergquist is the new pastor at Orinda Community Church.

Costa Interfaith Housing, which provides housing for homeless families. In 2004, the church sanctuary hosted a discussion of the Winter Nights Family Shelter. Through this program, OCC is now one of 40 congregations that helps house families for two weeks each winter.

"We are an intergenerational church, which is great," said Bergquist. "We are progressive in our theology, so there is space for questions, and room for people to come at faith from different angles. We are passionate about making change in the world. We have amazing musicians and soloists to help lead our Sunday worship. We are committed to the youth and children of our church and community and all people are welcome and affirmed ... I'm excited to be a part of this type of church, as we work together to be relevant to the current and next generations."

Orinda Community Church is located at 10 Irwin Way. For information visit www.orindachurch.org or call 925-254-4906.

OCC JAM Camp

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Summer Reading Means Grab-and-Go Paperbacks

Marian Nielsen, Orinda Books



Summer days demand lightweight paperbacks (in size but not necessarily content) to tuck into carry-ons, beach bags, or backpacks – and equally suitable to be read either when on vacation or while on the way to work.

One of the newest paperbacks on our shelves is *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. This novel is frothy, fun and totally engaging. The author introduces us to Don Tillman, an Australian professor of genetics in search of a wife. Don has intimacy issues and perhaps Asperger's Syndrome as well. His carefully crafted questionnaire to help him find the perfect woman leads him to Rosie, a graduate student in his department, who is also on a quest – she is seeking her biological father. Don Tillman is one of current fiction's happiest creations – no wonder there is a movie in the works and a *Rosie* sequel on the way. (Simon & Schuster, \$15.99)

Dave Eggers never shies away from current issues and, more recently, his concerns about technology's potential to take over society. In his newest work of fiction, *The Circle*, these questions are front and center. This is an intriguing novel that offers splendid discussion material for book groups as well as thought-provoking reading for all. His protagonist, Mae Holland, feels like the luckiest woman in the world when she takes a position with a Silicon Valley biggie, the Circle, whose aim is to be all things to the world. Her gradual disenchantment makes absorbing reading. (Vintage, \$15.95)

If Silicon Valley is not to your summer taste, step backwards in time to Regency England and *Longbourn*, Jo Baker's remarkably insightful spin on *Pride and Prejudice*. Baker turns Jane Austen's world upside down, allowing readers a view of the kitchens, stables and sculleries at the Bennett household that Jane, Lizzie, Kitty, Mary and Lydia were hardly aware of. Baker's novel can proudly stand alone as fine historical fiction but knowing that Mr. Darcy or Mr. Collins are perhaps upstairs in the parlor gives it added depth. (Vintage, \$15.95)

Elizabeth Gilbert endeared herself to readers when she took them half way around the world in *Eat, Pray, Love*. Her new novel, *The Signature of All Things*, is a

19th century tale that Gilbert's storytelling brio and witty turn-of-phrase makes sparkle in a very un-19th century way. Her heroine, Alma, is the unloved, and somewhat unlovely, daughter of a wealthy Philadelphian in the early 1800s. Alma's escape into the world of plants, and most particularly mosses, leads her to discoveries similar to Darwin's Beagle-inspired findings. Garden clubbers take note! (Penguin, \$17)

Khaled Hosseini needs no introduction, but the paperback release of *And the Mountains Echoed* should put his name back on top of the bestseller list. Unlike his two earlier and wildly successful titles, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *The Kite Runner*, which followed one principal character, his new novel presents a panorama of Afghanistan through compelling family stories over generations and across continents. (Riverhead, \$16)

As Hosseini brought a fictional Afghanistan to the front ranks of contemporary fiction, so has Amy Tan (with publication of *The Joy Luck Club* in 1989) endeared herself to readers with her novels of mothers and daughters and the Chinese-American experience. In *The Valley of Amazement*, due in paperback mid-July, Tan explores the world of Shanghai courtesans alongside linchpin moments in recent Chinese history, from the end of the empire to the rise of the first republic with mother-daughter relationships again central to her story. (Ecco Press, \$16.99)

Lest your summer reading list seem too fiction-heavy, consider Jill Lepore's *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin*. Jane was Ben Franklin's beloved youngest sister and he wrote more letters to her than to anyone else. Ben's letters survived while most of Jane's did not, but Lepore has done a remarkable job of reconstructing the life of a relatively uneducated but intellectually vigorous and opinionated woman who gave birth to 12 children, was widowed at 45, lived 82 years and outlived all but one of her offspring. The exigencies of late 18th century life that we see in the fictional *Longbourn* are reiterated here in Lepore's superb research. This is entertaining and illuminating history. (Vintage, \$16.95)

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Three-Quarter Century Luncheon Applauds Seniors

By BOBBIE DODSON
Staff Writer

Those attending the annual Three-Quarter Century luncheon were old enough to remember the radio and TV program, *Queen for a Day*, and were happy to celebrate the crowning of our "Queen for a Day," Arline Pierre who is 101 years old. "King for a Day" was Bob Gray who professes to be 92. The couple in attendance who had been married the longest were Rudi and Teeb Thomas who tied the knot 68 years ago. "Baby of the Year," the youngest attendee, was Brad Wait who just turned 75 on June 3. All were presented with frames which will contain pictures of them taken at the luncheon.

John Fazel, who originated the Three-Quarter Century Luncheon 15 years ago, again presided in his tux with turquoise cummerbund, adding an elegant touch to the affair. He introduced Tosca Maltzman, winner of the Lamorinda Idol, who sang



SALLY HOGARTY
Arline Pierre at 101 years of age is this year's Queen. She credits "staying active both physically and mentally" for her longevity.

several selections. Mayor Sue Severson presented a declaration proclaiming June 18 Three-Quarter Century Day in Orinda.

The Rev. Jim Brommers Bergquist, recently arrived pastor of the Orinda Community Church, one of the sponsors, welcomed the guests and gave the invocation. Then a delicious meal, prepared by members of the other sponsors, BHG Mason McDuffie Real Estate and Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, was served.

Speaker MJ Marggraff awed the audience with pictures of outer space. While she has not traveled in outer space, she has been in the Phoenix Centrifuge, which had her going at speeds of 2,500 mph, and she elaborated on that adventure. Marggraff, a Lafayette resident, is the author of two books, *100 Things to Make a Difference* and the second, to be published in December 2014, *Time for a Lift*.



SALLY HOGARTY
Brad Wait became this year's Baby, the youngest 75 year old at the luncheon.

Del Rey Students Attend Historical Tour



SALLY HOGARTY

Third grade students from Del Rey Elementary School, along with their teacher **Scott Adams** (back row, 2nd from left), went on a tour of historical sites in Orinda. Historical Society member Charles Vollmar lead the group on the walking tour through the Village and the Theatre Square sides of Orinda.

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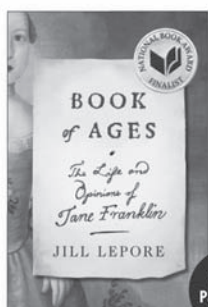
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CARS

Buzz Weldy Revs Up For Orinda Classic Car Show



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Buzz Weldy and his partner **Rene Aguirre** will bring the **Galaxia de la Baja** to the Orinda Classic Car Show this year.

By **DAVID DIERKS**
Assistant Editor

Buzz Weldy brings a bounty of vintage vehicles to the Orinda Classic Car Show this year, including his '65 Shelby Cobra, '64 Volkswagen and '64 Porsche 356 C. Weldy and his brother will also bring a '72 Porsche 911 E. Weldy's racing partner, Rene Aguirre of Triple Nickel Racing, will enter a '67 Impala and their off-road race car, the Galaxia de la Baja.

"The race car is the body of a '64 Ford Galaxie on a special chassis. It's got a stroker 427 engine that puts out about the same horsepower as my Cobra, but it weighs 6,000 pounds. My Cobra weighs 2,000," said Weldy.

Weldy remembers stopping by the first Orinda Classic Car Show when he was out walking his dog. "There were about 25 cars. I didn't own the Cobra or the Volkswagen or any of my cars [at the time]," said Weldy.

Since then, the car show has grown to more than 200 vehicles. "The next year, as soon as I got the Cobra, I started putting it in there. I bought the little Volkswagen from my neighbor and totally restored it to the tune of about \$45,000. Rene put our race car in, and he has a beautiful '67 Impala that he also brought. My brother put our other Porsche in, so last year we had six cars in the show. Thank God I live a half-mile from the place or I'd never get them up there."

The car show always falls around Weldy's mother's birthday. "She'll be 97 this year. We always go down to my place after the show and have a big barbecue and celebrate," said Weldy.

The Galaxia de la Baja race car was a big hit with the crowds last year. "You gotta see the people down in Mexico," Weldy said. "You race all day, and then in the

late afternoon, you come in to town and every hotel owner wants us to park that car out front. It's hilarious. The little kids all want stickers of the car. If you don't have about a thousand of those stickers, you're in trouble." The Galaxia is sponsored by Weldy and owned by Aguirre, a mechanic from Lafayette.

Weldy and Aguirre raced the Galaxia in the Mexican 1,000 - the Happiest Race on Earth - in Baja the last two years. This year the course started in Ensenada and took four days to get to Cabo. "Last year was our first year, we placed second in our class, which is Vintage Production Sedan. This year we broke an axle and the car went over the finish line in a trailer, but we still had a good time," said Weldy. The racing team includes four drivers and a navigator. "It's a four-day race - a long grueling race. You have a driver and a navigator in the car at all times. We lucked out the first year doing as well as we did. We didn't know any better."

Weldy started racing when he was young. "I started racing on dirt bikes when I was nine years old and did that until I was 16 or 17. My younger brother Pete and I got into Formula Ford racing and he raced those through the late '70s and early '80s. I started racing Go Kart shifter cars with my younger son when he was 30."

After attending some driving schools, Weldy met Aguirre. "I took a couple of high-performance driving courses in Utah and up at Sonoma Raceway on Trans-Am Mustangs and met up with Rene. He needed another driver for the Baja race."

Weldy's Cobra is a Continuation 1965 Shelby Cobra. It's completely mechanical with nothing powered and no radio.

"The roller, that's the chassis without the engine train, was made by Shelby with all

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CAR TIME

Is Cheap Auto Repair A Real Bargain?



By **JOHN VANEK**

Auto repair is a headache for motorists all over Lamorinda. Repair and replacement of parts have become so costly that motorists are looking for cheap auto repair as an alternative to traditional repairs. Unfortunately, you get what you pay for. It is hard to get good results with a cut-rate effort. Many auto repair firms advertise repairs at cheap rates by using inferior parts and employing unqualified technical personnel. Quality repair facilities invest in equipment and resources to diagnose and repair a car properly. The companies that don't invest in these ultimately will not get the same results. The facility is also important. Does the cheap shop offer shuttle rides or rental cars? Sometimes cheap is not convenient.

The biggest factor is the quality of available parts. Auto parts that are made overseas are usually inferior to the original equipment. When we say "overseas," we are mainly talking about China, which does not have any standards for manufacturers. The workers are unskilled and underpaid, and the available raw materials are not up to par with the original parts. The end result

is poor longevity.

Automotive manufacturers across the world are outsourcing parts manufacturing to China, and it's starting to show. We have seen Chrysler/Jeep products that have premature electrical component failure. So, we replace a switch at 37,000 miles with a brand new part from the dealer that says, "Made in China." It doesn't give us confidence, but it may be all we can get.

Brakes are a case in point - the materials and standards are often not up to par, but motorists are tempted to accept a lower bid on a brake job. However, they're probably *not* happy when the brakes begin to shudder after only 10,000 miles. We redo brake jobs done by cut-rate shops all the time. That is why price shopping is risky - there is always a shop that is going to be the cheapest but is rarely the best job.

There is a reason why things cost what they do so shop for a facility you can trust. Quality shops figure out the difference between "good Chinese parts" and "bad Chinese parts." They stand behind their repair jobs. Feel free to contact me personally for an automotive consultation.

Dancing with the Cars Tickets on Sale July 1



Slick back that ducktail (or dab on the Butch Wax); tighten up that Toni perm and don your best poodle skirt - then join us as Rebels With a Cause comes to the Orinda Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014! This Fabulous Fifties bash kicks off the 10th Anniversary of the Orinda Classic Car Show!!

