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Local Students Help Young Victims of Hurricane Harvey

By SALLY HOGARTY
Editor

Hurricane Harvey wreaked devastation across a wide swath of Texas, Louisiana and parts of Central America. Seventy-one deaths were confirmed as of Sept. 6,



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Local Orinda groups help the children of Houston, many of whom had horrific experiences during Hurricane Harvey.

and a staggering 40,000 homes were lost. Despite the overwhelming circumstances, the Orinda Union School District (OUSD) has teamed up with the City of Orinda, Miramonte High School and the local non-profit Mindful Littles to make a difference to the school children of Houston.

Initiated by OUSD Superintendent Carolyn Ann Seaton, #OrindaCares strives to educate and inspire children and young people to be engaged, compassionate citizens through meaningful service opportunities.

The group's first project is "Helping Hands for Houston." Focusing on the student victims of Hurricane Harvey, the group hopes to raise funds to provide 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies. They have partnered with Sydney Paige Inc., a local backpack company dedicated to promoting the importance of education and enriching the lives of children in need.

According to the Superintendent of the Independent Houston School District, "Many of our students have lost everything, including basic school supplies. Providing them with quality backpacks and the tools to do their work in school will help them feel loved, cared for and prepared."

During the Helping Hands for Houston project, Seaton says that #OrindaCares will launch service learning initiatives at all OUSD sites and at Miramonte High School, which is decorating rocks with positive messages to be included in the backpacks. "We wanted to have a personal message for the children in the backpacks," says Miramonte Principal Julie Parks. "Our art students are leading the way with

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Canine Companions Benefits from October Fundraiser

By KEN HOGARTY
Staff Writer

When Canine Companions for Independence's DogFest Walk 'n Roll comes to Oakland's Jack London Square on Oct. 28, Orindans Rebeca Robboy and Karen Cervantes, along with their dogs Trevin and Minerva, will be in attendance.

For the first time, the DogFest will be part of Jack London Square's "Boo! Bark, Brews & Bites" event. "Boo! Bark, Brews & Bites" has attracted over 2,500 attendees in past years, and, with the addition of the Canine Companions event, attendance is expected to increase even more.

According to Robboy, Santa Rosa-based Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) is the nation's largest provider of assistance dogs for people with disabilities other than blindness. It celebrated its 40th

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Breeder Caretaker **Karen Cervantes** with **Minerva**, a Labrador retriever who has had four litters, a total of 28 puppies, in her home.

Enjoying His First Art Class

Orinda Parks and Recreation began a new art class for the very youngest aspiring artists this Sept. "My First Art Class" offers quality art experiences to children 18 months – five years. The next session begins Nov. 15.

"Each week we offer a theme and feature five art stations," explains instructor Renee Ramsey. This parent participation class includes creative endeavors with paint, collage, clay, glue, glitter and much more. "Classes end up with lively singing and dancing," Ramsey adds.

To sign up for the November session, which runs through Dec. 13, call Parks and Rec at 925-254-2445 or go to www.orindaparksandrec.org.



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Frank Lloyd Wright Estate Brings Unwanted Controversy

By SALLY HOGARTY
Editor

Weddings usually mean joyous, fun-filled events, but not so for the neighbors of 6 Great Oak Circle. To these Orinda residents, weddings portend noisy shuttle buses, parking nightmares, loud music and reveries into the night.

Glorietta neighbor Molly Wolfsehr estimates nine or more large and loud parties over the past 12 months. "I live just a few homes away from the famous Frank Lloyd

Wright home located at 6 Great Oak Circle. This year, the owner started renting out his home for events. He was written up in *Vogue Magazine* as a top wedding venue," she explains. "The neighborhood is rather upset and concerned given the noise, safety issues and traffic this has brought to our area. My family moved here a year ago, and we would likely not have purchased our home if we were aware there was a wedding venue next door."

At first, Wolfsehr declined to call the po-
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Airbnb and City of Orinda Reach Tax Agreement

By JASMINE MORA
Contributing Writer

Airbnb, the world's leading community-driven hospitality company, announced its agreement with the City of Orinda on a new tax agreement. Beginning Oct. 1, Airbnb will collect and remit the 8.5 percent Transient Occupancy Tax on all eligible bookings in the City of Orinda.

According to Airbnb, guests will be charged the appropriate tax on their Airbnb bill, and the company will then remit to the city the taxes collected.

"Airbnb hosts in Orinda offer travelers an opportunity to experience Easy Bay living like a local, and we are excited to partner with the city to make it easier for our hosts and guests to pay their fair share of taxes," said Marisa Moret, Airbnb Public Policy Manager. "Orinda is a great option for

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Support Our Seniors

All dressed up for Halloween, this little cutie (courtesy of the Orinda Park and Rec Foundation's Dog-gone Fun Fest, see pg. 11) encourages people to volunteer as drivers for the OA's Seniors Around Town program. More on pg. 2.



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The Rule of Three – Photos, Miniature Cottages and Turned Wood at Gallery



Jackie Smith's whimsical *Miniature Cottages Panorama*, a mixed media and paint creation, will be displayed at the Library Gallery during October.

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Fitness Tip of the Month

There Are No Prerequisites to Becoming Fit

Apply the same principles to your fitness and health program as you have done in all of your other successful life endeavors and you will reach your highest goal. Use your intention, desire, focus, dedication, and belief in yourself & the process. There are no prerequisites!



For more information, contact Sheena with Living Lean personal training and eating for elite fitness, at 925-360-7051 or www.livingleanprogram.com.

By ELANA O'LOSKEY
Staff Writer

The Lamorinda Arts Council will present works from Berkeley Fine Art Photographers and Bay Area Woodturners while also featuring Jackie Smith's miniature cottages through the month of October at the Orinda Library Art Gallery. The public can join with the Council on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. for the artist reception, where light refreshments will be served.

Aphra Pia says that Berkeley Fine Art Photographers (BFAP) formed in 2010 so that photographic artists can meet regularly, share and discuss work, exchange information, encourage creativity and exhibit in local venues. The group embraces digital and traditional photography with emphasis on the photographic print as the essential result of the process. Mary Martin DeShaw says, "I love to think of the photographic image as visual poetry where simple elements and structure take the place of words in carrying the message." Both Pia and DeShaw worked on organizing the show.

BFAP's theme for the show is "The Rule of Three." It is inspired in part by the Latin phrase "*omnium perfectum*," meaning everything that comes in threes is perfect. One way the principle is used is in literature. This is because it suggests that events or characters introduced in threes are more

humorous, satisfying or effective in engaging the reader and moving a story along. It is also easier to remember things in threes because the brevity and rhythm of three creates a pattern that is simple and catchy. The same idea is transferable to music, film and art. Since there are 12 members showing work, 36 images will be exhibited, which are interrelated in a cohesive way.

Exhibiting members include Mary Martin DeShaw, Robin Hultgren, Jay Levy, Michael McNamara, Hiroshi Morimoto, Steve Napoli, Aphra Pia, Ron Rothbart, Terry Ryder, Michael Slack, Alan Steinbrugge and Dadre Traugher. Look for Aphra Pia's *Tafoni Abstract*, an 18" x 24" photographic print. Tafoni (singular, tafone) are small cave-like features found in granular rock with rounded entrances and smooth concave walls occurring in rock formations. Learn more about BFAP at www.berkeleyfineartphotographers.com/.

According to Anna Duncan, the 150-member strong Bay Area Woodturners (BAW) was founded in 1989. Since its inception, BAW has enlisted many younger members and more women. While some members have been turning wood for 25 years, many are new members. They meet monthly at the Mt. Diablo Woodturning Center in Pleasant Hill through Mt. Diablo Adult Education. The program is the largest

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A Message From the OA President
From Olive Fest to Brew Fest



Cindy Powell

On Oct. 1, start the month with a great family day by attending **Orinda's Olive Festival** at Wagner Ranch Nature Area. Taste olive oils, join the activities and help fund Orinda's Environmental Education programs. This unique facility teaches archaeology, wildlife and fish biology, ecology and other disciplines in a fun historical context. And, later that same afternoon, the **Czech Festival** wraps up with their closing concert in our library auditorium.

Oct. 5 is **Do Something Nice Day** for your teachers, neighbors, parents or co-workers. We are definitely a nice town.

Oct. 7 is **Frugal Fun Day** to enjoy fun activities that are free or very inexpensive. Go on a bike ride or walking hike in our beautiful hills. The fall leaves are on display. Have a picnic in one of our parks (when was the last time you played in Orinda Oaks Park?) or fly a kite on the school playground. On the evening of Oct. 7, an **Art of Mixology** Cocktail Competition ticket gives you samples of 20 different cocktails (in safe and sane portions) to support the Lamorinda Arts Council as they support the arts in Lamorinda. To purchase tickets, go to www.LamorindaArts.org.

On Oct. 9, we celebrate **Columbus Day** and the discovery of the existence of a New World for Europeans who, at that time, believed the world was flat and ended in the Atlantic. Native Americans were already here and Nordic explorers had travelled down the eastern coast of Canada hundreds of years earlier. Here in Orinda, a Saklan tribe of Costanoan Indians lived along the San Pablo and Lauterwasser Creeks (by Miner Road). This day is also **Native American Day** or **Indigenous People's Day** to celebrate the history, culture and traditions of indigenous peoples of our country. **Fire Prevention Day** is also Oct 9, and the theme for 2017 is Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out! Do you have a plan? This day exists both to raise awareness of practices that can help prevent fiery disasters, and to recognize the work of the fire-fighters who put their lives on the line to protect us. We will always remember October 19-20, 1991, the days of the Tunnel fire.

Oct. 13, the **Navy Birthday**, celebrates the establishment of the U.S. Navy in 1775

to protect our just-getting-established country from pirate threats to American merchant shipping and other sinister attacks. President George Washington established the Naval Act of 1794, creating a permanent standing U.S. Navy. (Sorry, but "Talk like a Pirate Day" was in September.)

Oct. 15 is **White Cane Safety Day** to raise awareness and improve access to basic services for blind and visually impaired people. Organizations, such as Lions Clubs International, organize activities involving the public as part of a goal to help increase awareness of the use of the white cane and the laws that govern its use. Our Orinda Association Lions International donation box in the OA Office is regularly filled with donated eyeglasses. Thank you, Orinda!

On Oct. 17, **Charlie Vollmar** will have just returned from two weeks in the South of France and will be ready to share some great recipes from his travels with a cooking demonstration and luncheon at Orinda Books. Limited seating, of course, so sign up early.

Oct. 20 and 21 are the days of the **Performers for Progress** shows at Miramonte High School. Every year, students select a worthy recipient for their funds raised at these amazing shows. Also, Oct. 21 is the **Homecoming Dance** at Miramonte.

Oct. 26: **Halloween Parade for Tots** at the Orinda Community Center Park is the cutest event of the month with a parade and fun activities for toddlers and their friends and parents in costume.

On Oct. 28, volunteers from across the country will unite for **Make A Difference Day**, one of the largest annual single-days of service nationwide. For 25 years, volunteers and communities have come together with a single purpose on that day, to improve the lives of others. The Orinda Association salutes our Seniors Around Town drivers who make such a difference here in our town.

On Oct. 29, the **Lamorinda Brew Fest** will present the "Katie's Cup" award in honor of Martin Luther's wife. She brewed beer in 1517 to fund his Reformation activities. Home brewers and happy tasters, contact Steve_Meagher@yahoo.com or 925-878-7988 to join the fun. **National Cat**


The Orinda Association

The Orinda Association is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to:

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

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Day on Oct. 29, was founded as a way to bring awareness to the number of homeless cats and to encourage adoption and spay/neuter education. It's also a day that cat videos take over the Internet!

All of this will find you just in time for **Halloween** on Oct. 31, during which Orinda neighborhoods take on spirited personalities. Van Ripper Lane has Hollywood's porch of performers, and Lynda Hay came as a termite the year they found termites and as a rat the year they found a rat. What will she come as this year? I

was going to dress as Wonder Woman but apparently need to step up my game this year. Decorate your home and garden in Halloween style to ward off evil spirits. Lucky us! We have Orinda Garden Club's Highway 24 off-ramp beautification project. They install hay bales, pumpkins and cute scarecrows! A BIG thank-you for their many hours of work donated to create this autumn tradition.

Enjoy this fun-filled month and the changing colors and activities our town provides!

Claire Roberts: A Life Time of Achievement

Orinda resident **Claire Sammon Roberts** receives Delta Sigma Pi's Lifetime Achievement Award from outgoing fraternity Grand President **Onuka Ibe** during the organization's Grand Chapter Congress in New Orleans in August. Sammon Roberts has been actively involved in the professional business fraternity since her initiation in 1979 and has served in multiple regional, provincial and national leadership positions. She has also served as a trustee and vice chair of the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation. While the organization became coed in 1975, Sammon Roberts is the first woman to be recognized with the fraternity's highest honor which is presented to only one member every two years. Delta Sigma Pi was founded in 1907 and has initiated more than 300,000 members at more than 250 college and university chapters across the country.