Join us for a fantastic 50's party that includes an exclusive retrospective of hotrods, roll and tuck, rag tops, and glass packs - plus liberal libations, a deluxe diner menu, silent and live auctions - and, of course, dancing!

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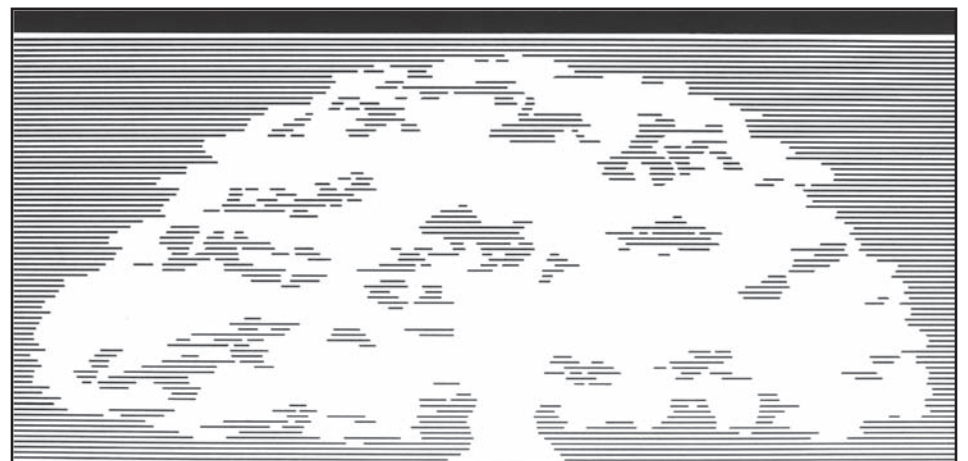
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Seasoned Shopper Summer Veggies in Shades of Citrus

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The bright colors of summer come to life at the farmers' market this month. Shop at any grower's stand and you're sure to find something orange or yellow to slice, sauté or simmer.

Summer squash are harvested before reaching full maturity so are completely edible – the skin is tender, seeds are small and flavor is mild. The shiny skins of fresh summer squash range from white to green to bold yellow or green striped and any variety does well on the grill. Trim off and discard ends, rinse, and then slice squash in half. Lightly oil each piece and place on a medium hot grill to cook for 3 to 4 minutes per side or until tender.

Personal preference determines choice of



BARBARA KOBSAR

Golden zucchini is plentiful at the **Farmers' Market** in July.

color and maturity of **corn on the cob**, but freshness determines quality. The fresher the cob of corn and the cooler it remains after harvest the better. New hybrid varieties remain sweeter for longer periods of time after harvest, but long storage eventually leads to tough, flavorless corn.

The buzz around the corn bins at the market seems to be the most active where there are cobs filled with the small, sweet white kernels. New super-sweet yellow varieties convert their sugars to starch more slowly than the old-fashioned types so check them out as well.

Tomato season brings back market shoppers looking for the "real" thing. The flavor of a truly vine-ripened tomato brought direct from field to market is nothing less than spectacular.

The ever-expanding arena of heirloom

variety tomatoes is intriguing. Eye appeal and outstanding flavor far outweigh their propensity to bruise and break down.

All tomatoes, from small cherry to large slicers, should be smooth-skinned, aromatic and heavy for their size. Yellow tomatoes such as Golden Jubilee, Lemon Boy and Sun Gold are generally less acidic and milder in flavor – these also tend to be more fragile.

Do not refrigerate any tomato – flavor and texture deteriorate with the cold.

July's other stars include peaches, nectarines and melons.

Enjoy and see you at the market!

Barbara Kobsar, The Seasoned Shopper, can be reached at cotkitchen@aol.com

For market information visit the website at www.cccfm.org.

CALABACITAS

(Serve as a side dish at your next summer barbecue.)

- 2 teaspoons butter
- 4 medium zucchini or crookneck squash, cubed (about 4 cups)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 fresh jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cobs of corn, kernels removed*
- 1/2 cup Jack or American cheese, grated

*To remove kernels from the cobs of corn, slice a small end off the tip to make a flat surface. Hold ear on flat end in a dish and slice kernels off downward using a sharp knife.

Melt butter in medium saucepan or skillet. Sauté squash with onion, jalapeno pepper and garlic. Add salt, pepper and corn and cook over medium heat 6 to 7 minutes. Sprinkle cheese over top, lower heat and cover 2 to 3 minutes until cheese melts.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.



BARBARA KOBSAR

Heirloom tomatoes are now available.

Orindawoods Tennis Tourney Raises \$9,200 for Breast Health Center

By BOBBIE DODSON
Staff Writer

Orindawoods Tennis Club hosted the 12th Annual Ace It! tennis tournament on June 7, a benefit for the Alta Bates Summit Foundation's Carol Ann Read Breast Health Center. The tennis clinics, lunch, raffle prizes and afternoon round-robin play offered a full day of fun for the 80 people who took part in the event, which raised \$9,200. "These funds are designated to provide services to women who can't afford mammograms," said Tina Heldman, who accepted the check on behalf of the Alta Bates Foundation. "This is a real need. Cancer can be detected early, which certainly saves lives."

After lunch, tennis pros who donated their time for the tennis clinics (Alison Rodius, Keith Wheeler, Patric Hermanson, Anna Marie Gamboa, Brad Rieser, Steve Squire, Jim Coyne and Sean-Kelley Quinn) were presented with fleece vests sporting the Ace It! logo and year.

The day ended with the presentation of prizes and vests for winners in various tennis groupings: Ladies 3.5, Julie Baker and Meredith Blain; Ladies 3.0, Anne Harpham-Carley and Lynne Vuskovic; Mixed 7.5, Janet Govan and Mel Siegel; Mixed 7.0 High Volleyers, Doris and Rich Avalos, and 7.0 Low Volleyers, Bruce Hessel and Alisa Riahi. Everyone who played



LYNDA LAWRENCE

Keith Wheeler (L), tennis director of Orindawoods, and committee member Anita Siegel (center) present the \$9,200 check to Tina Heldman of the Alta Bates Foundation.

also received an Ace It! cap.

Tennis pro Rodius, who is also a professor at John F. Kennedy University, offered some tennis tips during the morning clinic. "Most people who play tennis train 100 percent of the time for just 16.4 percent of playing time," said Rodius. What a player does between points and games is also valuable time, she says. Rodius suggested some rituals or routines to stay focused such as bouncing the ball or spinning the racket before serving or returning serve. "Give yourself a positive affirmation, take a deep breath and imagine the serve/return," she suggested.

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In case you hadn't heard, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans & the Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel Brown is now available in paperback. This has doubtless been our biggest word-of-mouth bestseller. Of course, the reviews have been excellent, but at Orinda Books we have heard more front-counter customer conversations about how much they, their partners, sons, daughters or parents have loved this grand saga of the University of Washington 1936 championship crew. This book can stand proudly alongside *Seabiscuit* or *Unbroken* as a portrait of a "greatest" generation. (Penguin, \$17)

One final word: don't leave home without something to read – though not on your phone, please. Pick up a handy paperback edition that won't mind the coffee stains, grains of sand and SPF-50 splatters, and will be something you can share with your fellow travelers. Books are happy to be dog-eared and beg only to be loved.

◆ OA from page 3

A final thank-you to City Manager Janet Keeter and the dedicated staff of the City of Orinda – our Police, Public Works and Parks & Recreation employees work on this holiday "behind the scenes" to ensure we Orindans have a memorable day. On behalf of all Orindans we thank you for your service to make this a safe and happy day for all. Happy Fourth of July!

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his original tooling in '65," said Weldy. "He made about 500 of these things. You would buy the roller, then he'd build the engine for you." The Cobra is in Shelby's registry with number 4918. "It's got a stroker 427 engine with 520hp. It goes plenty fast."

Weldy credits Orinda Motors and Chip Herman for making the Orinda Classic Car Show what it is today. "Orinda Motors sponsors and promotes the show and helps Seniors Around Town. They are the only ones I'll let work on my cars. Chip Herman spends a lot of time organizing this thing. He added the dance on Friday night and that's cool. He also added the movies on Sunday."

The Orinda Classic Car Show starts on Friday, Sept. 12, with the Dancing With the Cars pre-show party. On Saturday, Sept. 13 the car show will fill the streets around Orinda Motors and spill onto the Orinda Country Club. "It was cool when I had my Volkswagen out on the 16th fairway. The color of my Volkswagen just glowed on the green fairway," said Weldy. The event will culminate on Sunday, Sept. 14, with a "Speed on the Screen" double feature at the Orinda Theatre of *Dirty Mary Crazy Larry* and *Vanishing Point*.

To register your classic or exotic car or motorcycle for the show, visit www.orindacarshow.com/bring-your-classic-to-the-show. Car registration is \$60. Motorcycle registration is \$35. All registration fees support Seniors Around Town.



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Orinda Resident Leads Charge to Reopen UC Theatre

By CHARLIE JARRETT
Staff Writer

The non-profit Berkeley Music Group, whose president is Orinda resident David Mayeri, has a lovely surprise for local residents – the reopening of the UC Theatre.

Located at 2036 University Avenue in Berkeley, it is a pre-WWI movie theater that has been closed for the past 13 years. Thanks to the efforts of Mayeri and the Berkeley Music Group it will reopen in



CHARLIE JARRETT
David Mayeri stands in front of the newly renovated UC Theatre.

2015.

Built as a nickelodeon in 1917, UC had the largest movie projection screen west of the Mississippi. Former theater employee Chris Rasmussen recalls selling tickets for everything from silent films to spaghetti westerns to movie classics such as *Oh Calcutta*, *Patton*, *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Rear Window*, and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. Rasmussen remembers that George Lucas even brought his first trailer cut of *Star Wars* to the UC Theatre. *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, a theatrical “on stage piece,” became so popular that it ran as a late show every night for 22 years. Audience members in outrageous costumes and makeup took part in the show, while self-proclaimed actors and actresses got up on the stage and ad-libbed through the crazy antics.

Born and raised in Berkeley on Shattuck Avenue about 12 blocks from UC Theatre, Mayeri saw movies there as a child. He got his first job at the theater at age 16, working as a minimally paid intern for *Bill Graham Presents*. He described it as a wonderful place to be, a job he enjoyed very much. He wants the renovated UC Theatre to provide other young people with similar work and training opportunities.

Mayeri left *Bill Graham Presents* 10 years ago to explore other opportunities and got to know key people working in Berkeley. The efforts to reclaim the long-shuttered theatre evolved when a business venture between the owners of the building, the Berkeley Music Group and a jazz club fell through.

The owners decided that the most appropriate use of the renovated theatre would be as a multicultural musical and educational venue. Plans include a multi-tiered floor design that will allow table group settings, general seating and a dance floor. The present stage will be enlarged and raised. The new theater will seat up to 1,400 people, fewer than the original 2,000, but more comfortable and ideal for a diversity of shows and even teaching opportunities. It will also feature a full-service restaurant and bar.

“There is no venue of this size and type in the East Bay,” said Mayeri, adding that the theatre has wonderful sight lines and acoustics. “I saw it with the eyes of someone who has been in the music business for 35 years. We’re looking at doing opera recitals, lecture series and comedy shows. We’re going to have an educational component here, where we can teach the technical and creative and business aspects of event promotion, this will also become a classroom. Hopefully, this venue can be used as a tool to help non-profits use this property to promote their fund-raising activities.”

The Berkeley Music Group will present about 75 to 100 shows per year at the theater, featuring a broad range of local, national, and international artists from Americana to Zydeco and everything in between. The group’s educational component will include paid internship programs. Graduates will be introduced to a network of Bay Area venues for employment opportunities.

“We will offer these programs to youth aged 17 to 25 attending local schools, to under-resourced youth in established programs at local non-profit organizations and to the general public,” said Mayeri. “The Berkeley Music Group is dedicated to ensuring that the UC Theatre strengthens the Bay Area’s vibrant fabric of nonprofit arts and service organizations.”

In April, Berkeley Music Group held a fund-raising launch and announced that construction on the theatre would start this summer. The *Turn on the Lights* fund-raising goal is \$5.2 million; Mayeri says they are more than halfway to meeting that goal.

For more information, visit www.theuc theatre.org or call 415-819-5580 or 415-236-2677 (Google voicemail). A video highlighting the theatre’s history can be found at <http://start.ticketfly.com/blog/uc-theatre-reopens>.

Miramonte Grad Associate Producer of SciFi Film

Sean Nye, son of Orinda residents Ann and Gary Nye and a postdoctoral scholar and teacher in the Humanities at USC, has managed to add movie producing into his busy schedule. A fan of author and science fiction master Philip K. Dick (*Blade Runner*; *Minority Report*), Sean, who has been a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Copenhagen, is the associate producer for Dick’s *Radio Free Albemuth*, which runs through July 3 at the Rialto Cinema Elmwood, 2966 College Avenue, in Berkeley. The sci-fi thriller with political and philosophical substance has already won several awards. Call 510-433-9730 for information.



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Sean Nye adds associate producer to his many accomplishments.

THE REEL LESS TRAVELED

BEAT THE HEAT WITH E.T. AND
BETTE DAVIS CLASSICS

Tom Westlake



July finds us still concerned about the drought and, in the case of this column, we are not just talking about water. The arts are also, in part, suffering from the heat. I say “in part” because there’s no shortage of mainstream releases but our beloved International Film Showcase is taking another month off, much to our collective chagrin. We do have *some* special film showings to take our minds off the heat, and there is additional relief in that they are true classics of their age.

E.T. the Extraterrestrial is one of those films, much like last month’s *Goonies*, which brought to light the idea that nothing is impossible. Released in 1982, it is widely regarded as the basis for many of the films that came out afterwards – not solely for its formula, (though there were a couple of knock-offs), but more for its attitude. The whimsy in the movie was copied by many others films, such as Joe Dante’s *Explorers* (1985), *Flight of the Navigator* (1986) and *The Last Starfighter* (1984). None of them, however, achieved the success of *E.T.*, which is still regarded with nostalgia and a kind of warm fuzzy feeling. This is primarily due to director Steven Spielberg who, when he’s not ripping your heart out with films such as *Schindler’s List* or *Saving Private Ryan*, is gently tugging at your heart strings with movies like this.

Add to this the appealing performances by Henry Thomas and a very young Drew Barrymore, as well as the sweeping John Williams score, and it’s hard to think of a better way to spend an evening. *E.T.* will be aired July 10 at 7 pm at the Orinda Theatre for the low, low price of free!

Next, we have *The Letter* (1940). Starring Bette Davis, this film is often overlooked, which is a shame since it is generally regarded as one of her strongest performances and helped establish the sort of role she would play for much of her career. Davis plays a woman who manages to commit the perfect crime (in this case, murder) but there arises one slight wrinkle. (A clue to that wrinkle lies in the title of the film.) Written by W. Somerset Maugham and Howard Koch and directed by William Wyler, this noir will provide an answer to anyone who wonders what the song *Bette Davis Eyes* was all about. The Moraga Movers will show this classic at the Rheem Theatre on July 16 at 1 pm.

Other local resources for moviegoers to keep an eye on include www.lamorindatheatre.org and www.CAIFF.org, and – as they are returning next month – <http://internationalshowcase.org>. In the meantime, remember to stay in the dark for that’s where the reel magic lies.



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Everyday Changes

Create Your Own “Beauty and the Beach”



Bonnie Waters

Happy 4th of July! Can you believe that 2014 is half over? If your summer plans don't include a seaside vacation, the following recommendations can make you look like you spend your days lounging at the beach.

If you love the buoyant body and sea-breezy texture of your hair after a day at the beach, you will enjoy the Surf line from Bumble and Bumble. With the new Surf travel set, you can try Surf shampoo, conditioner and spray without wiping out your budget. Toss it in your travel bag, gym bag or beach bag. It is as simple as spray, scrunch, shine and enjoy the beach in a bottle.

Nothing says overheated more than streaky, creasy, smeary makeup. Summer is the perfect time to lighten up on your normal foundation routine. For a dewy, natural look try a light reflecting foundation. GloMineral's Luxe Liquid Foundation is formulated with light-diffusing diamond powder, broad-spectrum UV protection and specialized moisturizing agents to deliver a flawless, sun glow with sun protection.

Use a lid primer under eye shadow to avoid creasing. Invest in water-resistant mascara. My favorite is Bline. The mascara plumps each lash with a tiny tube that resists smudging, clumping or flaking. It lasts from office to evening, gym to pool and then removes easily without harsh removers.

There's nothing quite like a healthy, glowing tan to make you look and feel your summer best. Whether you enjoy beach,

pool or patio, protect your skin from too much sun exposure with sunscreen and sun hats. If you do choose to soak up rays, avoid the sun when it is at its zenith and limit your sunbathing to mid-morning or late afternoon. Self-tanning breakthroughs have made sunless tanning more natural and easy to use on all skin types. For ease of application, check out St. Tropez's tanning mousse and buffing mitt, designed to gently blot and buff away any blotchy spots or lines.

How could we wrap up our chat about “Beauty and the Beach” without the perfect beach pedi? Show off your sandal-ready feet with kitschy toes sporting ocean waves or palm tree nail art or enjoy a French manicure in ocean blues with sea glass tips.

Whatever your vacation plans, remember to take time to kick back, relax, and ponder this timeless quote:

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the blue sky is by no means a waste of time.” (John Lubbock, *The Use of Life*, 1894)

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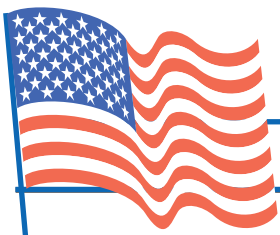
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31st Annual 4th of July Celebration Features Something for Everyone

By SALLY HOGARTY
Editor

Get ready for a spectacular 4th of July celebration this year as the Orinda Association (OA) makes the 31st annual parade and park festivities better than ever.

Thanks to presenting sponsors Orinda Community Foundation and Orinda Parks and Recreation Foundation, along with major sponsors Mechanics Bank, First Republic Bank, RPM Mortgage, the City of Orinda, Orinda Motors, and the legal firm of Gillin, Jacobsen, Ellis & Larsen, this year's parade features a plethora of musical groups before the parade, in the parade, and in the park following the parade (see article on page 13). "We've also tripled last year's decoration's budget and will have eight large balloon arches instead of the usual two," says OA president Bill Waterman. "We also have two wonderful co-chairs for the event, Andy Radlow and Steve Meagher, who with all our hard-working team captains are doing a terrific job."

One of the many highlights of the day will be Grand Marshal Adonal Foyle. Originally from the Caribbean Islands where his 6'10" height made him a natural

for basketball, Foyle was the Golden State Warriors first round draft pick in 1997. Now living in Orinda, Foyle became the Warriors' all-time leading shot-blocker during his 10 seasons with the team. He went on to play three seasons with the Orlando Magic before retiring and serving for two seasons as the Orlando Magic's Director of Player Development. He now operates two consulting practices and gives back to his local community as well as his native Caribbean community through a variety of philanthropic endeavors including the Kerosene Lantern Foundation (KLF). The foundation, which empowers young people to grow into healthy, well-educated adults, will have a fundraising golf tournament on Aug. 11 at the Moraga Country Club. Go to www.klfevents.com for more information.

Old Fashioned Parade

From elaborate floats to marching bands to classic cars to families passing out candy, the parade offers 90 minutes of colorful entertainment for the entire family. Residents often come early and stake out favorite spots for viewing. This year, the EFO Jazz Band on the Orinda Theatre side and the Lewiston Jazz on the Village side will entertain those early birds. Both bands play from 9 am until 10 am when the parade begins.

Community Center Park Activities

As the parade ends around 11:30 am, the park heats up with lots of delicious foods and beverages to choose from including Loard's Ice Cream, hot dogs from the Orinda Chamber of Commerce and Czech beer from the Tabor Sister City Foundation.

A petting zoo, several bounce houses, face painting, games and more will keep youngsters entertained while older partici-



SALLY HOGARTY

Always a popular attraction, the kids petting zoo features a number of friendly animals.

pants enjoy the many non-profit booths as well as music from the New Orleans-style funk band, The Bonafides.

For more information on the 4th of July festivities, call the OA office at 925-254-0800 or go to www.orindaassociation.org.



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Former NBA player **Adonal Foyle** is this year's Grand Marshal.

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Jumpstart Fourth of July with Haley's Run For A Reason

By BOBBIE DODSON
Staff Writer

What better way to begin your Fourth of July celebration than joining in the 10th annual Haley's Run for a Reason? Registration starts at 7 am and the 5-mile run (or 2-mile walk) begins at 8 am at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way.

"This would have been Haley's Sweet Sixteen birthday which makes it a special time to honor her," said Suzanne Tom, mother of Haley, who died at two years of age of unknown causes. "Haley was rarely sick, a happy, sweet little girl. Just like most toddlers, she loved Elmo, going to the park, reading books and being with her parents and friends. She was an amazing big sister for a very short 10 days. Haley had a wonderful little life, and we feel blessed to have shared those amazing 21 months together."

Tom continues, "There is now a name for it, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC), but still no one knows why it happens and there is no cure." The SUDC Program was created in 2001 tasked with providing a centralized resource for information, support and advocacy. Most people know of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), a term used for infants up to 12 months of age. SUDC refers to children over that age. It is extremely rare, with a reported incidence in the United States of 1.3 deaths per 100,000 compared with 57 deaths per 100,000 for SIDS.

Dr. Henry Kaous, Director of Pathology at Children's Hospital in San Diego says, "Even after a thorough investigation, medical professionals cannot explain to the family why their child did not wake up that particular day."

One way the Tom family has coped with



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(L-R) Donovan, Aston, Suzanne and Megan Tom.

their loss is through Haley's Run, which raises money for research and awareness. "We are grateful to the Orinda Association for their years of support," said Tom. "High school girls in the National Charity League have worked many hours to help us put on the event. Thus far, it has raised \$180,000." Haley's Run is truly a family affair, with babies in strollers, kids of all ages, and adults up to our senior citizens taking part. Dogs on leash are welcome too.

The Toms have a daughter Megan, 14, and son Aston, 12. "I've always told them this event is a celebration of Haley's life – a special little girl whose spirit will be remembered in our hearts forever," Tom says.

To pre-register or donate, go to www.Angelhaley.org. Registration is \$30 adults; \$25 for children 12 years and under (with T-shirt and goody bag); or free for children 12 years and under (without T-shirt and goody bag). Donors can also send a check to Haley's Run for a Reason, c/o Suzanne Tom, 116 Glorietta Blvd., Orinda, CA 94563.

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Orindans Fete the Fourth With Musical Menagerie



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Lewiston Jazz perform in front of the Community Center from 9 am - 10 am.

By ELANA O'LOSKEY
Staff Writer

Fifteen, count 'em, 15 types of musical entertainment will provide lots of sparkle for Orinda's 31st annual Fourth of July celebration. The list includes five marching bands, **Lamorinda Idol** singers, **Peter Pan Foundation** singers and many other musical genres. Listen up for jazz, funk, banjo, rock and roll, folk, bagpipes, blues and mariachi music.

At 9 am sharp, the **EFO Jazz Band** led by Phil Hoxie will perform in front of the Orinda Theatre and continue intermittently throughout the parade. The parade begins on the spot at 10 am and meanders down Moraga Way, under the freeway, over to Orinda Village, culminating at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way. **Lewiston Jazz** will perform in front of the Community Center beginning at 9 am and also intermittently during the parade. Andrew Benzie of Orinda not only leads the jazz group but also designed the new logo for the parade. "As a longtime Orinda resident,

I feel especially proud to be able to share our music with everyone who attends the celebration," says Benzie.

Cindy Powell, music co-chair for the celebration, is excited to welcome the **Concord Blue Devils** C Corps marching drum and bugle band with flags which is performing for the first time in Orinda. C Corps is a program for 8 to 14 year olds sponsored by the world-famous Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps organization. Other newcomers include **MJ's Brass Boppers Jazz Band** and **The Bonafides** (playing post-parade).

Steve Harwood, music co-chair for the celebration, sums up the day's music: "This year we have more music than ever, with a wide range of genres represented, before, during and after the parade. We expect everyone will be unable to resist rockin' and rollin,' hoppin' and boppin' and swingin' and swayin.'"