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Correction . . .

In the September issue of *The Orinda News*, it was reported in the page 9 Lamorinda Idol story that Steve Harwood was the founder of the event. It was actually Petra Michel and Susan Garell.

Mina Lim (shown at right) of Orinda was the Elementary School Soloist winner for this year's Lamorinda Idol. Other winners included Nejla Ackdoe-Pagey (Middle School Soloist); Elizabeth Becker (High School Soloist); Fourte (Elementary School Group); Deuce (Middle School Group); ABC (High School Group) and Michaela Sasner (Audience Award).



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Letters to the Editor ...

Urban Land Institute's Report

Yesterday, 9-7-17, I received a copy of the Urban Land Institute's report for Orinda. They recommend excessive regulation of:

1. Zoning;
2. Conversion of street space to "Parklets;"
3. Regulating private parking property. i.e. Interconnecting lots so everyone has greater access and usurping the rights of the owners;
4. Encouraging more foot traffic in the crossroads and the village.... but less parking and street space and, of course . . .
5. "Parking Authority" – Using parking regulation to generate a revenue stream

– never once did they mention.....parking meters.

The City of Orinda wants more money and power at the expense of the people of Orinda. The ULI wants to see socialist UN "Agenda 21" implemented, getting people out of their cars, condensing them into small cities, forcing the use of "public" transportation.

They are working against the freedom of driving your own car.

They believe in re-distributing income to buy homes for and buy the votes of "People in Need."

The City of Orinda is trying to hurt the people of Orinda.

– Henry R. Pinney

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anniversary in 2015, and, since its founding in 1975 through November 2016, the organization has placed over 5,200 dogs. Robboy personalizes that statistic: "One of those dogs is Trevin, who is a skilled companion to my 10-year-old son Philip, who has autism and attends school at Wagner Ranch in Orinda. I can vouch for the power of these dogs to positively impact the lives of disabled people and their families! There are several other canine companion dogs who have been matched with other people with disabilities in the Lamorinda area as well."

Another local Canine Companion adherent, Karen Cervantes, has been a CCI volunteer since 2012. Cervantes, with her family, acts as a breeder/caretaker for Minerva and her puppies. There are also several local families who are puppy raisers for CCI. Cervantes speaks to her role with Minerva: "Minerva is a Labrador retriever who has had four litters in our home, a total of 28 puppies. She is a female breeder for Canine Companions for Independence. My family's role, as breeder caretakers, is to provide a home and care for Minerva. We support her during her pregnancies, and she whelps her puppies in our home. Those

puppies spend their first eight weeks with us, before going off to another volunteer, a puppy raiser, who is responsible for training and socializing that puppy for 18 months."

Cervantes adds, "We became involved to help Canine Companions for Independence provide more of these amazing dogs to people with disabilities other than blindness. It is unbelievable to see how these dogs can transform lives, enabling independence, by performing up to 40 tasks. It is incredibly rewarding to play a role in this by giving these little miracles their start. Canine Companion dogs and puppies have visited several local schools by participating in Disability Awareness programs as well as supporting students in Special Needs classrooms.

The event on Oct. 28 will feature many fun activities for adults, children and dogs. These will include a dog walk around the Square, canine costume contests, people and pooch crafts, doggie treats, pet tricks, a pet psychic, pet photos, pet caricatures, puppy pampering and a bobbing-for-bones event. A beer and wine garden will feature entertainment, and you can also learn more about CCI's dogs and programs. There will even be an appearance by Marshall from Nickelodeon's *Paw Patrol*.

Cervantes welcomes people who are



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thinking about attending: "Dogfest is a great opportunity to meet some of these amazing dogs. There will be fun events for the whole family, pets included, with proceeds supporting Canine Companions for Independence." For more information about the day and organization, go to cci.org/DogFestBayArea.

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business travelers and for families looking for affordable Bay Area accommodations, and we look forward to continued work with the city to welcome more guests to the region!"

Orinda City Manager Steve Salomon concurred: "We are excited about welcoming new visitors to experience all Orinda has to offer, from our parks and trails to

film festivals and theater. By voluntarily choosing to collect taxes, Airbnb is really showing the community that it values our relationship and how home sharing can benefit all of us when we work together."

The city's recently-adopted Short-Term Rental (STR) ordinance, which requires registration and imposes some new rules on STRs, becomes effective on Oct. 5. With this new agreement, Orinda joins a list of more than 310 jurisdictions globally where Airbnb has collected and remitted more than \$300 million in hotel and tourist taxes.

For families around Orinda, the typical host earns \$15,500 a year sharing his or her home. According to Airbnb statistics, there were over 2,100 Airbnb guests in Orinda last year.


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Helping celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Lamorinda Adult Respite Center at Orinda's Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church are (L-R) Pastor **John Valentine**; Director **Beth Montgomery**; **Teresa Geringer** from Senator Steve Glazer's office and **Joan Kiekhaefer**.

LARC Celebrates 20 Years

By **BOBBIE DODSON**
Staff Writer

It was a banner day in August, when LARC (Lamorinda Adult Respite Centers), which provides services for those with Alzheimer's and other related dementias, celebrated its 20th anniversary of service.

In attendance were many of the people who have been instrumental in helping LARC succeed, the "extended family" of LARC, including current and past volunteers, activity leaders, musicians, caregivers, participants, administrators, financial supporters, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church (HSLC) congregation members and even a therapy dog "volunteer."

Key speakers were Joan Kiekhaefer (immediate past president of the HSLC Council) and Pastor John Valentine of Orinda's Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. A special guest was Lucille Madsen, the inspiring force behind the respite center and the caregiver support group back in 1997.

Joan Kiekhaefer welcomed the crowd and thanked everyone for their individual

and organizational support of the LARC mission. Pastor John noted that while it may "take a village to raise a child," it takes an entire community to assist that "child" through the difficult journey of dementia. He acknowledged and celebrated the entire community for their contributions. Delicious hors d'oeuvres from Ann's Catering were served, music was provided by Wayne Fetting and Marc Levine, and a "20 Years in Pictures" slideshow set the festive mood.

Beth Montgomery, LARC's Director, says, "2016-17 was a banner year. Not only did we operate at full licensing capacity, which is 15 participants per day, but we also maintained a wait list. We also exceeded our goals through fund-raising efforts. We are proud to offer scholarships to participant families in need, and in the past two years we have given close to \$18,000 to reduced Program Fees.

"LARC employs six staff members and has a dedicated volunteer force that assists the daily activity leader. It currently serves about 55 families per week from

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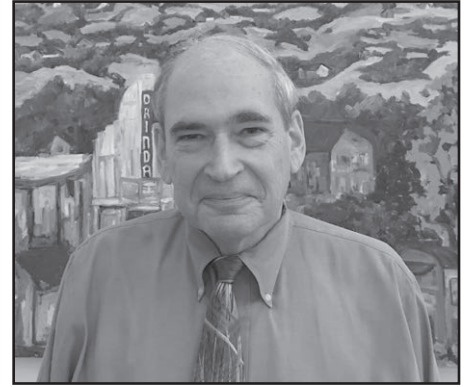
Steve Salomon Named Orinda City Manager

By **SALLY HOGARTY**
Editor

Orinda's Interim City Manager, Steve Salomon, has been named the new City Manager. Acting as the Interim City Manager since Janet Keeter retired in late February, Salomon has had a successful career in local government for over 40 years.

He previously served as the City Manager for the City of Visalia, the City Administrator of the City of Albany and the City Manager for both Watsonville and Hercules. He has also worked for the City of Concord in a variety of positions.

Salomon has a Master of City and Regional Planning with a minor in Public Administration from Ohio State University and holds a bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Cincinnati.



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Steve Salomon has been named as Orinda's new City Manager.

"I've been working with Steve for over six months now, and I know he will do well in this job," says Orinda Mayor Eve Phillips. "I look forward to him leaving his imprint on the city and taking it to the next level."

Now Even Your Dog Can Be an Environmental Activist

By **KATHRYN G. MCCARTY**
Staff Writer

While parts of the country may be eliminating some ecological protections, the City of Orinda has recently implemented a number of environmentally-friendly projects.

According to Steve Ehrhardt, Orinda's Facilities & Parks Supervisor, the city has converted most of its facility lighting to LED. The city is also working on a project with UC Berkeley and EBEW (East Bay Energy Watch) to replace existing thermostats with state-of-the-art wireless communicating devices with occupancy

sensors which link to a new software that will facilitate the PG&E Peak Day demand usage requirement.

In addition, dog walkers will notice the Orinda Community Park is currently offering bioDOGradable™ Bags for dog and cat waste disposal.

"With Prop 67 passing, Orinda is one of the first to take a huge step towards providing an eco-friendly alternative to plastics, in efforts of further reducing plastic pollution," says Eric Babcock, a spokesman for bioDOGradable™ Bags. Babcock, who is "passionate about dogs and fighting plastic pollution," works to educate pet lovers

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Fire Chief Stephen Healy Retires

Chief Stephen Healy retired from the Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) on Sept. 20. Healy had resigned from the MOFD board in July citing "different values and perspectives." Battalion Chief Jerry Lee has been named interim fire chief.

The MOFD board is in the process of preparing a description for the fire chief position. They held a public workshop on Sept. 27 to get residents' views on the background, experience and personal and professional qualities they would like to see in the next chief and to discuss issues likely to confront the district in the future.

Healy was appointed to the rank of Fire Chief of the MOFD in 2013. His 31-year fire service career began in 1986 in Southern California. He joined the MOFD as a Battalion Chief in 2006 after previously serving for 15 years with the Salinas Fire Department.



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MOFD Fire Chief Stephen Healy.

Healy noted that he may still do some work for the MOFD in the area of arson investigation.

Former Orindan Walter Earle Cunha

September 12, 1920 – August 3, 2017

Walter Earle Cunha: music man, military man, family man, businessman and gentleman. You lightened the hearts of many throughout your life, which spanned nearly 97 years. Son of Ella Mae McGovern and Walter Charles, younger brother of Jane Eileen. Berkeley was your hometown and that of your beloved CAL Bears, where you sold football programs as a boy.

Before graduating from Berkeley High School in 1938, your music career began with the violin, but your vocal talents as a "swooner" could not be denied. You appeared with Jimmie Howard's Orchestra

at Oakland's Sweet's Ballroom and hotel venues in San Francisco including The Palace, St. Francis, Sir Francis Drake and the Mark Hopkins. Your singing career continued every weekend at the Claremont and Alameda Hotels until you joined up with Buddy Maleville's NBC Orchestra. You landed a regular Saturday night gig at the Hotel Del Monte, the West Coast's premier resort in Monterey, where Bob Hope and Bing Crosby were masters of ceremony. Faced with the dilemma of whether to tour the nation with the band or attend college to further your education, you wrote to Bing Crosby, who advised in a written reply, "Go to school; the music will always be there. Don't pass up the opportunity to pursue a top-notch education."

So off to UC Berkeley you went and became engaged in the ROTC program. After graduation in 1944, you went to Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia. You stayed in touch with your Army buddies, who remained some of your closest friends. You all skied together in Switzerland and France into your early 80s.

After completing military service, you returned to Berkeley and Boalt School of Law. However, the lawyer track was unrealized upon meeting and marrying Mary Ellen Goepfert on July 31, 1948. Meg (d. 2003) was one of only five women in the class. A large family of six children followed – predominantly raised in Orinda: Jim (Christine d. 2002), Anne (Dick Jacobberger), Paul (Carol), Stephen (Mary), Catherine Soso and Elizabeth (Fred



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Earl Cunha, Big Band musician and local businessman.