Music Performance Schedule
Pre-Parade Music

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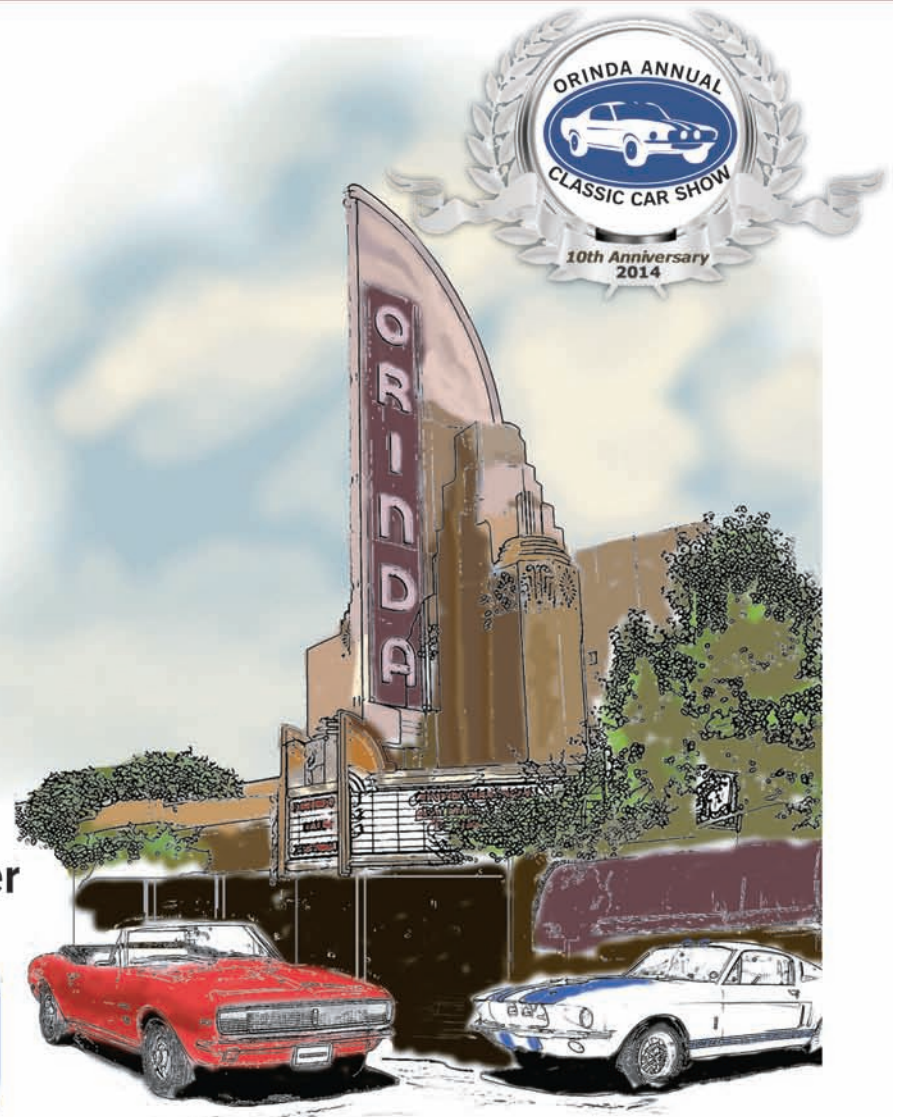
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EFO Jazz Band, 9-10 am (also during parade), Orinda Theatre, 4 Orinda Theatre Square

Lewiston Jazz, 9-10:15 am (also during parade), Orinda Community Center entrance, Orinda Village, 28 Orinda Way

Parade Music

Concord Blue Devils C Corps marching drum and bugle band with flags

Spirit of '29 Dixieland jazz band, performs from float

St. Gabriel's Celestial Brass Band, New Orleans jazz, marching band (includes Tower of Power alumni)

MJ's Brass Boppers Jazz Band, New Orleans jazz, marching band

East Bay Banjo Band, performs from float

Jonas, Bagpipe marching band

Lamorinda Idol Singers, performs from float

Peter Pan Foundation, young singers/dancers accompany float and perform selections from *Seussical*

Lamorinda Pick-Up Band, marching band

ALMA Rock Band, performs rock and roll from float; Grant Soso is soloist

Mariachi Trio Guitarras De Mexico, marching mariachi music

Bad Czechs, Folk and Jazz, part of Tabor Sister City entry

Post-Parade Music

The Bonafides, 11:30 ish, New Orleans style funk, some Motown, jazz, blues; Ali Wegener, Orinda, lead singer, performs from the gazebo in Community Center Park, 28 Orinda Way in Orinda Village.



SALLY HOGARTY
A highlight of the parade, the **Orinda Volunteer Marching Band** invites local musicians to take part. Percussionists practice at 8 am on July 4 with all others at 9 am. Meet behind the Casa Orinda and wear blue pants or shorts and a white shirt or something patriotic. Music available at Lamorinda music (925-385-0963). To reserve a marching drum, call Jim at 925-254-2357.

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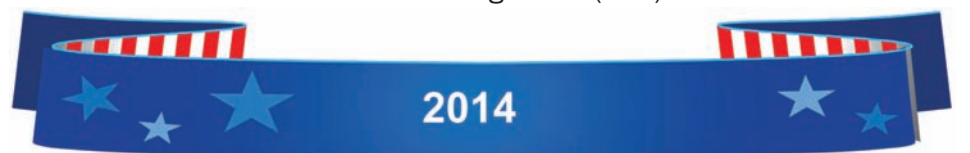
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- 8:45 a.m. Parade Participants Arrive for Assembly meet in Bart parking lot on East Side of Camino Pablo
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Animal Tales
Dog Camping



Jennifer Conroy

You're going camping and plan to bring the family dog? Easy enough, right? Including your favorite canine in regular activities is not much of a challenge since most of your friends probably have dogs and you've developed a lifestyle that accommodates dog inclusion.

Camping with your dog can be easy too, providing you take precautions and follow some simple rules. First and foremost, if you plan to camp in a state or national park, check their websites to learn what

is required and what is permitted. For example, a current rabies certificate is necessary in both cases. Some parks have specific areas that are restricted to dogs and others may have dog-accessible trails. The park systems share concerns about interactions with native wildlife, including the potential for hostile interactions and disease transmission. So it is critical that your dog be up-to-date on all vaccinations, including rabies.

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Dad on a Roll to Make Science Fun

By MAGGIE SHARPE
Staff Writer

When Will Pemble decided to build a roller coaster in his backyard, he likely didn't expect the hoopla that followed. Orinda's "Coaster Dad" has attracted a ton of media coverage as well as curiosity from roller coaster enthusiasts and hobbyists worldwide for his homemade backyard coaster.

"There has been a boatload of traffic on the website and even some TV companies calling about making a coaster dad TV show," said Pemble, who built the 180-foot-long wooden track, complete with two 10-foot-tall "camel humps" and a 270-degree helix turn, in his back garden last fall at the request of his 11-year-old son Lyle. "I'm in the habit of saying 'yes' to my kids! It thrills me beyond measure that so many people take an interest in the project."

For the father of two, however, all that hype takes a back seat to how the roller coaster makes learning fun and meaningful for kids.

"It ties back into science and education for kids," said Pemble, who studied aviation



Lyle Pemble climbs on his very own backyard roller coaster.

in college and whose Coaster Dad tagline is: Physics, Family and Fun. "For me, the whole point is to show kids something fun that they can learn from. Kids learn things better if they can get their hands on. They'll understand more than if they were just learning from a book or video or sitting in a classroom. You can read about swimming

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Miramonte Grads Head to College; 138 Go Out of State

By MAGGIE SHARPE
Staff Writer

Miramonte High School (MHS) graduated 300 students in the Class of 2014, with a whopping 98.7 percent heading off to college. The other 1.3 percent has opted for the military, a gap year or are as yet undecided.

According to Eloise Schneider, MHS College and Career Center Advisor, 87 percent of graduates (259 students) are going to a four-year college with 18 percent going to University of California campuses (UC Berkeley tops the list with 14 grads, followed by UC Davis with 13 grads attending); 12 percent are going to attend California State universities (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo tops at 12 grads attending, followed by Sonoma with six students); 18 percent will attend private California colleges (including list toppers Loyola Marymount University and Santa Clara University); 20 percent head to out-of-state public universities (University of Oregon is the most popular with 12 grads going); and 25 percent head out-of-state to private colleges (Brigham Young University is number one with four graduates). Three students, representing one percent of the Class of 2014, will attend college in other countries (Imperial College London, University of Toronto and University of Waterloo in Ontario).

In all, 13 percent (or 37) of MHS grads will attend a two-year college, all but one in California (Diablo Valley College tops the list with 27 grads enrolled). One student is going out of the country to study – to Marionapolis College in Quebec. Of the four students not attending college next year, one is entering the military, one is enrolled in Kivunim (a college-age program based in Jerusalem), one is taking a gap year and the other is undecided.

Congratulations to MHS graduates, as well as the following seniors who received special awards this year:

Hannah Abruzzo: National Merit Finalist, Outstanding Senior, String Orchestra

Julia Albo: MHS Art Award

Brianna Alford: Loyola Marymount University Full Athletic Scholarship

Sophie Amon: Lamorinda Idol Solo Finalist

Drew Anderson: Male Athlete of the Year

Brandon Armosino: Linfield College Merit Scholarship

Evan Bao: University of Puget Sound Faculty Scholarship

Shauna Barrows: Western Washington University Western Achievement Award

Simone Britto: California Scholarship Federation (CSF) Life Member, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Lindsay Buckel: CSF Life Member, Silver President's Volunteer Service Award, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Cari Carter: Craftsperson of the Year

Courtney Chan: University of the Pacific Merit Scholarship

Jonathan Chan: University of Puget Sound Trustee Scholarship, CSF Life Member

Ben Chiu: MHS Highest Academic Honors

Rene Clark: Diablo Black Men's Group Scholarship

Megan Coleman: CSF Life Member, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Sophie Dawson: Fordham Loyola Scholarship and Tuition Award

Carl Deaton: MHS Service Award, Drama Award

Julia Duncan: CSF Life Member, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Jane Fessenden: CSF Life Member, Visual Arts Competition Winner, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Anna Finnell: Lamorinda Idol Solo Finalist

Hannah Friel: MVP, MHS Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Jorge Gutierrez: CSF Life Member, Ernie Voigt Junior Memorial Award

Ghazal Haddad: MHS Highest Academic Honors

Tom Helsel: College of Wooster Dean's Scholarship and Music Scholarship, Outstanding Senior, Symphonic Band

Alyssa Henderson: National Merit Finalist, Math Dept. Award, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Victoria Hoff: Seattle University Champion Scholarship

Kate Louise Holmes: University of Vermont Merit Scholarship, Aldo Leopoldo Environmental Award

Christina Howitson: American University Dean's Scholarship

Patrick Huston: Orinda Rotary Scholarship, Olin Engineering Scholarship

Asher Kalman: Lewis & Clark Extraneous Speaking Award and Merit Scholarship

Caie Kelley: Orinda Rotary Scholarship, CSF Life Member, MHS Service Award, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Liam Kelly: MHS Highest Academic Honors

Maya Konstantino: John Muir Scholarship

Nikki Kyllonen: Univ. of Minnesota Gold National Scholarship

Cameron Immesoete: Gold President's Volunteer Service Award, Outstanding Senior, Jazz Ensemble

Annie Larsen: UC Santa Barbara Athletic Scholarship

Calvin Larson: Pratt Institute Presidential Scholarship

Catherine Laughton: NISCA Academic



CINDY POWELL
Paige Powell shows off her mortar board with her college destination.

All-American - Swimming

Eric Lake: Northeastern Merit Scholarship

McLain Lavis: CSF Life Member, US Naval Academy Scholarship

Hannah Li: UC Berkeley Regents and Chancellors Scholarships, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Jennifer Li: National Merit Bayer Scholarship, CSF Life Member

Joe Li: Comcast Leaders & Achievers Scholarship, John Muir Scholarship, CSF Life Member, Silver President's Volunteer Service Award

Margot Mai: CSF Life Member, Visual Arts Competition Winner, Silver President's Volunteer Service Award, National Merit Finalist, English Dept. Award, MHS Highest Academic Honors, Latin Dept. Award,

Anjali Majumdar: MHS Highest Academic Honors

Hayley Marx: Visual Arts Competition Winner

Claire Marvin: University of San Diego Scholarship, CSF Life Member, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Matthew Moran: MHS Highest Academic Honors

Robert Patrick McClure: Linfield College Good Job Scholarship

Colleen McCullough: Orinda Woman's Club Scholarship, CSF Life Member, Aldo Leopoldo Environmental Award

Connor Meckfessel: Lewis & Clark Forensic and Merit Scholarships

Ivan Munkres: CSF Life Member, President's Volunteer Service Award

Emma Patton: AAUW Scholarship, Tulane University Community Service Scholarship, Tulane University Founders Award, Wells Fargo Scholarship, CSF Life Member, President's Volunteer Service Award

Linda Lan Phung: MHS DAR Citizen of the Year, Kiwanis Scholarship, AAUW Gayle Ulkema Scholarship, CSF Life Member, PG&E Scholarship, Bio Rad Scholarship, Elks Scholarship

Stephanie Piccioni: Western Washington Scholarship

Kaiser Pister: MHS Highest Academic Honors

Paige Powell: Lamorinda Idol Solo Finalist

Guy Raber: CSF Life Member, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Megan Reid: Female Athlete of the Year, Senior Athlete of the Year, University of Virginia Merit Scholarship

Claire Restrepo: Loyola Marymount University Achievement Award

Andrew Rosenzweig: Joseph Daugherty Scholarship, OBA Dave Nolan Scholarship

Samanta Ross: UC Regents Scholarship

Megan Schussman: MHS Service Award, MHS Highest Academic Honors, CSF Life Member, Soroptimist International Diablo Vista Community Service Volunteer Award, AP Scholar Award

Julia Shen: Genetech Scholarship, Kiwanis Scholarship, National Merit Nelson F. Peterson Scholarship, CSF Life Member

Steven Shepard: President's Volunteer Service Award, CSF Life Member

Maya Sherne: President's Volunteer Service Award

Hannah Silveira: University of Kentucky Bluegrass Spirit Scholarship and Northern California Alumni Scholarship

Katherine Smith: Alumni Award

Clayton Smudsky: National Letter of Intent

Bennett Stehr: Will Newton Award, MHS Highest Academic Honors, Principal's Award, CSF Life Member, 2014 CIF/Farmers Scholar-Athlete Award Winner

Molly Swain: Summitt Scholarship, CSF Life Member

Mary Swinton: MHS Highest Academic Honors

Andrea Tamminga: President's Scholarship of Distinction, CSF Life Member

Ruwan Thilakaratne: NCS Foundation Scholarship, Math Dept. Award, MHS Highest Academic Honors

Davis Walker: President's Service Award

Elena Wasserman: SBC Memorial Foundation Scholarship

Elijah Weiss: San Leandro Teacher's Assoc. Scholarship

Milan Winter: UC Santa Barbara Merit Scholarship, MHS Service Award

Tori Wong: Ann Bisio Scholarship Award

Connor Wong: Arizona Excellence Award

Jake Woodlee: Loyola Marymount University Honors Program and Merit Scholarship, CSF Life Member

Michelle Wu: Students Committed to Engineering Excellence Scholarship Award, National Merit Finalist, CSF Life Member

Mary Zwahlen: Lamorinda: Idol Solo Finalist, CSF Life Member

The following students received the CSF Life Member Award: **Elliott Alper, Courtney Attard, Zachary Barber, Nomundari Batmandakh, Alex Bizieff, Abigail Brzezinski, Matthew Cohen, Caroline Colwell, Nicholas Coufal, Jess DeLange, Nathaniel Downey, Ching Fang, Andrew Furtado, Jack Garrett, Noah Goldstein, Tyler Kirchner, Julian Kudszus, Catherine Laughton, William Livingston, Grant Lyons, Joseph Lee, James Martin, Heidi Maupin, Margaret Odell, Scott Rein, Katherine Richardson, Sierra Ryder, Erin Schoenfeld, Christina So, Kevin Soloway, Hannah Stenovac, Anna Tucci, Andrea Tuemmler, Natalie Vigo, Jarrett Visher, Kyle Visher, Katherine Wolffe, Mica Zimmerman.**



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Three Orinda Scouts Earn Eagle Ranking; Fourth Earns Eagle Palm

By LYNNE ALPER and MAGGIE SHARPE

Three Scouts with Boy Scout Troop 237 of Orinda have earned Eagle Rank. Elliot Alper, Will Lyons and Tyler Abramson were honored at the Troop's Eagle Court of Honor on June 6 at the Orinda Community Church. Scoutmaster Eric Jorgensen presented the awards for the highest rank in Scouting.

Elliot Alper's project benefitted the Orinda Union School District's Wagner Ranch Nature Area. With the help of friends and other Scouts, he carved, assembled and installed 12 trail markers for a new Loop

Trail. The trail markers lead visitors to the historical highlights in the 18-acre nature preserve and historic site. Elliot, who graduated from Miramonte High School in June, is the son of Glenn and Lynne Alper of Orinda. He will study at the University of Washington, Seattle in the fall.

Will Lyons chose a project to benefit the Western Service Association in Oakland, which provides support to low-income families. Will collected more than 100 backpacks and 20 bags of school supplies in Orinda for distribution to needy families. He organized and led some 20 volunteers on five occasions to distribute fliers, collect donations, then clean and deliver them. Will is the son of Dan and Jennifer Lyons of Orinda and will be a sophomore at Miramonte High School this fall.

Tyler Abramson's project benefitted Sleepy Hollow School where he attended elementary school. Tyler planned and then led a group of Scouts and friends who repainted the map of the United States on the blacktop of the school. The map has special meaning to the students as it is a tradition to play "state tag" when they are learning the states and capitals in fifth grade. Tyler is the son of Larry and Julie Abramson of Orinda and will be a sophomore at Miramonte High School this fall.

In addition to the new Eagle Scouts, Tom Helsel – the highest-ranking Scout in Troop



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(L-R) Will Lyons, Elliot Alper and Tyler Abramson of Boy Scout Troop 237 recently became Eagle Scouts.



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Tom Helsel (L) is congratulated by Scoutmaster Eric Jorgensen on achieving his 4th Eagle Palm, making him the highest ranking Scout in Troop 237.

237 – recently earned his 4th Eagle Palm. Only three Scouts have reached this rank in the Aklan District (which includes Orinda, Lafayette and Moraga) in the last two years. Not only did he earn an additional 20 merit badges beyond what is required by Eagle, he stayed active in his troop for a year after

earning Eagle rank. He recently led the new Scouts on an overnight trip and has been an outstanding example for the troop's younger Scouts, according to Scoutmaster Jorgensen. At a recent Court of Honor, the scoutmaster recognized Helsel for his continued service to the Troop.

Lamorinda Soccer Wins Memorial Day Shootout



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Lamorinda Soccer Club U10G Navy won the Santa Cruz Breakers Memorial Day Shootout over the Memorial Day weekend. (L-R) Top Row: Anna Solomon, Katherine Montoya, Sydney Tuggle, Coach Javier Ayala-Hil, Danielle DeFrancisci, Samantha Kolin, Natalie Means, Isabella G.; Bottom Row: Lindsey Lucas (Orinda), Caitlyn McCulloch (Orinda), Brooke Palma, Kelsey Viadro (Orinda), Lily Boyden (Orinda) and Emma Bonardi.

Miramonte Alumna Erin Walsh Graduates U.S. Naval Academy

By FRAN MILLER
Staff Writer

Orinda's Erin E. Walsh has completed her studies at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The 2010 Miramonte High School graduate, who embodies the Navy's unofficial motto, "Not for Self but Country," was commissioned as a U.S. Naval Officer on May 23, 2014.

Ensign Walsh, daughter of Brian and Evangeline Walsh, completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Oceanography. Her education entailed a total immersion program in which strong academics – focused on the educational needs of the Navy and Marine Corps – was superimposed on a strict, professional military training with emphasis on leadership skills. She was a four-year member of the USNA D1 Women's Lacrosse team, 2013 Company Commander/ Plebe Summer and served as Brigade Honor Remediation Advisor.

The prestigious U.S. Naval Academy was founded in 1845 and has graduated more than 60,000 men and women as Naval and Marine Corps officers. Its graduates include 4,000 admirals and generals, one U.S. president, 200 members of Congress, three state governors, 73 Medal of Honor winners, one Nobel Prize winner and 40 astronauts. The Naval Academy's Brigade of Midshipmen currently has more than 4,000 students from every state in the union.

Walsh cites time management as the most challenging aspect of her four years. "You are challenged academically, emotionally, physically, mentally and morally 24/7, all within the context of service to our country," she said. She most enjoyed working the 2013 Plebe Summer, First Set, as Delta Company Commander. "I was in command of 13 of my peers and 87 plebes of the 2017



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Erin Walsh graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May.

incoming class. Our job was to begin the military indoctrination for the class of 2017. This amazing opportunity tested my ability to not only lead the plebes but also lead my fellow classmates. On a more personal level, I enjoyed the close camaraderie for four years with classmates in 7th company and the women's lacrosse team."

Her parents look forward to following their daughter's career as a naval aviator. "Erin has always been our child who chooses to take the high road and as parents, we have learned to respect her decisions," said Evangeline Walsh. "We are grateful to the Orinda schools for providing a solid K-12 academic foundation. Credit is also due to her three older brothers, Edward, Brian and Joseph, who trained her well on how to survive in the largest fraternity in the world."

Walsh has been assigned to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL, where she will train as a Navy Flight Officer. She looks forward to completing flight school, earning her wings as a naval aviator and exploring the world.

Orinda Girls Make 2014 ODP Waterpolo Program



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Four Orinda girls are among the newest members of the Olympic Development Program for waterpolo. (L-R) Carson Broad - Orinda (14), Skylar Savar - Orinda (14), Jolie Trujillo (14), Grace Tehaney - Orinda (14), Madison Davis (13), Erin Neustrom (14), Ava Johnson (13), Camille Russell (14), Skyler Jones (12), Katrina Drake - Orinda (14) and (kneeling) Drew Halvorson (14).

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working on organizing an event around the Lamorinda Wine Makers Association. "They are currently applying for their own *terroir*, which would officially recognize this wine growing region," she explains.

Maria and Danny Roden originally hail from Manchester, England, they relocated to the East Bay in 1997 when Danny's employer, Chevron, transferred him here. Having retired last year from his position as president of Chevron Global Lubricants, he is enthusiastic about serving in the back office and managing accounting details. "I will be helping out in any way I can. The first priority is to complete a remodel project over a couple of days in August. We will be painting and installing new carpet to give the 4,000 square foot shop a fresh new look," he explains.

The couple moved to Orinda 13 years ago with their three children. Jacob and Joshua are graduates of Miramonte High School, where their daughter Georgia is currently a junior. Danny served four years as head lacrosse coach at Miramonte, as well as three years as assistant coach. He currently serves as assistant coach for the track and field and cross-country teams.

"We are building on the same philoso-

phy as Janet and that is to build a vibrant community bookstore. We will continue providing the same outstanding personal customer service and increase the number of interesting programs. You can't beat the excellent parking available at Village Square," points out Danny.

As Boretta transitions into retirement she reminisced about her life's work. "I enjoyed teaching reading and painting, but it is hard to find something as exciting and absorbing as an independent bookstore. I am grateful for our terrific longtime staff members. Marian Nielsen has been here 29 years. Marion and I were in college together, and we used to pass books back and forth," smiles Boretta.

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Editors Note: The staff at The Orinda News would like to thank Janet Boretta for all her help over the years and for maintaining the best independent bookstore in the area. A special note for cat lovers, Ginger will still be in residence!

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all day, but you'd be a better swimmer if you jumped into the pool."

Young Lyle has even created a "Periodic Table of Roller Coasters" that looks just like the Periodic Table of Elements published by Dmitri Mendeleev in 1869.

"Lyle was interested in the Periodic Table of Elements long before he became interested in roller coasters," said Pemble. "When Lyle gets into a topic, he digs right to the bottom of the pit."

The 6th-grade OIS student, who wants to be a roller coaster designer when he grows up, took the Table of Elements and applied it to the roller coasters he'd researched all around the world. In the No. 1 slot on Lyle's "Table of Roller Coasters" is El Toro, a 4,400-foot wooden roller coaster at Six Flags in New Jersey that goes at 70 mph. "It's the fastest wooden roller coaster in the world, as well as the most elemental," said Pemble.

Amidst all the chatter about the backyard roller coaster, Pemble says he's most proud of Lyle's Table of Roller Coasters. "It's an epic piece of work that can be appreciated by hard-core scientists and roller coaster enthusiasts alike," he said.