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POLICE BLOTTER

July 30 through September 7, 2017

Calls for Service

911 Hangup: 16 incidents.
Abandoned Vehicle: 2 incidents.
Accident Injury: 7 incidents.
Accident Property: 15 incidents.
Alarm, False: 231 incidents.
Animal Cruelty: 2 incidents.
Barking Dog: 2 incidents.
Battery: 1 incident.
Burglary: 1 incident.
Burglary, Auto: 5 incidents.
Burglary, Commercial: 1 incident.
Burglary, Residential: 1 incident.
Civil Matter: 23 incidents.
CVC Miscellaneous: 4 incidents.
CVC Moving Violation: 142 incidents.
CVC Non-Moving Violation: 103 incidents.
Death, non-criminal: 2 incidents.
Disturbing the Peace: 2 incidents.
Drunk in Public: 1 incident.
Exhibition of Speed: 1 incident.
Fire/EMS Response Info: 1 incident.
Fireworks: 2 incidents.
Found Property: 9 incidents.
Fraud/Credit Card: 3 incidents.
Fraud/False Pretenses: 3 incidents.
Grand Theft: 1 incident.
Grand Theft from Vehicle: 1 incident.
Hazmat: 2 incidents.
Health & Safety Violation: 2 incidents.
Hit & Run Misdemeanor: 4 incidents.
Identity Theft: 10 incidents.
Juvenile Disturbance: 7 incidents.
Loitering: 4 incidents.
Lost Property: 4 incidents.
Loud Music: 15 incidents.
Loud Noise: 9 incidents.
Loud Party: 14 incidents.
Medical Hospital: 6 incidents.
Missing Adult: 2 incidents.
Motorist Assist: 4 incidents.
Neighbor Dispute: 2 incidents.
Occupied Stalled Vehicle: 6 incidents.
Ordinance Violation: 23 incidents.
Outside Assist: 26 incidents.
Panhandling: 2 incidents.
Parking Detail: 188 incidents.
Patrol Request: 56 incidents.

Petty Theft: 4 incidents.
Petty Theft from Vehicle: 1 incident.
Phone Harassment: 1 incident.
Public Assembly Check: 3 incidents.
Public Nuisance: 9 incidents.
Reckless Driving: 30 incidents.
Robbery: 1 incident.
School Check: 24 incidents.
Security Check: 45 incidents.
Service to Citizen: 201 incidents.
Shoplift: 2 incidents.
Suspicious Circumstances: 29 incidents.
Suspicious Person Stop: 24 incidents.
Suspicious Subject: 16 incidents.
Suspicious Vehicle: 27 incidents.
Suspicious Vehicle Stop: 33 incidents.
Theft Access Card: 1 incident.
Threats: 1 incident.
Tow: 13 incidents.
Traffic Collision/Property Damage: 3 incidents.
Traffic Hazard: 18 incidents.
Trespass: 4 incidents.
Vacation House Check: 108 incidents.
Vandalism: 6 incidents.
Vandalism – Felony: 1 incident.
Verbal Dispute: 7 incidents.
Welfare Check: 26 incidents.

Arrest

Drunk in Public: 5 arrests.
DUI: 1 arrest.
Robbery: 2 arrests.
Shoplifting: 2 arrests.
Vehicle Theft: 1 arrest.
Warrant Arrest: 2 arrests.

BART Statistics

Grand Theft (Catalytic Converter): 1 incident.
Public Intoxication: 1 incident.
Probation Violation Arrest: 1 arrest.

– Compiled by David Dierks
Assistant Editor

For more incidents details, visit
www.crimereports.com

Ehmke). As a father, you strongly encouraged us to do our best, used humor to make a point and set an example on how to live. You also welcomed 11 grandchildren: Maggie Jacobberger, Camille Wolfman, Katie Heaps, Kevin, Catherine, Rob, Jack, Alex, and Elaine Cunha, Carter and Grant Soso, and three great-grandchildren: Morgan Heaps, Connor Wolfman, and Riley Cunha. When not changing diapers, you could be found on the ski slopes or on the golf course. Orinda Country Club membership fulfilled your volunteer inclination, where you served on various committees and for two years as president. You provided many members fun memories by producing the revue "The Foolies" from 1963-1966.

Your professional life was all about automobiles. A district manager position with the Pontiac Motor Division eventu-

ally led you to become a partner with Don Doten at his dealership in Berkeley. When Don moved on, you became the owner of Cunha Pontiac on Telegraph Avenue. You completed your career teaming with Chris Maggini at his Chevrolet dealership in Berkeley.

Your later years had you often on the golf course, ski slopes (taking your last run at age 90) and back on stage with the Big Band of Rossmoor and at Lafayette's Stanley Middle School, where you quickly achieved icon status as "Mr. Plaid Pants."

Your sense of fairness, humor, and integrity are your legacy. You were an exceptional role model on how to age gracefully and pass with dignity. A Celebration of Life was held on Sept. 22 at Orinda's Church of Santa Maria to honor your wonderful spirit.

– Jim Cunha

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RESTAURANT GUIDE

The 2017 Guide to Orinda Restaurants – Bon Appétit!

By ELANA O'LOSKEY
Staff Writer

Feel like staying local, avoiding traffic and parking hassles? Try dining hometown whether it's a quick bite or a relaxed meal. Options include coffee/tea, healthy smoothies, breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, a little nosh, a glass of wine or beer, scotch, or just takeout. Enjoy Happy Hours at Fourth Bore Tap Room and Grill, Wild Magnolia and Shelby's in Theatre Square; also at Taverna Pellegrini on Moraga Way. Skip the mess and treat the kids. Thanks for making a hometown choice. Keep this section or access it at www.orindanews.org, Oct. 2017.

AMERICAN/CALIFORNIA CUISINE**Casa Orinda**

20 Bryant Way
254-2981

www.casaorinda.net

Hours: Mon. - Sat. Dining 4 to 10 p.m.; Mon. - Thu. Bar 4 to 11 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. Bar 4 p.m. to midnight; Sun. Dining 4 to 9 p.m.; Bar 4 to 10 p.m.

The Casa is Contra Costa County's oldest continuously operating restaurant, celebrating 85 years! Try their prime rib, luscious fried chicken (with homemade biscuits), mashed potatoes, and fresh seafood such as calamari. Inside are historical photos of rodeo dudes and cowgirls plus antique firearms. Enjoy the full bar at this local gem – a place out of time. Reservations recommended.

Cine Cuvée

2 Theatre Square, #103
386-0125

www.cinecuvée.com

Hours: Tue. - Thu. 5 to 9 p.m.; Fri. 4 to 11 p.m.; Brunch Sat. - Sun. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Sat. 3 to 11 p.m.; Sun. 3 to 9 p.m.

Sip a wine or beer while lounging on a leather banquette as you watch silent films. Keyboard player Sun. and Tue. evenings with drop-in singers. Try the charcuterie or cheese platters, lobster sliders, or Vico pizza. Desserts to please such as cake with raspberry sauce, biscotti, madeleines. Outdoor seating, check website for special events such as \$8 bottomless sangria on Sundays.

Fourth Bore Tap Room and Grill

2 Theatre Square, #130

254-1183

www.thefourthbore.com

Hours: Sun. - Thu. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Happy Hour Mon. - Thu. 2 to 5 p.m. and 9 to close, Monday all day

Orinda's alehouse sporting 28 craft beer rotating taps, wine list and a full bar. Try the blackened salmon salad, burgers or

anything from the wood fire grill. Sports on eight flat screens. Large outdoor seating with fire pits and event deck for live music most Thu. - Sat. evenings. Happy hour bar menu. Check online for specials and events. Dog friendly, validated parking.

Nation's Giant Hamburgers and Great Pies

76 Moraga Way
254-8888

www.nationsrestaurants.com

Hours: Sun. - Wed. 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Thu. 6 a.m. to midnight; Fri. and Sat. 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Late at night and starving? Fast-food joints have nothing on these big, juicy burgers cooked just how you like 'em. They'll do it just as fast and for takeout too. Breakfast served all day. Pies by the slice or whole. Kids love this place and you won't break the bank.

Reem's Steaks

70 Moraga Way
253-2004

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Try their Bul-Go-Gi burger or traditional Philly cheese steak sandwich, salads and daily special steak menus. If you like French-inspired desserts, go for the Nutella crepes. Kids menu, take out.

Shelby's

2 Theatre Square, #152
254-9687

www.shelbyseatbetter.com

Hours: Mon. - Fri. Lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dinner Tue. - Thu. 5 to 8:30 p.m.; Dinner Fri. - Sat. 5 to 9:30 p.m.; Brunch Sat. - Sun. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sun. dinner 5 to 8 p.m.; Happy Hour Tue. - Sat. 3 to 5 p.m.

Popular for business breakfasts and lunches. Try their Chinese chicken salad, salmon bistro style, grilled Caesar salad. Desserts include crème brûlée and chocolate Charlotte. Full bar, patio seating great for people watching. Validated parking, wheelchair accessible, dog-friendly.

Wild Magnolia

2 Theatre Square, #153
254-0124

www.wildmagnolia.com

Hours: Mon. - Sun. 11 a.m. to 9 or 10 p.m.; Happy Hour 2 to 6 p.m. daily

Family friendly, outdoor seating for dinner or drinks from their full bar. Try their zoodles (zucchini noodles with pesto), gumbo or quinoa kale salad. Custom built burgers with Waygu beef, fish tacos, flatbreads, French fries. Kids menu, validated parking, wheelchair accessible, dog friendly.

CAFES**Caffé Teatro**

26 Orinda Way (under the Orinda Library)
254-5871

Hours: Mon. - Thu. 6:30 a.m. 6 p.m.; Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orinda's answer to Cheers. Outdoor tables/umbrellas to enjoy public art sculptures while sipping Illy coffee made to order any time. Try a generous, reasonably priced breakfast or lunch sandwich, a salad or snack. Quality tea selection and thirst quenching Italian sodas. Kid friendly.

Genuine Goodness

21 Orinda Way, Suite G
317-3348

www.gengoodness.com

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Sun.

Owned by two busy moms who create handcrafted smoothies, soups, salads made from all-natural, high-quality products. Menu changes daily such as Bento box for kids, turkey sandwich with brie. They bake fresh daily, providing gluten-free options when possible. Ample parking, outdoor seating.

Geppetto's Caffè

87 Orinda Way
253-9894

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; closed Sun.

Speedy drink service in the morning with fresh pastries or a breakfast burrito. Outside umbrellas offer a respite so you can enjoy a veggie sandwich on gluten free bread or a tasty BLAT. Homemade soup and smoothies. Order by phone at busy lunch time for



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The beautiful bar at Casa Orinda is a favorite among patrons.

quick service.

Peet's Coffee and Tea

63 Moraga Way
258-9328

www.peets.com

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

Sat. and Sun. 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Exceptional beans freshly roasted and served up by expert baristas. Variety of teas and tasty pastries. Try their ethereal jasmine downy pearls tea. Wi-Fi; comfy seating inside, benches outside.

Starbucks

2 Theatre Square, #106
258-0476

www.starbucks.com

Hours: Mon. - Sun. 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Convenient location, friendly baristas, coffee in every shape and form, fine teas, seasonal specials and tempting pastries. Also healthy snacks. Specials change often. Free Wi-Fi.

Starbucks

One Camino Sobrante, #9
253-0447

www.starbucks.com

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Hours: Mon. – Fri. 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun. 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friendly baristas who remember your name and order; outdoor seating. Coffee in every shape and form, fine teas, seasonal specials, pastries, healthy snacks. Specials change often. Free Wi-Fi.

Village Inn Cafe
204 Village Square
254-6080

www.orindacoffeeshop.com

Hours: Mon. – Fri. Breakfast 5:30 to 11:25 a.m.; Lunch to 3 p.m.; Sat. Breakfast 6:30 to 11:25 a.m.; Lunch to 3 p.m.; Sun. breakfast menu only 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

A family friendly, no frills diner just right for a cup of coffee, omelette or Belgian waffles. Lunch sandwiches like veggie burgers, avocado-turkey-bacon club; add fries for 50¢. Return visits for corned beef hash, made from scratch. Generous portions, coloring books for kids, easy parking.

CHINESE

Szechwan Restaurant Chinese Cuisine
79 Orinda Way (Village Square)
254-2020

www.szechwanorinda.com

Hours: Tue. – Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch; Tue. – Sun. 4 to 9:30 p.m. Dinner; Closed Mon.

Across from the golf course, cozy booths. Return visits for their outstanding sizzling rice soup, potstickers, jalapeno pepper calamari, broccoli or asparagus beef. Order to go from online menus. Family friendly, beer and wine, easy parking.

Yan's Restaurant Mandarin and Szechuan Cuisine
One Orinda Way, #1
253-9852

www.yansrestaurant.com/wp

Hours: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thu. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dinner 4:30 to 9 p.m.; closed Tue.; Fri. – Sat. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dinner 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This family-owned restaurant does a big takeout business (10 percent discount). Extensive menu including lunch specials, appetizers, mu-shu pork, soups, Kung Pao prawns. Brown rice on request. No MSG, spiciness at the level you prefer and prepared dry wok at your request.

DELICATESSENS

Europa Hofbrau Deli & Pub
64 Moraga Way
254-7202

www.europahofbrau.com

Hours: Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.;

Sun. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A spacious cafeteria style family restaurant with a play area, slide and video games for the kids. Known for delicious corned beef and mash with cabbage, turkey and meats carved, sandwiches created right before your eyes. Grab a stool to catch a game and have a beer on tap.

Subway Sandwiches
2 Theatre Square, #108
510-601-6400

www.subway.com

Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This well-known chain is always good for a sandwich on the run. They carry soup as well. Sandwiches can be ordered in sizes – they come by the inch; and you pick the bread. It's all made on the spot.



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Shelby's Restaurant offers a wide variety of delicious items for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

DESSERTS

Loard's Ice Cream and Candy
230 Brookwood Road
254-3434

www.loards.com

Hours: Mon. – Wed. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thu. – Sun. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. – Sat. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

This all-time Orinda favorite is the perfect place to stop for a generous scoop. Choose waffle or sugar cones or order an ice cream birthday cake. Sample chocolate showers, macapuno (young coconut) or ube (purple yam, taro root, coconut) ice cream or one of the other 40+ flavors.

Republic of Cake
2 Theatre Square, #151
Orinda, CA 94563
254-3900

<http://republicofcake.com>

Hours: Tue. – Thu. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.*; Fri. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.*; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

* Or until the display case is sold out.

Delicious, moist cupcakes made with the finest local ingredients such as locally milled flour to keep a low carbon footprint.

Seasonal cupcakes including wheat-free options; flavors, such as honey-lemon or toasted marshmallow, change monthly. Try their chocolate-vanilla or vanilla-vanilla minis.

HAWAIIAN

Lava Pit Hawaiian Grill
2 Theatre Square, #142
253-1338

www.lavapit.com

Hours: Mon. – Thu. noon to 8 p.m.; Fri. – Sat. noon to 8:30 p.m.

The aroma of BBQ floats out to meet you. Lunch specials and BBQ mixed grill plate. Yelpers like the fried shrimp and mini bowls, \$6 for chicken, steak or pork with steamed veggies and rice; brown rice available. Outdoor seating, bottomless drinks, free Wi-Fi.

ITALIAN

La Piazza
15 Moraga Way
253-9191

www.lapiazzaorinda.com

Hours: Mon. – Thu. 5 to 9:30 p.m.; Fri. – Sat. 5 to 10 p.m.; Closed Sun.

Good food, family friendly staff and a cozy atmosphere across from the theater. Try their brick-oven prosciutto pizza, calamari salad, risotto Milanese or penne a la vodka. Tiramisu for dessert, a must try. Weekly specials, local beer and good wine selection by the glass.

Piccolo Napoli
2 Theatre Square, #144
253-1225

www.piccolo-napoli.com (check for specials online)

Hours: Dinner daily 4 to 9 p.m. except Fri. – Sat., 4 to 10 p.m.

Family run, excellent service. Traditional thin-crust pizza to gluten free choices, pesto or Maria's special are favorites. Full bar, beer and wine specials. Try the vegetarian calzone, spinach salad, marinara sauce pasta or gluten free meatballs. Outdoor seating, Orinda home delivery 5 to 8 p.m.

Taverna Pellegrini
65 Moraga Way
258-4200

www.tavernapellegrini.com

Hours: Daily Dinner 4 to 11 p.m.; Happy Hour 3 to 6 p.m. Daily

Trattoria setting with three dozen pizza and pasta choices, all made from scratch. Full bar, Happy Hour menu (\$6), live music Sat. night. Try the misto salad with hazelnuts and pears, linguine vongole, or beef short ribs; gluten free choices. Tiramisu and affogato are among the many desserts.

Village Pizza
19 Orinda Way
254-1200

www.villagepizzaorinda.com

Hours: Mon. – Thu. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dinner 5 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. Dinner 5 to 9 p.m.

Family atmosphere in this casual spot. Wide variety of pizza options from vegetarian to chicken, sausage, pepperoni or tuna. In a hurry? Try a mini pizza for lunch dripping in cheese, served with a salad. Wine, beer; best news yet – they deliver. Local since 1984, family-run.

Zamboni's Pizza
One Camino Sobrante, # 4
254-2800

Hours: Open Mon. – Sat. 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Pizza where everything is made fresh daily with additive-free cheeses. Your pizza is built to order; also pizza by the slice and salads. You can eat in, take out, or they deliver. Return visits for three slices of pesto pizza with plenty of garlic, cheese and basil, \$5. Wine, beer, soft drinks.

JAPANESE

Hanazen Japanese Sushi
87 Orinda Way
254-3611

www.myhanazen.com

Hours: Dinner Only. Mon. – Sat. 5:30 to 9 p.m.; Closed Sun.

Owner Kenji Horikawa prepares chef's choice omakase daily and seasonal specials such as oxtail soup. Selective ingredients combined with tradition yields high quality. Yelpers rave about the sushi rice and everything else. With 18 seats, reservations are a must. Fantastic sake choices.

Niwa Restaurant
One Camino Sobrante, #6
254-1606

www.niwarestaurant.com

Hours: Lunch Mon. – Fri. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sat. 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Dinner Mon. – Thu. 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., Fri. 4:30 to 10 p.m. and Sat. 3:30 to 10 p.m. Closed Sun.

Sushi with more fish than rice. Try their lunch specials, oyster shooter, Hank's roll, salmon skin hand roll or spicy tuna hand roll. Known for their smoky, sweet sauce and complimentary cucumber salad. Check out the specials board, takeout available, order online. Wine, beer and sake.

Serika Restaurant
2 Theatre Square, #118
254-7088

Hours: Lunch Mon. – Fri. 11:30 a.m.

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to 2 p.m.; Dinner Mon. – Thu. 5 to 9 p.m.; Fri. – Sat. 5 to 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 5 to 9 p.m.

Fresh sushi in a relaxing spot tucked away from the street. Yelpers like the hamachi collar, sushi platter, miso, obento box with salmon and chicken, tuna, sashimi chirashi and lunch specials. Gluten free soy sauce. Plenty of kid-friendly food. Kirin on tap, wine and sake.

Sushi Island
19 Moraga Way
253-8399

www.sushiislandorinda.com

Hours: Lunch Mon. – Sat. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dinner Mon. – Thu. 5 to 9:30 p.m.; Dinner Fri. – Sat. 5 to 9:30 p.m.; Lunch Sun. noon to 3 p.m.; Dinner 5 to 9 p.m.

Try their super fresh a la carte sashimi, hamachi in creamy sauce, spicy California and spicy tuna rolls, miso soup, tempura, and Orinda roll. Bento lunch box specials \$9.50. Kids menu. Real crab meat always served. Order take out online. Beer, wine and sake.



SALLY HOGARTY

The staff at **Village Cafe** in Orinda Village is always ready to help. Here are the three dynamite “Ks” – (L-R) **Kelsey, Katherine and Kathy!**

MEDITERRANEAN

Petra Café
2 Theatre Square, #105
254-5290

Hours: Mon. – Sun. 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Top marks from online fans for this take-out favorite with its tiny interior and outside tables. Regulars swear by chicken or lamb and beef gyro with lettuce, tomatoes, onions and tzatziki sauce in a warm fluffy pita. Roasted vegetables, falafel, spanakopita,

dolmas or hummus for vegetarians.

MEXICAN
Baja Cali Taqueria and Grill
23 Orinda Way, #H
258-9987

www.facebook.com/BajaCaliTaqueriaGrill

Hours: Sun. – Thu. 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fri. – Sat. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Popular spot for lunch and take out. Yelpers like the grilled spicy shrimp, salmon or culichi tacos, enchiladas, steak nachos, flavorful rice and black beans, chiles rellenos, aguachiles and carne asada burritos. Kids menu. Beer, wine, micheladas or sodas and free Wi-Fi.

Maya Mexican Grill
74 Moraga Way
258-9049

Hours: Mon. – Sat., 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Closed Sun.

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Rotary Club’s Hand Built Teardrop Trailer



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The **Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary** has done it again – built a beautiful hand-crafted item to auction off to support the group’s many community service projects including the HOME Team, which performs minor repairs to the homes of elderly residents in the area. The group previously built two canoes. The tear drop trailer is shown at a variety of local events, most recently at Orinda’s Classic Car Show and the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival. To purchase raffle tickets, contact Chuck Yeager at 510-421-7393 or email carllyeager@yahoo.com.



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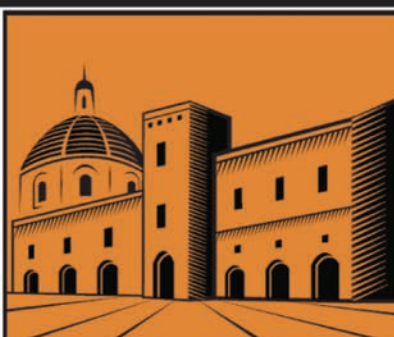
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Orinda Jazz Festival Returns to Orinda Community Church Oct. 1



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Carol Alban, producer of the Orinda Jazz Festival, will be playing flute, accordion and singing at the event.

By BILL O'BRIAN
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Oct. 1, the Orinda Jazz Festival returns to the Orinda Community Church at 10 Irwin Way. Festivities for all ages begin at 2 p.m., and the concert starts at 3 p.m. Carol Alban is the Co-Founder/Artistic Director of the Orinda Jazz Festival, which has given proceeds from concert donations to various charities including Nepal earthquake survivors, hurricane Mathew victims, and, for the upcoming October concert, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano counties. The concert is free though suggested donations are \$10 to \$20.

Alban, who will perform at the festival, is a multi-instrumentalist (flute, piano, guitar, ukulele, and seven other instruments), vocalist and composer as well as the Founder/Director of the Alban Music School in Moraga. She was the principal flutist with the Bay Area Chamber Symphony and has

performed at Yoshi's, Lincoln Center, the Blue Note in New York City, Hollywood's Egyptian Theater and Carnegie Hall, and numerous other venues.

The two featured performers will be Mads Tolling and Clif Payne. Tolling is an internationally renowned violinist and composer, two-time Grammy Award Winner and the 2016 DownBeat Critics Poll Rising Star winning violinist. He has spent most of his professional life touring internationally and is a nine-year member of both the Turtle Island Quartet and bassist Stanley

Clarke's band. Since 2007, he has led his own group, the Mads Tolling Quartet. His latest album is called *Mads Tolling & the Mads Men - Playing the 60's* which features classic songs from that period of TV, film and radio music in fresh jazzy versions. World famous jazz violinist Jean-Luc Ponty says of Tolling, "Mads has the amazing talent and skills that few young musicians can match. His music is both beautiful and refreshing, exhibiting his superb mastery of the modern American Jazz music that is

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Introducing a new companion animal to the family is best done with intentioned planning and preparation. Step one is ensuring the consensus of all family members that all will not only want to expand the family but will accept responsibilities for the care, nurture and protection of the new member. Numerous responsibilities include proper feeding, relieving, attention, exercise, veterinary care.

And there are expenses: Litter box, litter, poop pick up bags, collar, leash, food and water bowls, bedding, grooming tools, safe toys, training lessons. Those are just a few considerations to take into account before opening your home to a companion animal.

Step two is thinking about the downside of having an animal. There's the time and attention element. For years, my life was segmented into four-hour intervals since that was the longest time I would allow my animals to be home alone. Was that a bother? Yes, sometimes it was, but that bother was always countered by the rub of the cat against my ankles or the wag of the dog's tail when I crossed the threshold.

And then there is the unexpected – the trip to the emergency veterinary hospital because my black Lab chased a ball into the brush and came out sniffing with a foxtail in her nose. An expensive and also guilt ridden experience, for, after all, I had thrown the ball.

Step three is the absolute commitment. Consider the life span of the animal you are considering. If it is a domestic rat, the life span is about three years. If it is a

cat or dog, you should have many years to enjoy together. Will you make that commitment? There are no divorces available to human-animal relationships. You don't suddenly decide you are tired of the animal and abandon it to an animal shelter.

Step four is accepting the emotional burden the relationship will create. You will have an emotional bond and, in most cases, that bond is strong and will need to sustain you through times of sickness, through the aging process, and, eventually, to the passing of the beloved companion animal. The pain is huge and no new companion animal will ever replace the old; it will instead carve out a new space in your heart.

If you already have a companion animal and are thinking about adding one to the family, double the steps above and add to them the careful, thoughtful introduction of the new member to the current family members, including, most importantly, the resident animal companion. Is the resident a loner, a fighter, a lover? Consider age and gender. An older animal may be rejuvenated by a young one, or, it could end up just becoming harassed and worn out. A female dog may get along better with a male (both altered, of course). Only you really know your animal and that knowledge should be your guide.

Whether bringing a new member into the family or adding one to your existing flock, keep in mind that this is a living being with needs, with quirks, and, yes, with feelings. Make your decision with the best interest of that being in mind and, chances are, it will be the right decision.