The coaster offers Lyle and his 12-year-old sister Ellie a gargantuan physics lesson

right in their back yard. In addition to the hands-on learning about force, velocity and gravity (as well as design and construction), the project has led to a lot of 'schooling' about safety too.

"The kids call it the 'Caution Zone' because they always get some safety lesson from me when they're out there," said Pemble. "The coaster is fun and joyful, but it's only safe if you follow the rules – following the physics of safety is not something you'll learn at Great America."

Father and son are only just starting on this coaster ride. Pemble said he's going to dismantle the wooden coaster later this year, with plans to build a more durable and portable stainless steel coaster – he's already designed a steel car for a friend's backyard coaster. Lyle hopes to raise the necessary \$15,000 to build it through Kickstarter, which helps entrepreneurs raise funds for their creative projects.

"It hurts my heart when I hear a kid who says they don't like science," says Pemble. "Everything we do all comes from science," said Pemble, who's also been "doing crazy stuff for my babies since they were born. Being an advocate for science and education – that's how I'd like to leverage my 15 minutes of fame."

For more information, visit www.coast-erdad.com.

Lamorinda Idol 2014 Finalists Announced



(L-R) Jensen Rasmussen, Olivia Uzancan and Lily Wood perform at last year's Lamorinda Idol at the Orinda Theatre.

By ESTHER BECKER
Contributing Writer

Lamorinda Idol 2014 auditions were held May 15-17 with over 200 young people from Orinda, Moraga and Lafayette auditioning before a panel of three judges. Commenting on the auditions, Lamorinda Idol Chairman Steve Harwood said, "I think those of us present knew we were witnessing something very special as all

the contestants were well prepared, put themselves on the line and gave it their all. We have a very talented group of finalists, but each was special."

A total of 34 soloists and 11 groups will compete at the finals on Sunday, September 7, at the Orinda Theatre. The community will also be treated to several performances throughout the summer from finalists and runners up. For a list of finalists, go to www.orindaartscouncil.org.

Orinda Rotary Celebrates 65th Anniversary with 'Year of Music'

By CHARLIE JARRETT
Staff Writer

The Orinda Rotary Club will celebrate its 65th anniversary with a "Year of Music," dedicating all its programs to providing opportunities for the community to experience and enjoy music.

Rotary will present an evening of Big Band and Dixieland Jazz on Tuesday, July 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Orinda Community Park. In addition, the club presents *Opera in the Park* on Sunday, July 27 from 4 to 6 pm. Both events are open to the community and admission is free. Rotary will be offering hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, beer, wine and chips at a reasonable cost, according to Rotary members David Pierce and Dick Marchick.

Playing in the Big Band concert will be the 18-piece Max Vax Big Band. "The band plays in all of the best dance band venues around the Bay and includes musicians who were former members of well-known bands made famous during the Big Band era," said Pierce. "Many of the band members have played with the Stan Kenton Band, the Harry James Band, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and the Count Basie Band."



Opera singers Cass Panuska (L) and Torlef Borsting from San Jose Opera will perform at Open Opera on July 27 at 4 pm.

Other band members played professionally during that era too, but not necessarily with the big-name bands. The Max Vax Band is primarily based in the Bay Area; band leader and originator Max Vax lives in Arizona.

On Sunday, July 27 at 4 pm, "Open Opera" will present a series of concert duets entitled *Perfect Pairs* at Orinda Community Park. The repertoire will feature some of the most celebrated duets in operatic history,

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Orinda's Community Theater Brings Murder to the Park

By DAVID DIERKS
Assistant Editor

Orinda Starlight Village Players (OrSVP) presents Agatha Christie's *Go Back for Murder* through July 12. Normally the first production of the season runs in June, but OrSVP had to delay the start of its 31st season by two weeks. "We started out with another show and two weeks into rehearsal, the Christie Estate pulled the rights," said Director Suzan Lorraine. "No one can do that show right now. I had to find another show and that meant pushing the season out two weeks."

After a quick scramble, Lorraine found another Christie show with the same cast requirements. "I found *Go Back for Murder*, which allowed me to keep most of this fabulous cast," said Lorraine. "One person had to bow out and we've found a great replacement. I took some wine and snacks to rehearsal the night I had to tell the cast that we would be starting all over again with a different show. They have been terrific about it."

The production marks the 11th show that Lorraine has directed with OrSVP.



DAVID DIERKS
(L-R) Atessa McAleenan-Morrell, Ken Sollazzo and Margaret Gorrell star in Agatha Christie's *Go Back for Murder* through July 12.

"*Go Back for Murder* is the fourth Agatha Christie I've directed in Orinda. Agatha put some really good and distinct characters in

this one. I'm quite surprised it isn't done more often."

Lorraine has an impressive record of working with local theaters, including Masquers in Point Richmond, Actors Ensemble in Berkeley, the Fox Theatre in Redwood City, the former Oakland Civic Theatre, On Stage Theatre, Douglas Morrison in Hayward and Pittsburg Community Theatre. "I am currently the Managing Director at Chanticleers Theatre in Castro Valley," she said. "I also run the Stage One summer theatre workshop at the Masquers for kids aged 10-15 every July for three weeks."

What continually brings Lorraine back to OrSVP is the combination of volunteers and the venue itself. "There's a core group that has worked here for a number of years and they are so welcoming and hard-working. It says a lot about the theatre that so many folks keep coming back every year," said Lorraine. "It's so much fun working in this venue that challenges are taken in stride."

Go Back for Murder runs through July 12 at the amphitheater in Orinda Community Park, 28 Orinda Way. Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30 pm with one Sunday performance on July 6 at 4 pm.

The show features OrSVP regulars Malcolm Cowler, Jim Fritz, Charlie Guitron, Laura Martin-Chapin, Marian Simpson and Ken Sollazzo. Joining the OrSVP family for this production are Richard Friedlander, Margaret Gorrell, Atessa McAleenan-Morrell and Jim Woodbury.

Tickets are \$16 and \$8 for seniors. Season pass is \$35 or \$21 for seniors (cash or check only). Tickets are available at the Box Office, call 925-528-9225 or email info@orsvp.org for reservations. As this is an outdoor theatre, warm clothing or blankets are recommended.

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including Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, Puccini's *Mimi and Rodolfo (La Bohème)* and Zerlina and Don Giovanni (*Don Giovanni*). This year's Open Opera will showcase many talented professionals, including the popular married couple, Cass Panuska and Torlef Borsting (members of the San Jose Opera), and Orinda resident, mezzo-soprano Lisa van der Pleog (a member of the Merola Opera program).

Open Opera performs at parks and venues throughout the Bay Area, including Orinda Community Park. Many of the singers are professional singers with the San Francisco Opera (including San Francisco Opera's prestigious Merola Opera Program), Donald Pippin's Pocket Opera and the San Jose Opera.

Maestra Julia Nielsen of San Francisco will direct Open Opera's 6th Annual Concert in Orinda Park. Dr. Nielsen is a regular soloist in concert and recital programs around the Bay Area and has performed with the Oakland/East Bay Symphony, Berkeley Symphony and the West Marin Summer Music Festival, to name a few.

"We're bringing opera to the public for free in a time of economic uncertainty, and using public outdoor spaces to build community through the arts," said Open Opera co-founder and mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Baker. "Mothers with infants, retired couples, picnicking families and young adults, all have been a part of Open Opera audiences in the past."

Rotary invites the entire family to enjoy the free concerts. In addition, "Seniors Around Town" will be driving seniors to and from the concerts (call 925-402-4506). Rotary will also help raise funds for Miramonte High School musical programs through a series of band concerts and master class events, to be announced later this summer.

California Shakespeares' Peter Callender A Busy Artist

By KATHRYN G. MCCARTY
Staff Writer

Peter Callender's production schedule is filling up. This July the popular Bay Area actor will appear as Colonel Pickering in California Shakespeare Theater's production of George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*. Directed by the company's artistic director Jonathan Moscone, the play runs July 30–August 24 at the Bruns Amphitheater in Orinda.

Following the *Pygmalion* performances, Callender will appear in the Aurora Theatre's *Breakfast with Mugabe*, followed by Marin Theatre Company's *The Convert*, and African-American Shakespeare Company's *Isfahan*. In addition, the busy artist serves as artistic director for the African American Shakespeare Company and is an associate artist at the California Shakespeare Theater.



KEVIN BYRNE
L. Peter Callender, shown here with Sarah Nealis, will portray Colonel Pickering in Cal Shakes' *Pygmalion*.

Joining Cal Shakes in 1993, Callender has performed with Cal Shakes for over half the company's existence. Audiences at the Bruns Amphitheater have seen him in roles including Leontes in *A Winter's Tale*, Vincent Crummels in *The Adventures of Nicolas Nickleby*, Bolingbroke in *Richard II*, Oberon in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Rev Canon Chasuble in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and Orsino in *Twelfth Night*.

Callender looks forward to returning to the Cal Shakes stage to perform with some of the company's favorite actors, including Julie Eccles and James Carpenter, and he adds "I love being directed by Jon. I have learned a great deal from him, and I use his techniques in the productions I direct at African-American Shakespeare Company. He leaves his cast with a fun, exciting show to play in." This ability, Callender says is, "The mark of a great director!"

The sought-after artist, who trained at New York's Julliard School, and has appeared on Broadway, off-Broadway, in regional theaters across the US, and internationally in Japan, England and France, says he enjoys his long time relationship with Cal Shakes.

The company, he said, "presents exquisite challenges to the actor." Callender believes it is "an honor to perform" at the Bruns. "It's not easy. It asks that you control and place your voice carefully in order that you don't injure it. Your gestures need to be large enough to be seen, but specific enough to 'suit the action to the word and the word to the action.' Cal Shakes audiences are very smart. They ask the best of their actors, and they truly appreciate when

we give them just that."

Callender enjoys the way Cal Shakes "has matured in every way over the past 15 years. The renovation of the grounds is the obvious change, but I have been privy to the internal changes Jonathan, Susie and his staff have put forward," said the artist, noting Cal Shakes' diversification of audiences, staff, programming and actors as one of its biggest achievements. "Those of us who have been around for 20/30 years, the real veterans of this company, couldn't be more proud."

Pygmalion runs July 30–August 24, at Bruns Amphitheater, Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sundays at 4 pm. There will be a Saturday matinee on August 23 at 2 pm. The Bruns Amphitheater is located at 100 California Shakespeare Theater Way, Orinda. The grounds open two hours before curtain and the theater offers free shuttle service from the Orinda BART station (beginning 90 minutes prior to curtain) as well as free on-site parking. For more information or to charge tickets (which are \$35 to \$66) by phone, call the Cal Shakes Box Office at 510-548-9666. Additional information and online ticketing are available at www.calshakes.org.

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Your dog must have a current license and should be micro chipped as well. A license tag may fall off but the microchip is there to stay. It costs very little, is painless and provides a lifetime of identification protection. Contact your veterinarian for more information; many pet supply stores and animal shelters offer the service as well.

If you are going camping for the first time with your dog, it's advisable to acclimate your canine companion to car travel, to walking distances longer than around the block and to walking on different types of terrain. As for dog camping gear, pack all the essentials of leash, food, dishes, treats, favorite toy, medications, clean-up bags and a pet first-aid kit.

I recommend bringing water from home in large plastic bottles or purified water from your local store. Protection against fleas and ticks should be part of the regular routine with your dog but bring along canine pest repellent to avoid bites from spiders and other critters when camping. Your veterinarian can recommend what works best.

As for those critters, be watchful when out in the wild with your dog. Snakes, scorpions and larger wildlife may not take kindly to your presence and, for that reason alone, it is wise to stay on established trails and keep your dog on a leash. A flexi-leash is a good alternative for an outside adventure, giving your dog some freedom while allowing you to maintain control – in particular, to keep your dog from inhaling or ingesting dangerous plants, mushrooms or foxtails.

Remember that dogs get dehydrated and can suffer from heat exhaustion just as we do. Frequent rest stops and water breaks will make hiking pleasant and safe.

If you think your dog should have a separate tent, they are available online, but I learned while camping that sharing your sleeping bag with a dog keeps you nice and toasty. The other lesson I learned is that camping with other dog-loving friends is the best fun of all. My favorite camping trip included six humans and eight large dogs! There's nothing better than telling ghost stories to dogs around the campfire.

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brush marks and pencil lines. "What happens on canvas is half the experience; the other half is when the viewer interprets the painting from his experience," says Stolter. She believes the power of abstract art is the effect it has on the viewer. Check out *Eye Candy*, a 30" x 40" acrylic/mixed media painting and see what effect it has on you.