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HALLOWEEN / SEASONED SHOPPER

From BooFest to FunFest to Pumpkin Parades this October in Orinda

By DAVID DIERKS
Assistant Editor

Halloween once again comes to Orinda, and this year's tricks and treats promise to entertain our younger residents.

Creepy Hollow returns to Sleepy Hollow on Oct. 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join DJs Denon & Doyle for a dance party, carnival games, inflatable slide, rock wall climbing, face painting, raffle, Spooky Spa, Creepy Kitchen, Haunted House and more. Lunch is provided by Abel's Mexican Catering and The Slider Guy food trucks. Tickets are \$20 (cash or check only) at the door. The school is located at 20 Washington Lane, in Orinda.

Glorietta Elementary will stage its annual Halloween FunFest on Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to being able to visit a haunted house, attendees will be able to participate in carnival games, activities and a bouncy house while also getting a chance to dunk Principal Langer in the Dunk Tank. This free event is at the school, located at 15 Martha Rd., Orinda.

Del Rey Elementary School's BooFest is



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Orinda celebrates Halloween with Pumpkin Patches and **Glorietta's FunFest** (shown above).

Oct. 21, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. BooFest, a community celebration of Halloween, includes activities such as carnival-like game booths, bouncy houses, a dunk tank, a cake decorating contest and cake walk, a puppet and magic show and music by DJ

[SEE BOOFEST page 16]

Seasoned Shopper

Heirloom Pumpkins for Halloween

BARBARA KOBSAR

Boo! Didn't mean to scare you but your local farmers' market is officially into fall, offering piles of peppers, bunches of grapes, lots of squash, persimmons, pomegranates and sweet potatoes. October is also the month for pumpkins, from sugar pie varieties for cooking, to Cinderella pumpkins for carving and heirloom varieties for decorating doorsteps and tabletops.

The new "king of vegetables" is also making its way to market. Kohlrabi is rich in Vitamin C, crunchy, tasty and shows off its versatility whether raw or cooked. Raw, it tastes like a combo of broccoli and asparagus and cooks up more like onion but tastes like potato.

Kohlrabi is a globe shaped member of the cabbage family and looks more like a root vegetable than a head of cabbage. It's an enlarged bulb like portion of the stem (about the size of an orange) that forms just above ground and produces thinner leaf topped stems that grow out in all direc-

tions – bizarre looking before the stems are trimmed off! At the farmers' market, you're most likely to find kohlrabi sold individually or in small bunches.

Kohlrabi is a complete package – all parts are edible. The sweet, crisp flesh of the bulb hints of radish, while the thinner stems and leaves taste more cabbage-like (kohlrabi is a cross between a cabbage and a turnip). The pale green kohlrabi variety is most prevalent, but keep your eyes open for a more colorful purple bulb (tastes the same). Shred into salads or slaws, slice and add to stir fries or cube to roast with root vegetables.

Enjoy and see you at the market!

The Orinda farmers' market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Orinda Way in front of the Community Park and Rite Aid. Season closing day is Saturday, Nov. 18. For more information, visit the website at www.cccfm.org, or call the market hotline at (925) 431-8361.

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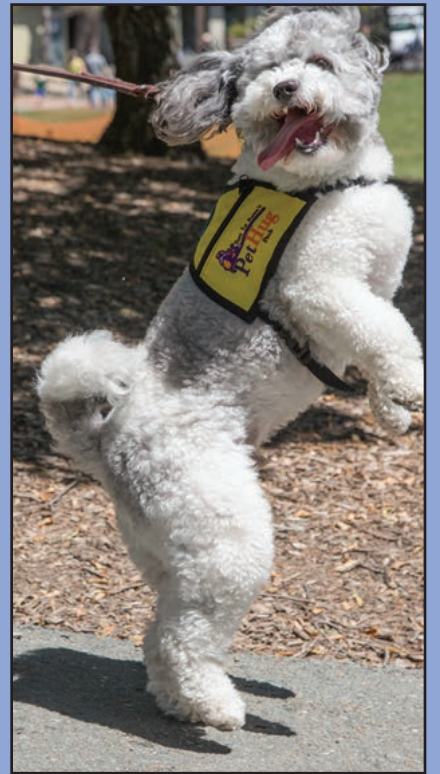
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Local Artist Takes Creative Leap

By SALLY HOGARTY
Editor

For the past 10 years, artist and gallery owner Allison McCrady has helped Orinda residents decorate their homes and offices with original art. But, come November, her colorful gallery in Theatre Square will be no more – at least, for the next year.

McCrady is moving to Spain to concentrate on her own creative work. She and her fiancé have found a flat in Valencia where McCrady plans to rent a studio as well.

“For the first time in my life, I will focus on my own artwork. Not on raising a family or running a business,” McCrady explains. “I’m very excited to be around artists from different countries and see what comes out of my mind without the distraction of other responsibilities.”

A resident of Orinda for the past 27 years, McCrady started painting when her children were young. She took lessons from Pam Glover at the Orinda Community

Center in her early 30s before moving on to larger scale work, included nudes and more abstract paintings.

“On a rainy day, my go-to place was the kitchen to paint. My career was in banking so the painting was just for fun,” says McCrady.

But before long people started buying McCrady’s work, and she was asked to exhibit a painting she had done for the City of Orinda in a small store front in Theatre Square. Her exhibition led to opening a larger space in Theatre Square and representing other artists as well.

“Being in Theatre Square has been a very positive experience for me, and business has been good. People in Orinda really seem to appreciate having original art in their homes,” McCrady says. “When we return in late 2018 or early 2019, I hope to have an exhibition at Theatre Square of my work.”

McCrady will significantly discount the paintings she currently has at her Theatre



SALLY HOGARTY

Allison McCrady is closing her art gallery in Theatre Square and heading off to Spain to paint.

Square gallery as she prepares to close the gallery. She will also take paintings to interested customer homes so that prospective buyers can see how they will look in particular rooms.

While living in Spain and traveling throughout Europe and Asia, McCrady will continue to have an online presence

and will be updating her website and corresponding with potential customers and artists. “It’s not like I’m going out of business; I’m just changing the business,” McCrady says.

To learn more about the October sale or to keep track of McCrady’s artistic adventures, go to www.amfagallery.com

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Provocatively Titled Debut Novel for Local Writer

By KATHRYN G. MCCARTY
Staff Writer

Orinda writer Margaret Ann Spence’s debut novel *Lipstick on the Strawberry*, released by The Wild Rose Press last July, is a dream come true. “I’ve been a writer all my life, but this is my first published book,” enthuses Spence.

The book is currently available at Orinda Books, where Spence will be signing autographs this Fall. Spence was inspired to pen her novel by fellow authors in her writing group, led by Marylee MacDonald, who Spence called “generous and insightful.” Early drafts received praise from the group, and Spence received group input for her edits.

“I’ve been in writers’ groups before, but this group is by far the most productive and supportive. We’ve produced several books between us in the past few years and more are in the pipeline,” says Spence.

According to Spence, *Lipstick on the Strawberry*, which took first place in the Romantic Elements Category in the 2015 Beacon Contest sponsored by the First Coast Romance Writers, has gained consistent 5 star reviews.

The book’s heroine, said Spence, owns a catering business. In her research for writing the book, Spence learned how food



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Orinda author Margaret Spence’s debut novel at Orinda Books.

stylists often use tools of the trade when photographing to make food more visually appetizing. Tricks include spritzing hairspray on a cake, substituting shaving cream for whipped cream on a pie, or using lipstick on an unripe strawberry to turn it into a luscious, shiny fruit. “When I learned that, I knew I had my book title.”

Lipstick on the Strawberry is set in both Boston and Cambridge, England. Spence and her family lived in Boston for many years, and she spent a great deal of time in

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200th Anniversary of Baha'i Faith Celebrated Locally on Oct. 22

By SALLY HOGARTY
Editor

All over the world, over five million believers in the Baha'i faith are preparing to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founder, Baha'u'llah.

Here, in Orinda, Mayor Eve Phillips has declared Oct. 22 as the "Bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah" with a proclamation urging everyone "to promote in themselves and in their relationship with others those qualities and attributes that will help bring about the recognition of the oneness of humanity; to embrace diversity; and to work for unity in our local community, in our country, and in the world."

According to Orinda resident Massoud Fanaieyan, the Bahai'i communities of Orinda, Moraga and Lafayette have joined forces to celebrate Baha'u'llah's birthday: "We will have speakers and two musical groups – an octet from Acalanes High School and an easy listening big band." Fanaieyan adds, "We will be short on speeches

and long on celebration."

Open to the public, the celebration takes place on Oct. 22 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Soda Activity Center on the St. Mary's College campus, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., in Moraga.

Orinda's Baha'i assembly formed in 1989. Fanaieyan, who was born into the Baha'i faith, is a founding member. "Our faith encourages you to investigate and explore other faiths before making a decision to join the Baha'i faith," he explains. "In fact, you can't officially join until you're at least 15 years of age."

Orinda resident Douglas Krotz, originally from a Christian religion, came to the Baha'i faith over 25 years ago. Both he and Fanaieyan have served on the governing board for the Orinda assembly for many years. "Everyone is a volunteer, and we are elected yearly," he says. "I guess we're doing okay since we keep being re-elected!"

For more information on the Oct. 22 celebration at St. Mary's College, go to <http://evite.me/s6VPftxFzM>. For information on the Baha'i faith, go to www.bahai.org.

"Catcher in the Ride" – Holden High's Benefit Bike Ride

By SALLY HOGARTY
Editor

For nearly 50 years, Holden High School, located on the Orinda Community Church property, has been referred to as "the miracle in the basement" by grateful parents and students.

Since its inception in 1969, the school has helped transform teens with learning challenges into productive citizens. "Students who were labeled as deficient by traditional organizations are now working in cutting edge technology jobs, running nonprofits and attending some of the finest colleges," says Holden's Marketing and Fundraising Manager, Mawiyah Johnson. "Some of our students have experienced traumatic life events and had been strug-

gling in mainstream school settings, but they find Holden a safe haven," Johnson adds.

Holden will hold its third annual bike ride on Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with proceeds benefiting Holden students. Titled "The Catcher in the Ride," the event will give participants two course options: Beginner Friendly – an 11 mile, mostly flat, scenic ride through the back roads of Orinda and Lafayette – or Challenge Ride – Twenty-three miles with a mix of hills and flat roads through the back roads of Orinda, Lafayette and Moraga. Both options begin in the Holden High School parking lot, 10 Irwin Way, in Orinda.

Go to www.holdenhigh.org/holden-events/bike for more information and to register.



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Participants in last year's bike ride/fundraiser for Holden High School enjoy the countryside around Orinda.



SALLY HOGARTY

Massoud Fanaieyan (L) and Douglas Krotz of Orinda's Baha'i assembly.

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of its kind in the nation, a hidden gem in our backyard. It serves woodturners of all abilities. Visit www.diablowoodturning.org for details.

Duncan says, "Woodturning is the craft of using a lathe with hand-held tools to cut a shape that is symmetrical around the axis of rotation. The classic form made on a lathe is a wooden baseball bat, but, typically, turners make bowls, platters, vases, ornaments, pens and candlesticks." Look for Jacques Blumer's *Spalted Coast Live Oak Natural Edge Bowl*, a 13" x 5" vessel. Spalted oak (*Quercus rubra*) is incredibly rare and beautiful. It has great black line, color variation and character.

Local BAW members exhibiting some of the 30 works shown in Orinda include Joel Albert, Johnny Arkoosh, Jr., Dave Bentley, Jacques Blumer, Anna Duncan, David Fleisig, Steve Griswold, Jean-Louis Meynier, Steve Smyers and Kim Wolfe. Wolfe says, "I have a lot to learn. Group members freely share knowledge and are welcoming of anyone with an interest in turning."

Duncan hopes that viewers come away with an appreciation for the beauty and functionality of artwork derived from trees. She also hopes that they might be inspired to take a class to try their hand at woodturning. She thinks people become interested in turning because it's natural to wonder "how

a piece of black acacia wood becomes a beautiful vessel." Visit the BAW website at www.bayareawoodturners.org to find out.

Regarding the value of art to the community, Pia says, "Every one of us has the ability to create and imagine a way to make our neighborhoods healthier, stronger and more beautiful. Because engaging in the arts brings individuals together, it fosters community." Duncan echoes the importance of community and art: "When I began wood turning I had no idea I would gain a new community of friends at the woodturning center!"

Jackie Smith of Orinda has been creating miniature cottages and trees out of various materials for over 25 years. She began collecting them herself 30 years ago and now enjoys adding what she creates to her collection. Fascinated by the process, she is always learning new techniques and mediums. Recently, she's experimented with recycled aluminum cans, using bold, bright color combinations. She hopes viewers will enjoy her display of 50 miniatures. See more of Smith's work at www.etsy.com/shop/acottageintheforest.

Visit the gallery at 26 Orinda Way during normal library hours – Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Oct. 9. Call 925-254-2184 for more information or visit <http://ccclib.org>.



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Between the Lines Presenting History to Young Readers in Appealing Way

by Susan Reckers



The unparalleled success of the musical *Hamilton* has made young people realize that history can be fun and interesting. No longer do those fascinating stories about people and events from years past need to be stuck in the pages of dull textbooks. Book publishers have gotten on board with a slew of books aimed at children of all ages that present historical events in an appealing way.

A very popular series of history books for kids is the "Who/What Was ...?" series, published by Grosset & Dunlap. These paperbacks combine clearly written text about famous people, places or events with eye-catching illustrations in just over 100 pages. While the publisher says they are intended for ages 8-12, they attract readers both younger and older. They cover the gamut with biographies that range from Anne Frank to Princess Diana to Steve Jobs. "What Was..." books cover events and topics ranging from D-Day to the Ten Commandments to Rock & Roll. There are well over 100 books in the series, with more coming out every season.

Riding the *Hamilton* wave, there are several non-fiction books out geared to the young Hamifans. Starting at the youngest end, Random House released *Alexander Hamilton: From Orphan to Founding Father* last spring, for ages 5-8. *Who Was*

Alexander Hamilton? (Grosset & Dunlap) came out in August, and is already a hot seller. For the slightly older reader, Abrams offers *Alexander Hamilton: The Making of America* for ages 10-14. Speak publishes *The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr*, for ages 12+. And for teens, there is the new *Alexander Hamilton: The Graphic History of an American Founding Father*.

Another series that flies off the shelves in both stores and libraries is Nathan Hale's "Hazardous Tales," from Abrams. Geared for ages 8-14, these six books are wildly engaging, with a "believe it or not" feel, and a good dose of humor. Parents come in the bookstore lamenting that their grade school son doesn't read enough. This series is perfect for those reluctant readers. They can learn about slavery (*Underground Abductor*), warships used in the Civil War (*Big Bad Ironclad*), Texas' fight for independence (*Alamo All-Stars*), World War I (*Treaties, Trenches, Mud & Blood*), the Donner party (*Donner Dinner Party*), and a Revolutionary War hero (*One Dead Spy*). Kids beg us to tell them when the next Hazardous Tale is coming out.

Another favorite history book for kids is *Kid Presidents, True Tales of Childhood from America's Presidents*, by David

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Lively Evening for Parents and Children with Special Needs

By Bobbie Dodson
Staff Writer

An evening full of activities and camaraderie is planned for children with special needs and their parents when Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Lane, Lafayette, hosts Respite Night on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Nikki Greninger explains, "We are excited to host Respite Night. It's an opportunity for kids, ages 2 to 22, to have fun, get to know others in their circumstances, and to feel included in the community. We are delighted to provide parents with a chance to relax and have a night out, knowing that their offspring will be loved and taken good care of by our staff

and volunteers."

Of Respite Night, Dave Engelbrekton, on the Family Ministry Team at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC) where the group met in September, said, "The children had a 'blast' and were so happy for this time with other children who also have unique needs. Some of the siblings joined in to help. We included dinner, games, therapy dogs, crafts, activities and a movie. Sensory and quiet rooms were offered." Rabbi Greninger says, "Our plans for activities are still evolving as this will be our first time to host the group, but we promise a night well suited to the needs of all the guests participating."

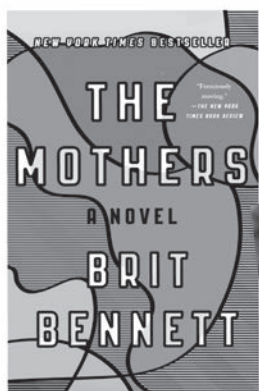
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ON THE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 1 **Orinda Jazz Festival**, 2 p.m. Orinda Community Church at 10 Irwin Way, For more information, call Carol Alban at 510-542-7517 or visit www.OrindaJazzFestival.org. See article page 10.
- Orinda/Tábor (Czech Republic) Sister City Foundation Czech Concert**, 3:30 p.m. A concert of Czech composers at Orinda Library Auditorium. Suggested donation \$20.
- California Shakespeare Theater** presents *Measure for Measure* by William Shakespeare through Oct. 8. For tickets call 510-548-9666 or by visiting www.calshakes.org.
- 3 **Orinda Books**, 11:30 a.m. Literary Luncheon featuring Shanti Sekaran discussing her novel, *Lucky Boy* (just out in paperback). \$12, seating limited. Call 925-254-7606 to make a reservation. 276 Village Square, Orinda, info@orindabooks.com.
- 4 **Orinda Garden Club**, 7 - 9 p.m., presents Bo Landin's documentary *Toxic Puzzle* at Orinda Theatre. Narrated by Harrison Ford, it features Dr. Paul Cox and his groundbreaking work on finding a plant-based cure for such diseases as Alzheimer's, ALS and Parkinson's. Free event but must register in advance by calling 925-257-0668 or going to www.eventbrite.com.
- 5 **Orinda Books**, 10 a.m. Story Hour with Cathy G. All 2-4 year olds with their grown-ups are invited to join us for a lively hour of stories and songs. Also, Oct. 12, 19, and 26. 276 Village Square, Orinda, info@orindabooks.com, 925-254-7606.
- City of Orinda**, 5 p.m. The Taste of the World Market Street Feast food trucks Orinda Community Center. Also, Oct. 12 and 19.
- 7 **Theatre Square**, 4:30 p.m. Art Of Mixology. This event benefits the Lamorinda Arts programs. See article page 17.
- 8 **Orinda Library Art Gallery** Reception, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. Exhibit of "The Rule of Three" Photos, Miniature Cottages and Turned Wood on view all month. See article page 2.
- 11 **Orinda Books**, 11:30 a.m. Literary Luncheon featuring Brit Bennett discussing her novel *The Mothers* (paperback on sale 10/11): \$12 - seating limited. Call 925-254-7606 to make a reservation. 276 Village Square, Orinda, info@orindabooks.com.
- Orinda Books**, 3 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Book Club discusses *Story Hour* by Thrity Umrigar. 276 Village Square, Orinda, info@orindabooks.com, 925-254-7606.
- 13 **International Film Showcase** will present the Belgium film, *Marina*, at the Orinda Theatre. Also, Oct. 19. Showtimes will be available on Tuesday Oct. 10 at: www.orindatheatre.com. See article page 18.
- 14 **Moraga-Orinda Fire District**, 8 a.m.-noon, is closing Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14) with its Fall Open House and Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 41 located at 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA 94556. For more information, visit www.mofd.org.
- 15 **Orinda Park and Rec Foundation**, 2 p.m. Second annual Doggone Fun Fest, Orinda Community Center Park. Join the fun with your favorite canines to parade around the park in your funniest Halloween costumes (both human and dog costumes). For more details visit the OPRF website at www.oprfoundation.org. See article page 1.
- 16 **Central Sanitation** 20th Anniversary Collection Drive, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez. Bring in your household hazardous waste for a chance to win. Go to centralsan.org for more information.
- 17 **Orinda Books**, 11:30 a.m. Chef Charlie Vollmar of Epicurean Exchange is back with a fall menu. \$35 includes a cooking demonstration, luncheon, and a 10 percent discount on any cookbook at Orinda Books. Call 925-254-7606 to make a reservation.
- 19 **Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (ADAPT)** dinner, 5:30 p.m. Lafayette Library Home Work Room, For more info. Jaime@chd-prevention.org or call her at 925-349-7338.
- 20 **Orinda Books**, 10 a.m. Harry Potter is back! A new Harry Potter title from J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter: A Journey Through the History of Magic* goes on sale! 276 Village Square, Orinda, info@orindabooks.com, 925-254-7606.
- Orinda Books**, 5 p.m. Gerry Wallace Ceramics Exhibition and Sale, 276 Village Square, Orinda, info@orindabooks.com, 925-254-7606.
- 21 **Saint Mary's College Guild**, 5 p.m. Italian Night, Amore, benefitting student financial aid. Dinner, wine, entertainment and more. Tickets \$45 per person. Please make checks payable to: SMC Guild and mail to: Donna Jollymour, 387 Calle la Montana, Moraga, CA 94556. For further information call: Jeffery-Lynn Dunne 925-284-7750.
- SEED**, 5:30 p.m. Respite Night, at Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Lane, Lafayette. To register contact rabbi.greninger@temple-isaiah.org or call 925-284-9191. Reservations should be made before Oct. 14. See article page 14.
- 22 **Bahai'i** 200th anniversary celebration, 2 p.m. Soda Activity Center on the St. Mary's College campus, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., in Moraga. For more information email fanaieyan@massoud.fanaieyan@gmail.com and see article page 13.
- EFO and Orinda Books**, 3 p.m. Tia Kratter of Pixar will discuss her work at Pixar and her book, *The Color of Pixar*, 276 Village Square, Orinda, www.orindabooks.com. See article page 14.
- 26 **Orinda Books**, 11 a.m. Maria's Book Group will read and discuss *The Secret Scriptures* by Sebastian Barry. 276 Village Square, Orinda, info@orindabooks.com, 925-254-7606.
- 28 **Saint Mary's College**, 10 a.m. "Planning for Peace of Mind: An Estate Planning Seminar for Women," Delphine Lounge (adjacent to Café Louis), Saint Mary's College Campus, RSVP: cab35@stmaries-ca.edu, Free
- 29 **Holy Shepherd Church**, 2 p.m. Lamorinda Brew Fest. Share your home brew! 433 Moraga Way, Orinda. Contact steve_meagher@yahoo.com or 925-878-7988.

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CALENDAR

AT THE LIBRARY

All events are free unless otherwise specified. For more information, call 254-2184 or visit www.ccclib.org/locations/Orinda.html. The library will be closed on Oct. 9.

- 1 **Maker Monday**, 3:30 p.m. Whether it's Legos, Minecraft, a craft, there's always something interesting happening on Maker Mondays. Also Oct. 16, 23, and 30.
- 3 **Toddler Lapsit**, 10 to 10:25 a.m. and 10:30 to 10:55 a.m. Songs and stories for babies, toddlers (0-5) and their caregivers. Drop in to any Lapsit, attendance is limited to once per week. Also Oct. 4.
Peek-a-Boo Time, 11:30 a.m. Rhymes and rhythms for infants and pre-walkers (16 months) and their caregivers. Gallery Room, Families with older siblings are welcome.
- Orinda Library Writers Group**, 6:30 p.m. Meet with a friendly group of beginning writers in a supportive environment to motivate, critique and inspire one another. Share two pages of your writing (any genre) and get feedback from the group. Also Oct. 17 and 31.
- 4 **Paws to Read**, 3:30 p.m. Would your child enjoy practicing reading with a friendly dog? Kids in grades 1 through 5 can enjoy a reading session with dog certified for people-friendliness. Call or visit the library to sign up 925-254-2184. Also, Oct. 11, 18 and 25.
Restoring Creeks in Difficult Urban Sites: Options for Orinda, 6:30 p.m. Dr. Ann Riley, Executive Director of the Waterways Restoration Institute and author of *Restoring Neighborhood Streams* will discuss the potential restoration of San Pablo Creek as it flows through Orinda Village. Light refreshments will be served and discussion will follow the presentation.
- 5 **ESL Conversation Circle**, 1 p.m. For adults, practice and improve English conversation skills in a small, informal group. Registration not required. Also Oct. 12, 19 and 26.
- 6 **Teen Coloring Club**, 4 p.m. Join the Orinda Library TAG to de-stress, relax and have fun. The library provides age appropriate coloring books and colored pencils you provide the inspiration and creativity. Free and open to all. Also Oct. 13, 20 and 27.
- 10 **Magic Show with Perry Yan**, 1:30 p.m. Perry Yan will perform engaging, participatory magic at this free show, sure to entertain children of all ages! Paid for by the Friends of the Orinda Library.
- 14 **Superfest**, 1 p.m. For more than 30 years, Superfest has celebrated cutting-edge cinema that portrays disability through a diverse, complex, unabashed and engaging lens. Join Superfest and the Contra Costa County Library Accessibility Committee for an afternoon of films. Library Auditorium
- 20 **Mystery Book Club**, 3 p.m. Join the Orinda Mystery Book Club to uncover and discuss the new mystery book of the month. This month's selection is *The Mystery of the Lost Cezanne* by M. L. Longworth.
- 24 **Humanities West Fireside Chat**, 6:30 p.m. Join George Hammond for a fireside chat exploring the history and culture of the Norman conquest of Sicily. More information about Humanities West and other events at www.humanitieswest.net.
- 26 **Contra Costa Tale Spinners**, 7 p.m. Join this lively group to tell or listen. This is storytelling for adults with a featured teller every month. The program usually takes place in the Gallery Room of the Orinda Library.
- 27 **Just for Teens: Collage Crafts**, 4 p.m. Join us for some creepy crafts, gory treats, and bone-chilling activities...if you dare. For grades 6-12. No registration required. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Orinda Library.