Pamela Howett, another Walnut Creek resident, is both an art educator and an accomplished abstract landscape painter who is well known in the Bay Area. A true colorist with a free style, her paintings sparkle with crisp color and abstract forms as in *Serendipity*, her 36" x 48" oil painting.

Ann Marie Taboloff, who lives in San Ramon, started out learning traditional Chinese brush painting and later adapted Indonesian batik wax-dyeing techniques for fabric to her paintings. The old cultures attract her – China, Japan, the Byzantine. "When I saw the beautiful silk scarves in the Turkish marketplace, the Turkish culture came alive for me through their majestic colors." Today she works with a blank piece of paper, throws on color and allows whatever she wants to say to come to her. Look for *Time to Read*, a 40" x 32" mixed media painting which whispers of Klimt. Taboloff hopes viewers will find and enjoy the mystery in the group's paintings because, "Art adorns, inspires, evokes, expresses, intellectualizes, rebels and understands – it's all there for people to grasp."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Redheart and yellowheart wood, dyed box elder burls, and ebony are among the elements that make up Jim Rodgers' wood form *Vessel*.

Jim Rodgers, Jan Blumer, John Cobb, Bob Nolan and Ros Harper are all staff members at MDWC. They are delighted to be exhibiting their own creative works. Over the last 10 years MDWC has provided approximately 10,000 student class hours to an expanding community of wood turners. The displayed work shows the breadth of possibilities in working with turned wood from simple functional bowls through highly embellished and ornamental pieces. Most pieces have been created from locally accessed hardwoods retrieved from the "urban forest." The exhibitors hope that viewers will "observe the beauty that nature and the expert craftsman create together in wood art." See www.diablowoodturning.org for more information.

Jim Rodgers, who lives in Martinez, is

the director/lead instructor and a nationally known expert on polychromatic assembled wood turnings. He is showing segmented and embellished wood forms including *Vessel*, 6.5" x 8," made with approximately 200 pieces of wood. Jan Blumer of Moraga is showing finished and natural edge decorative bowls. He specializes in thin-walled hollow forms and sculptural pieces. John Cobb of Kentfield is showing turned hollow forms and specializes in functional bowls. Bob Nolan of Concord is showing decorated basket illusions in indigenous woods. His studio works are featured in local galleries and have won national recognition. Ros Harper of Alameda is showing turned and carved decorative hollow forms. Her work features pyrography, painting and carving elements.

Taboloff says that, "Art – whether visual, musical or theatrical – invites a connection with the viewer, a response, which can evoke all kinds of emotions and feelings. This is valuable to any community." Regarding the value of wood art to the community, Rodgers says, "We hope that the experience of viewing our work will draw visitors toward exploring the possibilities of turned wood through both crafting and owning fine three-dimensional wood art." See www.diablowoodturning.org for more information.

Visit the gallery during normal library hours – Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm; and Sunday, 1 pm to 5 pm. Closed July 4. Call 925-254-2184 for more information.

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CALENDAR

ON THE CALENDAR

JULY

- 1 **Summer Concerts in the Park** presents Bay Bridge Beat, featuring funk, rhythm and blues, Orinda Community Park, 28 Orinda Way, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- 3 **Orinda Books Story Hour** with Cathy Goshorn for 2- to 4-year-olds and caregivers, Thursdays, 276 Village Square, 10 to 11 am. Call 925-254-7606.
Volunteers' Decoration Party, hosted by the City of Orinda, Orinda Community Park, 28 Orinda Way, 4 to 6 pm.
- 4 **Orinda Association** Orinda Fourth of July Parade and Celebration kicks off with pancake breakfast at 7:30 am at the Community Center, followed by flag-raising ceremony at 7:55 am. At 8 am, Haley's Run for A Reason meets in front of Community Center. Parade begins at 10 am at Orinda Theatre. Outdoor activities are scheduled from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the park's Activities Center. Friends of Orinda Library will hold a sale in the library breezeway from 9 am to 1 pm. Visit <http://orindaassociation.org/parade-info>.
Orinda Starlight Village Players presents Agatha Christie's *Go Back for Murder* through July 12 at the Community Park Amphitheater, 28 Orinda Way. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 pm and Sunday, July 6 at 4 pm. General tickets are \$16 and \$8 for seniors/children. Season pass is \$35 or \$21 for seniors (cash or check only). Tickets are available at the box office, call 925-528-9225 or email info@orsvp.org for reservations. Warm clothing or blankets recommended.
- 5 **Orinda Farmers' Market**, Orinda Way, Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm.
- 8 **Concerts in the Park** presents David Correa & CASCADE, featuring Latin and World Music, Orinda Community Park, 28 Orinda Way, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- 9 **Chamber of Commerce** Lamorinda Summer Mega Mixer, meet and network with multiple members, Cal Shakes Bruns Amphitheater, 100 California Shakespeare Theatre Way, Orinda, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Visit <http://orindachamber.org/events.htm>.
The Second Wednesday Book Group will read and discuss *My Beloved World* by Associate Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, 3 pm. The group meets monthly at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, and welcomes new members.
- 10 **Moonlight Movies**, *Frozen*, at dark, Orinda Community Center Park, 28 Orinda Way. Call 925-254-2445.
- 12 **Collaborative Practice of the East Bay** present Divorce Options Workshop (repeated second Saturday of every month). Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC) 49 Knox Drive, Room 201, Lafayette, 9:15 am to 12:30 pm. \$45 per participant, cash or check only. Visit www.cpeastbay.org.
- 15 **Orinda Arts Council** Arts in Bloom Festival, features art exhibits and sales, visual and performing arts, kids' crafts and activities, face painting, balloon art, and food concessions, Community Park, 28 Orinda Way, 5:30 pm. At 6:30 pm there will be a Sneak Preview of this year's Lamorinda Idol finalists, featuring performances by students in grades K-12. Visit <http://orindaarts.org/community/arts-bloom-festival>.
The World Affairs Book Group will read and discuss *The World Until Yesterday: What We Can Learn from Traditional Societies* by Jared Diamond, 3 pm. The group meets bimonthly at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, and welcome new members.
Orinda Parks & Recreation Dept. Senior Trip to Historic Benicia: Glass Blowing Tour, open to seniors 50 and up, 10 am to 3 pm. \$18 for residents; \$20 for non-residents. Call 925-254-2445 or visit www.cityoforinda.org.
- 20 **Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe** Adobe Rancho Cooking Class, a fundraiser features dishes inspired by the Rancho life at the Moraga Adobe, Wilder Ranch House (take Wilder exit off Hwy. 24, Ranch House is located next to playing fields), 4 to 7 pm, \$150. Class instructor is local chef and owner of Epicurian Exchange, Charlie Vollmar. Visit http://moragaadobe.org/fjma_events.html.
Concerts in the Park presents the Mike Vax Big Band Jazz Orchestra, featuring Big Band jazz sounds, Orinda Community Park, 28 Orinda Way, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- 24 **Moonlight Movies**, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*, at dark, Orinda Community Center Park, 28 Orinda Way. Call 925-254-2445.
- 27 **Concerts in the Park** presents Opera in the Park sponsored by Orinda Rotary with performances by member of Open Opera, Orinda Community Park, 28 Orinda Way, 4 to 6 pm.

AT THE LIBRARY

All events are free unless otherwise specified. The library will be closed July 4 in celebration of Independence Day. For more information, call 925-254-2184 or visit www.ccclib.org/locations/Orinda.html.

- 1 **Toddler Lapsit** features story time for 1- to 3-year-olds and their caregivers. No registration required, but attendance limited to once per week, Gallery Room, 10 and 10:30 am. Also July 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30.
Paws to Read. Children in grades 1-5 can earn Summer Reading minutes and practice their reading skills with a friendly dog, 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Call to register.
Teen Book Club Frenzy, read five books in five weeks, meets every Tuesday in July, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Pre-register at the reference desk for a copy of the first book, *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green.
- 4 **Special Fourth of July Book Sale** hosted by Friends of the Orinda Library, Library Breezeway 9am to 1 pm.
- 10 **Kids Club at Republic of Cake**, Theatre Square, 11 am to noon. Melita leads kid-friendly songs for preschoolers at 11 am, followed by storytelling with Mrs. Look at 11:30 am. Free. Also July 17, 24 and 31.
- 12 **Storytime at Farmers Market** for preschoolers, noon to 12:30 pm. Hear stories about food and fun.
- 18 **Mystery Book Club**, every third Friday members meet to uncover and discuss a new mystery tale, Tutoring Room, 3 to 4 pm. Adult program, new members welcome.
- 24 **Talespinners of Contra Costa** features adult storytelling and a guest speaker, Gallery Room, 7 to 9 pm.
- 26 **Weekend Paws to Read**. Children in grades 1-5 earn Summer Reading minutes while practicing their reading skills with a friendly dog, 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Call to register.

CLUB MEETINGS

Diablo Star Chapter #214, Order of the Eastern Star. Second Monday, 7:30 pm. Orinda Masonic Center. Call Karen Seaborn, 925-689-0995.

Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe. Third Monday, 7:30 pm, Gallery Room, Orinda Library,

Moonlight Movies in Orinda



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The popular film *Frozen* will be shown on July 10.

With Concerts in the Park taking place on Tuesday nights (see calendar), Moonlight Movies on Thursdays and the Orinda Starlight Village Players on Fridays and Saturdays, the Orinda Community Center Park is the place to be.

While the concerts and Starlight Players have been entertaining folks for many

years, Moonlight Movies is a relatively new entry in the entertainment spectrum. The films begin at dark in the park, 28 Orinda Way. Sponsored by Orinda Parks and Recreation Foundation, the July movies are: *Frozen* (sing-a-long included) on July 10 and *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2* on July 24. Call 925-254-2445.

www.moragaadobe.org.

- Friends of the Orinda Creeks**. Fourth Wednesday, 8:30 am, May Room, Orinda Library, 925-253-1997.
- Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition**. Third Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 am, Orinda City Hall Sarge Littlehale Room. Call 925-687-8844, ext. 227.
- Lamorinda Nature Walk and Birdwatching** for seniors. Wednesdays, 9 to 11 am, free. Call 925-254-2445 for weekly meeting place.
- Lamorinda Sirs** for retired men. Second Wednesday, 11 am to 1:30 pm, Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Call Pete Giers, 925-254-4667.
- Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary**. Every Friday, 7 am, Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, 925-283-8288.
- Lamorinda Toastmasters**. Every Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Temple Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, www.lamorinda.freetoasthost.net.
- Montelindo Garden Club**. Third Friday, 9 am, September through May, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephen's Drive. Visit www.montelindogarden.com.
- Orinda Garden Club**. Fourth Thursday, 10 am to noon, September through May, Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante.
- Orinda Junior Women's Club** community service group. First Tuesday, September through June, 7 pm. Contact www.orindajuniors.org.
- Orinda Rotary**. Every Wednesday, noon, Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, 925-254-2222.
- Orinda Association**. Second Monday, 7:15 pm, Orinda Library, May Room, 925-254-0800.
- Orinda Hiking Club**. Every weekend and first Wednesday. Visit www.orindahiking.org or call Ian at 925-254-1465.
- Orinda Historical Society**. Third Wednesday, 3 pm, 26 Orinda Way, 925-254-1353.
- Orinda Job's Daughters**. First and third Monday, 7 pm, 9 Altarinda Road, 925-283-7176.
- Orinda/Tabor (Czech Republic) Sister City Foundation**. Fourth Thursday, 7 pm, social, 7:30 pm, meeting, call 925-254-8260 for location.
- Orinda Teen Advisory Council**. Second Wednesday, 4 pm, Community Center, 28 Orinda Way. Email orindateenadvisorycouncil@gmail.com.
- Orinda Woman's Club**. Second Tuesday, 9:30 am to noon, call Jean Barnhart, 925-254-3881. Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/orindawomansclub/>.

CITY/FIRE/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

- Acalanes Union High School District**. First and third Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, district office, 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette.
- City Council**. First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library Auditorium, www.cityoforinda.org.
- Historic Landmarks Committee**. Fourth Tuesday, 3 to 5 pm, Library Garden Room. Call 925-788-7323.
- Moraga-Orinda Fire District**. First and third Wednesday of the month, 7 pm. Visit www.mofd.org/board/meetings meeting location will be posted on the agenda.
- Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees**. Second Monday, 6 pm, OUSD Conference Room, 25 Orinda Way, Suite 200, Orinda, CA 94563. For the latest listing of dates, please check the website at www.orindaschools.org.
- Planning Commission**. Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 pm, Library Auditorium, www.cityoforinda.org.