CLUB MEETINGS

- American Association of University Women (AAUW)** General meetings third Tues. except for Nov., second Tues., <http://oml-ca.aauw.net> or email Marty Schimbor at mgschimbor@comcast.net. Oct. 17, 10 a.m. CA State Superintendent of Public Instruction to speak at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way. Free. Contact Laura Monin 925-631-6667.
- Diablo Star Chapter #214**, Order of the Eastern Star. Second Monday, 7:30 p.m. Orinda Masonic Center, Karen Seaborn, 925-689-0995.
- Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe**. Third Monday, 7:30 p.m., Garden Room, Orinda Library, www.moragaadobe.org.
- Friends of the Orinda Creeks**. Fourth Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., May Room, Orinda Library, 925-253-1997. Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m. – Orinda Library Garden Room, Dr. Ann Riley will discuss the restoration of San Pablo Creek as it flows through Orinda Village including visual displays of the proposed restoration. A key component of Orinda's Downtown Revitalization plan, the naturalized creek could include a pedestrian path and restaurants with creekside dining.
- Guided Meditation**. Wednesdays, 9 a.m. St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda, focuses on health, harmony and wholeness, 925-254-5965
- Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition**. Third Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Orinda City Hall Sarge Littlehale Room, 925-687-8844, ext. 227.
- Lamorinda Nature Walk and Bird watching** for seniors. Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., free. Call 925-254-2445 for weekly meeting place.
- Lamorinda Sirs** for retired men. Second Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, Pete Giers, 925-254-4667.
- Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary**. Every Friday, 7 a.m., Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, www.lamorindasunrise.com or 925-283-8288. Oct. 13 speaker is Mayor Eve Phillips, Mom and part of product management at Google.
- Lamorinda Toastmasters**. Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette, <http://lamorinda.toastmastersclubs.org/>.
- Montelindo Garden Club**. Third Friday, 9 a.m., Sept. through May, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephen's Drive, www.montelindogarden.com. Presentation: The Changing Seasons - Birds of the East Bay Hills, Speaker: Bob Lewis.
- Orinda Association**. Second Monday, 7 p.m., Orinda Library, May Room, 925-254-0800.
- Orinda Hiking Club**. Every weekend and first Wednesday, www.orindahiking.org or Ian at 925-254-1465.
- Orinda Historical Society**. Call 925-254-1353 for times and location of meetings.
- Orinda Job's Daughters**. First and third Monday, 7 p.m., 9 Altarinda Road, 925-283-7176.
- Orinda Junior Women's Club** community service group. First Tuesday, September through June, 7 p.m., www.orindajuniors.org.
- Orinda Rotary**. Every Wednesday, noon, Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, 925-254-2222, www.orindarotary.org. "Cocktails and Cuba" meeting on October 11 at Woodhall. 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and hor d'hevres, presentation at 6:30 p.m. by Russ Aubrey about Cuba. \$25 per person. Tickets can be purchased through our website: orindarotary.org.
- Orinda/Tábor (Czech Republic) Sister City Foundation**. Fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., social, 7:30 p.m., meeting, call 925-254-8260 for location. Sept. 29, 2017 Saint Wenceslaus Czech Festival, 3 p.m. Orinda Community Center Park, through Oct. 1.
- Orinda Teen Advisory Council**. Second Wednesday, 4 p.m., Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, email orindateenadvisorycouncil@gmail.com.
- Orinda Woman's Club**. Second Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to noon, call Jean Barnhart, 925-254-3881, or www.orindawomansclub.org.

CITY/FIRE/MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council. First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Library Auditorium, www.cityoforinda.org.

Pixar Artist Comes to Orinda Books



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Tia Kratter with her new book at Pixar Animation Studios.

Tia Kratter knows color. As a Shader Art Director at Pixar Animation Studios, where she has worked since 1993, Tia was responsible for specifying the color and texture of every object modeled for the studio's films. All of that experience, all of that artistry, all of that color is brought to life again in her new book, *The Color of Pixar*.

Orinda Books partnered with the Educational Foundation of Orinda to host a very special afternoon with Tia Kratter on

Sunday, Oct. 22, at 3 p.m. when Tia will discuss her career at Pixar and the role of the arts in a digital world. Tia currently is Manager of Art & Film at Pixar University, where she helps foster the continuing education of Pixar's 1300 employees.

Tickets to the event are \$30 and include a copy of Tia's newly released book. A percentage of the book's sales will be donated to EFO in support of art programs in the schools. For more information, go to the events section at orindabooks.com.

Toxic Puzzle Documentary - Oct. 4

7 - 9 p.m. – Orinda Theatre

Narrated by Harrison Ford, the documentary features Dr. Paul Alan Cox's groundbreaking work to find a plant-based cure for "tangled brain disease," which includes Alzheimer's, ALS and Parkinson's. Learn how scientists, using non-traditional research, discover a cause and potential treatment for neurodegenerative diseases. Dr. Cox will be available to answer questions following the film.

Must register in advance for this free event by calling 925-257-0668 or going to www.eventbrite.com.

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

Moraga-Orinda Fire District. First and third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. Visit www.mofd.org/board/meetings; meeting location will be posted on the agenda.

Planning Commission. Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Orinda Library Auditorium, www.cityoforinda.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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| 2 | Miramonte High School 6 p.m. Sports Booster Meeting |
| 4 | Holden High School Cal Shakes Field Trip |
| | Miramonte High School Governing Board Meeting 7 p.m. AUHSD Community Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette |
| 6 | Orinda Academy Cal Shakes No school. |
| 7 | Sleepy Hollow Elementary 5 p.m. Kick it Out of the Park: it's an Adult Kickball Party! |
| 9 | Miramonte High School Staff Development Day - No School |
| | Del Rey Elementary School minimum days through Oct. 13 |
| | Orinda Academy Fall Holiday no school. |
| | OUSD 6 p.m. Board Meeting, AUHSD Community Room, 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette |
| | Miramonte High School 7 p.m. Mindfulness Meet-up |
| 11 | Holden High School 6:30 p.m. Parent Support Group |
| 14 | Holden High School 9 a.m. "The Catcher in the Ride" benefit bike ride. See article page 13. |
| | Glorietta Elementary 10 a.m. FunFest. See article page 11. |
| | Miramonte High School 6 p.m. Food Truck Parent Social |
| 17 | Miramonte High School 6:30 p.m. Financial Aid Night |
| | Del Rey Elementary School 1st Grade Library Event |
| 18 | Miramonte High School 7 p.m. Governing Board Meeting AUHSD Community Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette |
| | Del Rey Elementary School 5th Grade Pt. Bonita Overnight through Oct. 20 |
| 19 | Del Rey Elementary School 9:15 a.m. 1st Grade Clayton Valley Pumpkin Farm & Christmas Trees |
| 21 | Miramonte High School 7 p.m. Homecoming Dance |
| | Del Rey Elementary School 12:30 p.m. BooFest. See article page 11. |
| 22 | Orinda Academy 8 p.m. Open House |
| 28 | Sleepy Hollow Elementary School 10:30 a.m. Creepy Hollow. See article page 11. |
| 31 | Del Rey Elementary School 10 a.m. Halloween Parade |
| | Wagner Ranch 10:30 a.m. Halloween Parade |
| | Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Early release 1:55 for Halloween |

Send calendar items to Jill Gelster at calendar@aspenconsult.net

MIXOLOGY / PERFORMING ARTS

Lamorinda Arts Council Hosts Art of Mixology Fundraiser on Oct. 7

By CHRISTY MACK
Contributing Writer

Time to mix it up once again as the Lamorinda Arts Council (LAC) hosts its fourth annual Art of Mixology Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Orinda Theatre Square. Proceeds benefit LAC's art events, initiatives and programs.

Art of Mixology attendees will have the opportunity to sample unique cocktails from more than 20 exceptional mixologists as well as vote live onsite to help determine who will be named Mixologist of the Year, Top Amateur and Audience Favorite.

Ryan Wehrenberg of Park Bistro at the Lafayette Park Hotel was named Mixologist of the Year last year and is returning

again this year for another chance at the title. Vying for this year's title will also be David King of Oakland's Hutch Bar and Kitchen, Jeremy Vadurro from Beer Baron Bar and Kitchen in Pleasanton, Portia Battistini of Lafayette's Cooperage American Grille, and more creative mixologists.

Tickets are \$45 in advance and can be purchased online at www.lamorindaarts.org/mixology. Day of tickets can be purchased at the event for \$55.

"Art of Mixology brings together community members in the most festive of ways while celebrating the arts," explained Lawrence Kohl, president of Lamorinda Arts Council. "It's one of my favorite fundraising events and I look forward to it each and every year."

The Song of the Nightingale Brings Enchanting Tale to Lafayette

By SALLY HOGARTY
Editor

Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette, a generous sponsor for the Orinda Classic Car Show's Dancing with the Cars auction, opens its new season with *The Song of the Nightingale – A Musical Fairy Tale* by award-winning Bay Area playwright



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(L-R) **Matt Ono** as Xiao Hai and **Isabel To** as Mei Lin in *The Song of the Nightingale* by Min Kahng, Sept. 28 – Oct. 21 at Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette

Min Kahng.

"This is an enchanting, pop musical romp for the whole family that reminds us that true beauty and worth is always found within," says Artistic Director Susan Evans.

Based on the fairy-tale by Hans Christian Andersen, Kahng's musical is set in an ancient Chinese empire where an ambitious kitchen maid hopes to better her station in life by capturing the prized Nightingale and presenting it to the Emperor. Fascinated at first by the bird, the Emperor soon becomes dazzled by a new, bejeweled Fake Nightingale and the plain little brown bird is soon forgotten.

The musical received its world premiere at Alameda's Altarena Playhouse in 2013, and the playwright has reworked the piece especially for the Town Hall Theatre stage. "This second production has provided me a rare opportunity to revise my work and see it on its feet in its new form," Kahng says.

Former Orindan Miyoko Sakatani, who appeared in the original production at the Altarena, will appear as Head Fisherwoman at the Lafayette venue. "Before I was the Matchmaker, but that character is gone now and the Head Fisherman is now Head Fisherwoman," says Sakatani. "I'm so excited and honored to be cast again in this magical show by the brilliant Min Kahng."

The Song of the Nightingale runs through Oct. 21 at the Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School Street, in Lafayette. Michael Mohammed directs and choreographs a cast that includes Isabel To (Mei Lin), DC Scarpelli (Emperor) and Pauli Amornkul (Nightingale).

For tickets, call 925-283-1557 or go to www.townhalltheatre.com.

spy for the Union side. Another gripping spy novel, this one set in the Revolutionary War, is *Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution* by Avi (Beach Lane, ages 8-12). The Newbery Medalist does a fantastic job relaying the events of the British Army's occupation of New York City through the eyes of a determined young girl.

Next time you're wondering what to buy for a young person in your life, consider an engaging history book. And before you wrap it, take a peak yourself – you may learn a few things and be entertained in the process.

Susan Reckers is the Children's Book Buyer at Orinda Books. To contact her, email susanreckers@comcast.net.



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Staff from **Yankee Pier** poured Paige McHale's original cocktail Anti-Pumpkin Spice at last year's Mixology.

◆ LARC from page 5

the Lamorinda communities and beyond. They offer a daily care ratio of about one to three, which is unusual in most respite settings," Montgomery explains. "Participants enjoy daily activities, games, art, crafts, gardening projects, pet visits and intergenerational activities with our neighboring preschoolers. There's also chair exercise, yoga, daily live musical entertainment and much joy and laughter. Participants complete a quarterly community service project which builds self-esteem and shows that our folks are still a vital and contributing part of society."

She continues, "Alzheimer's and related dementias such as Parkinson's and strokes, are on the rise, and many families wish to care for their loved ones in family homes. Many community organizations and foundations have been instrumental to LARC's success including grants from the Orinda Parks and Recreation Foundation, Ross-moor Rotary Foundation, Lafayette Community Foundation, Orinda Woman's Club, Moraga Movers, and the Ernest and Lola Poll Trust, while many others have given generously to help fund the programs," Montgomery says.

Caregiver Shirley Nedham of Orinda says, "I think it's an absolutely wonderful program. My husband has just increased his time at the Center by going three days a week; he likes it so much. I think the best part for him is the socialization. It's so good for him to join in group activities and share a meal with others. He always comes home more alert." She also appreciates the Tuesday group for caregivers: "They are all so supportive and we learn from each other about how to cope with various situations." Another Orindan, June Haring, also praises the program: "It's such an important part of our lives. Bob loves going and always has such a good time. The women who work there are fun and so kind."