Send calendar items to Maggie Sharpe at m.sharpe66@gmail.com

Orinda Chamber Busy With Events

The Orinda Chamber of Commerce members and executive director Candy Kattenburg have been very busy with lots of ribbon cuttings and special member get-togethers. The chamber also holds monthly luncheons and after-hours mixers for great networking. The board of directors meets the second Tuesday of the month at 8 am at 1st Republic Bank, 224 Brookwood Rd., in Orinda. Next up for the chamber is the July

4 celebration where they will be grilling hot dogs in the Orinda Community Center Park. On July 9, a Mega-Mixer is planned at California Shakespeare Theater. Open to the public, the mixer starts at 5:30 pm at the Bruns Amphitheater. People are also encouraged to purchase a ticket to Cal Shakes production of *The Comedy of Errors*, which starts at 7:30 pm. Call the chamber at 925-254-3909 for information on joining.

Chamber Brunch at Barbacoa's



SALLY HOGARTY

Members of the Orinda Chamber enjoyed an early morning brunch meeting at Barbacoa's restaurant in Theatre Square on June 17. A large turnout included City of Orinda staff members and Mayor Sue Severson.

Chamber Welcomes RPM Mortgage



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(L-R) front row: Mayor Sue Severson, Sylvia Jorgensen, Michael Walker (with scissors) of RPM Mortgage, Tom Romaneck and Patti Camras. Back row: Eric Jorgensen, Jack Jorgensen, Rick Carter, David Cronin, Joe Squeri and Tonya Gilmore (hidden).

Echo Grove Ribbon Cutting



DAVID DIERKS

Echo Grove, a cultural gifts store in Theatre Square, became one of the most recent local businesses to join the Orinda Chamber. (L-R) Alex Gailas, Claudia Tata, Jack Jorgensen, Tom Romaneck, Sue Severson, Dean and Margaret Shutt (owners), Katie Doty, Sue Hurrell, Sylvia and Eric Jorgensen.

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BUSINESS BUZZ

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Lee says her mother brings a different perspective to the shop. "Fashionable is so individual and it helps to get her point of view. We can even make matching 'Mommy and Me' glasses."

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For dog lovers, Visual Entrée stocks Doggles, special goggles designed to provide 100 percent UV protection for



VALERIE HOTZ

Stephanie Lee, O.D. (L) and her sister, **Jessica McCrary**, of Visual Entrée Optometry in Theatre Square.

pooches. "Doggles prevent sun damage and are especially good for active dogs who are outdoors and spend time on water, where the sun's reflection can be intense," said Lee.

An avid cook, Lee also enjoys taking her Staffordshire bull terrier, Guinness, on long walks.

Visual Entrée Optometry is open Monday and Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm and Wednesday and Friday, 9 am to 6 pm. For more information, visit www.visualentreeoptometry.com or the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/visualentreeoptometry or call Dr. Lee at 925-386-0258.

Dianne Crosby RPM Mortgage Earns National Ranking

Scotsman Guide, a national mortgage industry publication, recently ranked Dianne Crosby 13th in the nation in terms of volume. With more than \$188 million in originations, Crosby was also the top-ranked producer in the San Francisco Bay Area. "I'm honored to be recognized in this way," says Crosby. "It validates the work of my team and the community of Real Estate professionals that we serve."



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Dianne Crosby of RPM Mortgage

Piccolo Napoli One-Year Anniversary

By ELANA O'LOSKEY
Staff Writer

Piccolo Napoli, the popular Italian restaurant and pizzeria in Theatre Square, celebrates its one-year anniversary this summer with special menu items, new pizza combinations and white wine Sangria. Piccolo Napoli offers daily delivery in Orinda from 5 to 8 pm, as well as catering service.

Daily specials include: Monday's children eat free with the purchase of an adult entrée (one child per adult); Tuesdays the restaurant offers one free pizza topping on any size pizza; and on Wednesdays pints of

beer are \$4 and house wine is \$3 a glass.

The family-friendly restaurant specializes in Neapolitan thin-crust pizza, pastas with a variety of house-made sauces, fresh salads, soups and daily specials, including Eggplant Parmesan and Creamy Pesto Fettuccine. Gluten-free pizzas and pastas are also available. Desserts include gelato, cannolis and gluten-free chocolate chip cookies.

Lunch is served Wednesday through Sunday, 11:30 to 5 pm; dinner nightly from 5 pm (Saturdays and Sundays until 10 pm). Call 925-253-1225 or visit www.piccolo-napoli.com.

Happy Anniversary



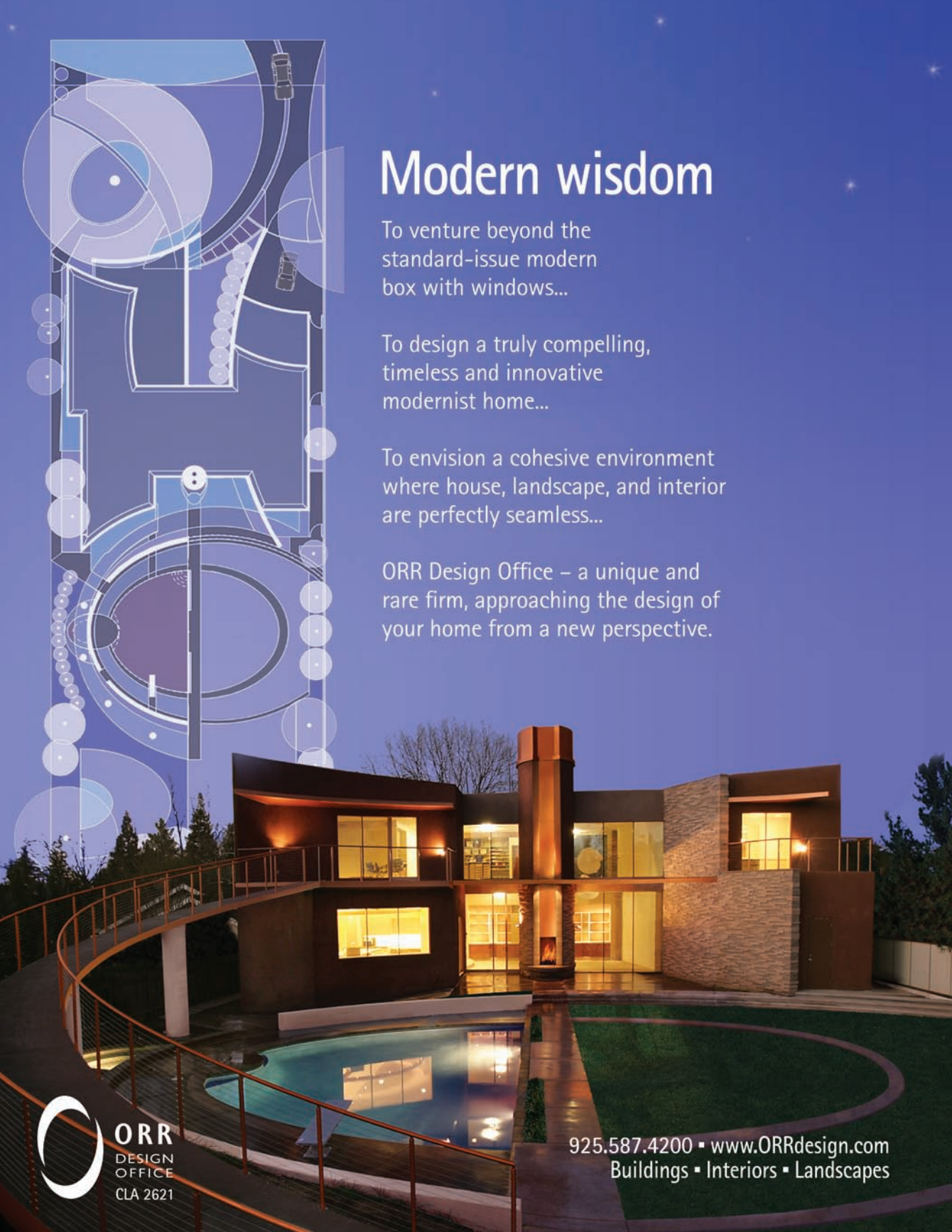
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Orinda Beauty Supply Celebrates 15th Anniversary

Orinda Beauty Supply is located at 270 Village Square, tucked between McCaulou's and Hollyhock Stationery. Faye Farzaneh is celebrating 15 years as owner of the beauty mecca that offers an eclectic mix of grooming accessories for men and women.

"A longtime friend of my husband's originally established the business in Orinda in 1998," said Farzaneh, whose husband, Nasser, owns the Royal Gas Station in Lafayette. "The following year he relocated out of the area and I took advantage of the opportunity to buy it. I like the products and enjoy using them, so it was the natural thing for me to do."

Drop in and discover the diverse

selection of salon-grade shampoos, conditioners and hair treatments, as well as tools of the trade including curling irons, flat irons, blow dryers and classic self-grip curlers – the kind your mother used when you were 8 years old. You will even find an old-fashioned "bonnet" hair dryer. Farzaneh says it is gentler on the hair than the high-temperature blow dryers of today. "We carry everything for nail, hair and skin care," said Farzaneh.

This is a good place to pick up a thoughtful gift for that special friend. Choices include fine combs by Kent, which are hand-made in England, and small magnifying mirrors sporting Swarovski crystals. Check out Bodyography, a paraben-free line of cosmetics made in Los Angeles. Foundation, powder, blush, lip gloss, eye shadow, concealer, mascara – they're all here.

The variety of hair treatments at Orinda Beauty Supply is extensive. "The most popular treatments are Pureology and

Moroccan Oil, which makes a natural oil moisturizing treatment for hair," said Farzaneh. "We also carry Loma, Joico, Paul Mitchell, Redken and many others. Nioxin is a special treatment for weak hair. Customers who have undergone chemotherapy like to use the Nioxin line to restore their hair."

One display is devoted entirely to nail care, offering a full spectrum of OPI nail polish colors. Murad anti-aging skin care products that treat and prevent pigmentation and damage caused by environmental exposure are also available.

Faye and Nasser Farzaneh have been



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Faye Farzaneh celebrates 15 years as owner of Orinda Beauty Supply.

married 48 years. "I am looking forward to our 50th wedding anniversary," she said with a smile. The couple has two adult children, Kian and Nariden, and four grandchildren. "Nasser and I enjoy traveling to visit family and hiking closer to home in Tilden Park."

Orinda Beauty Supply is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. The shop is closed on Sunday. For more information, call Faye Farzaneh at 925-258-9090.

My Little Nuggets in Hot Demand

After a fulfilling career as an advertising

copywriter, Orindan Doray Briskman decided it was time to take up a new skill and settled on teaching herself how to sew. She began by making hair clips for her young daughter and graduated to dresses, infinity scarves and headbands. Her beautiful creations became so popular among her children's friends that she established My Little Nuggets, available from her online Etsy shop.

"I never had any hobbies or crafts I enjoyed and had a desire to create something special for my family and friends," said Briskman, who writes all the copy for the Etsy website. "When my son gave my handmade hair clips as birthday gifts to his friends, My Little Nuggets took off. The Etsy website is strictly for designers and artists creating hand-made crafts from home."

Briskman thinks through every detail and appreciates a good challenge. Her enthusiasm has spread throughout her community. "Doray makes adorable hair ornaments using attractive fabrics. The girls adore them, and they are becoming the rage around here," said City Clerk Michele Olsen.

"Today so many items are mass produced, but you should remember when giving a handmade item, that somebody lovingly created that piece with their own hands. By giving it as a gift, you are giving it to someone special to love and enjoy," said Briskman, whose latest designs include new hair bow styles – and look for bow ties for young boys later this summer.

Briskman and her husband, Scott, relo-



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Doray Briskman creates My Little Nuggets from her Orinda home.

cated to the Bay Area from New York in 2007. Scott is an executive creative director at an advertising agency. The couple has two children, 10-year-old Stephen and 7-year-old Refaela. The whole family enjoys hiking together on weekends.

For more information, go to www.MyLittleNuggets.com or www.Facebook.com/MyLittleNuggets or email MyLittleNuggets@gmail.com.

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