Montgomery concludes, "At LARC we live in the moment, focus on process not achievement, and believe that when our participants return home at the end of the day they know in their hearts that they were loved and had a great day."

For more information, contact Lamorinda Adult Respite Center, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, at 925-254-3465 or online at

larc@holyshepherd.org. You can also visit www.lamorindaespite.org.

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their creations but anyone can drop by the art room and decorate a rock for the kids."

"These initiatives will culminate in a Backpack Assembly Party on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Orinda Community Center where students and community members will come together to fill each purchased backpack with supplies and student-created messages of hope and compassion," Seaton adds.

To donate to the Helping Hands project, go to www.sydneyapageinc.com/orindacares.

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about the animal waste bags. She handles customer service and account management

Babcock notes bioDOGrable™ bags are eco-friendly alternatives to trillions of single-use plastics which are being discarded into the environment. Babcock believes if nothing is done soon, there will be more plastics than fish in the oceans by 2050. According to Babcock, the patented vegetable blend offers an alternative to billions of plastic dog waste bags and can help combat plastic pollution.

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Pet owners appreciate the switch to the bags, said Babcock, adding they "love that they are just as durable as plastics. Every one of our bioDOGrable™ bags used, is one less plastic bag towards pollution."

For more information, please visit biodegradablebags.com.

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Stabler (Quirk, ages 9-12). Featuring true stories about 20 presidents as children, this collection speaks to kids who love to learn how future Presidents also struggled with difficult teachers and demanding parents.

There are several standout entries in the genre of historical fiction for young readers. *Workman's Spy on History: Mary Bowser and the Civil War Spy Ring* appeals to readers 10 – 14. Through fictionalized diary entries and interactive riddles and codes, readers learn about the African-American slave woman who worked as a maid for Confederate Jefferson Davis while being a


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LOCAL EVENTS

Annual Festival of Trees Fashion Show and Fundraiser Returns Nov. 17

By SALLY HOGARTY
Editor

The Orinda Woman's Club presents the 31st Festival of Trees on Thursday, Nov. 17, at San Ramon Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive, in San Ramon.

A delicious luncheon and fashion show, filled with beautiful fashions by Helen Lyall of Napa, awaits attendees. The popular silent auction includes: a dinner by Charles Volmer; two nights at Meadow Wood; a handmade quilt called Dancing Colors from an award winning quilter; a tea for four put on by Susan Leach; a mosaic table by Lynda Lawrence and a garden consultation by Suzanne Murrillo. In addition, there will be a raffle of small holiday trees and gift baskets.

The emcee will be Dan Ashley from Channel 7 News. Funds raised will benefit: Pillars of Hope, a residential restorative care program focusing on life skills, therapy and job re-entry programs to survivors of human trafficking. Funds will also go to Berkeley Hope Scholars, an academic retention program at UC Berkeley that provides support and resources to incoming freshman, transfer and continuing students



SALLY HOGARTY

Local realtor **Patti Camras** modeled in last year's fashion show.

who are current/former foster youth or orphaned.

Tickets are \$90. For more information, call Betty Brotherton at 925-963-6356 or go to www.OrindaWomansClub.org.

Nature Area Celebrates Olive Festival

DAVID DIERKS
Assistant Editor

Wagner Ranch Nature Area is hosting the 8th annual Orinda Olive Festival




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Youngsters from a previous Olive Festival sold olive trees as part of the fun-filled event.

Sunday, Oct. 1. The festival, which runs from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., is free and has activities for all ages. Participants can enjoy games, crafts, pond/garden activities (including turtles and goats!), music and food, all amidst the 18-acre nature preserve with its 134-year old historic olive grove. This fundraiser supports outdoor environmental education for children.


Attendees will learn about olive and olive products from local olive growers. A wide variety of olives and olive products will be on display, ranging from olive oils and balsamic vinegars to soaps and lotions. Nature arts and crafts will keep the young and young-at-heart entertained, while those with a culinary bent can view cooking demonstrations and those more interested in history can partake in docent tours of the historic Wagner Ranch and olive groves.

Tax deductible donations support the Outdoor Environmental Science and Social Studies programs at Wagner Ranch Nature Area. For more information, visit www.fwrna.org.



THE REEL LESS TRAVELED

WAKING DREAMS



Tom Westlake

In a sense, as we sit in a theatre or in the comfort of our homes watching a movie, we are actually engaging in a sort of voyeurism, looking in on someone else's dreams made manifest. This is hardly a new observation, but it is a salient one for this month since dreams are no more than glimpses of another world and other worlds are particularly significant this month in regards to the Orinda Theatre's first (and most fitting) free community offering.

It would be easy enough to dismiss *A Nightmare on Elm Street* as just another variant on a theme. After all, when this film came out (1983), we had already had mysterious, unstoppable mad slashers from *Halloween* (1978) and from *Friday the 13th* (1980). What made the mysterious, unstoppable mad slasher terrorizing Elm Street so distinctive? The title provides a hint. Another clue could be the director. Wes Craven, by now is an established name in the horror field - and *Nightmare* clearly shows he has the chops - but it was *Nightmare* that brought him to the attention of the studios. It also brought Robert Englund to the forefront. Nothing like playing a psychopath who murders you in your dreams to raise your famous quotient. The movie even features a very young Johnny Depp as one of his victims! Start October off right at the Orinda Theatre on the 12th at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

On a far more pleasant note, our friends at the International Film Showcase are back, having determined it's safe to come out after the CAIFF, and they're coming out singing, this time in Italian. *Marina* is another one of those "based on a true story" tales that have echoes that carry all the way back to *The Jazz Singer* (What is it with musicians? They almost all have the same career path). This time, however, it's not just traditional differences that get

in the way, but occupational, class and cultural conflicts that stand in the way of Rocco Granata, whose most famous song just happens to be the title of the movie about him. Thankfully, the other constant with these biographies is that the passion for music manages to persevere and along the way and we, the audience, get an even deeper appreciation, not only of the music but of the musician. *Marina* will have a one week run at the Orinda Theatre, beginning on Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. For additional information, please go to <http://internationalshowcase.org>.

To round out this month, the Moraga Movers present a film that is the very antithesis of October. If this month is supposed to be all about spooky stuff, then you couldn't go further afield than *The Philadelphia Story*. I would have chosen *Arsenic and Old Lace* myself, but that's just me. Be that as it may, I can't be too negative when the combined talents of Cary Grant, Katherine Hepburn, Jimmy Stewart and George Cukor (behind the camera) are involved. That each of them manages to highlight their own signature appeal and add silliness to this iconic film makes it even more wonderful. A drunken Katherine Hepburn is something to behold. This and *His Girl Friday* are pretty much definitive when it comes to screw-ball comedies and even if you are followed by some other-worldly figure from Elm Street or elsewhere, this is the movie that will, at the very least, keep the bad guy at bay. At the very best, he'll laugh right along with you. Either way, showing up at the Rheem on Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. will be good for what ails you.

For further local movie information, go to www.lamorindatheatres.com and remember, particularly for the rest of this Halloween month, to stay in the dark for that's where the reel magic lies.

Training for Women to be on Local Boards

Oct 12 at 6:30 p.m.

State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and California Women Lead will hold an appointments training workshop at Civic Park Community Center Social Hall (1375 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek) for women to learn the process that one should take to be appointed to a board/commission/committee at the local and state level. Free event but must RSVP to www.cawomenlead.org/event/WalnutCreekAppointments.

Orinda Community Foundation Grant Deadline Nov. 1

The Orinda Community Foundation is accepting grant applications until Nov. 1.

Grants are awarded annually each December.

For complete information and an application, go to www.orindafoundation.org.

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BUSINESS BUZZ

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wife Michelle and their two sons, Anthony and Brandon involved,” adds Kirby, who researched the competition to identify the company he felt comfortable entrusting with his customers.

Maximum Carpet Cleaning is Diamond Certified and holds the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC). With 20 years experience, Steely has owned his own business for 11 years and takes over the Kirby Carpet Cleaning shop in Pleasant Hill.

Customers will miss Kirby and his team, Rick and Juan. “I am grateful to Rick and Juan for providing many years of professional and courteous service to our customers, and I want to express my appreciation for the loyalty and friendships I have enjoyed with customers. I really treasure the trust and friendship of my customers and want to thank everyone,” says Kirby.

With retirement, Kirby will have time to do some traveling with his wife, Shellie, a realtor with the Coldwell Banker office in Orinda. Kirby will continue his volunteer activities in the community. A native Orindan, he and his wife reared their two adult children here. The couple’s eldest, Chris, serves as admissions director for four medical treatment centers in the Los Angeles area and daughter Lindsey is a nursing student at Samuel Merritt College.

“I am happy to turn over the business to another small, family owned business that will do a professional job for my customers. Maximum Carpet Cleaning is highly skilled and that is very important to me,” says Kirby.

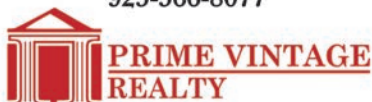


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Molly Young (with scissors) of ITVida and husband Ben (to her right) are surrounded by Chamber of Commerce members as they officially open her website design business. ITVida focuses on providing affordable web design services to small businesses. Visit itvida.com for more information.

For more information, visit the website at www.kirbycarpetcleaning.com or send an email to kirbycarpetcleaning1@gmail.com. You may reach Dave or Michelle at 254-2866.

New Children’s Classes At Atma Yoga

In response to the enthusiastic participation last month in the children’s yoga sessions, Atma Yoga is pleased to expand the program, offering additional classes for children beginning with pre-kindergarteners on Mondays at 1 p.m.

Established this past spring at 99 Brookwood Road by husband and wife team Carlo and Thea Fiatarone, the Atma Yoga studio is affiliated with the Academy of Language and Music Arts and is located on the second floor of the building.

Research demonstrates that children who practice yoga and mindfulness show greater self-esteem, focus in the classroom, memory and academic performance. The Fiatarones maintain yoga allows kids to become more comfortable in their bodies and improves strength and balance, allowing for balanced growth and development of the body and mind.

The children’s yoga and mindfulness session guides youngsters in a safe and playful way in 45 minute sessions. The classes integrate mindfulness with stretching, balancing and moving in fun and challenging ways, led by any one of 11 yoga instructors that make up the Atma team.

Separate sessions are offered throughout the week for Pre-K, Kindergarten - 2nd grade, 3rd - 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th

grade. Classes are offered in a package of a six- week series or on a drop-in basis. If interested in bringing yoga to your child’s class, sports team or a group event in your home, email the Atma team at

info@atma.studio.

To view the schedule of classes and for more information about Atma Yoga, visit the website at www.atma.studio or call 925-291-0800.

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John Muir Health Urgent Care Center

Last month the not-for-profit healthcare organization, John Muir Health, opened an Urgent Care Center at 140 Brookwood Road, Suite 200. Internal medicine and imaging services, including X-ray, ultrasound, mammography, as well as laboratory services are also provided at the newly renovated location with a staff of two physicians and support staff of three that includes two medical assistants.

“With the growth of our pediatric and internal medicine practices in Orinda, we perceived a greater need in this community,

offering extended hours at our Urgent Care Center that is open 365 days a year. We have triage nurses who perform an assessment over the telephone, and, when appropriate, patients are advised to call 911 when they present with life threatening symptoms,” explains Maureen Stevenson, MD, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for John Muir Health.

John Muir Health has served Orindans for the past 16 years. “We are here, and we are open for the Orinda community. Every physician is open to new patients,” points out Stevenson. With the first floor laboratory and imaging available, patients will not have to drive to Walnut Creek to do these tests.



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Marcin Mizerski (L), Medical Assistant and Practice Lead, and **Maureen Stevenson, MD**, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for John Muir Health, at the new Urgent Care location in Orinda.

A visit to Urgent Care is in order for individuals presenting with moderate symptoms such as a non-life threatening injury, joint or muscle pain, rash, cough and fever, sore throat and sinus pain, mild to moderate headache and other mild symptoms. For more severe conditions such as difficulty breathing, loss of consciousness, moderate to severe burns, poisoning or suspected poisoning, among other serious conditions, going directly to the emergency room or calling 911 is appropriate.

John Muir Health Urgent Care Center hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and holiday hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. “The extended hours, being open until 8 p.m. on weeknights, provides more convenience for busy families that may have a family member who needs to be seen by a physician in the evening after dinner,” says Ben Drew, Director of Corporate Communications for John Muir Health.

“To keep wait time at the Urgent Care Center at a minimum, we offer online scheduling for appointments on our home page at www.johnmuirhealth.com,” notes Drew. “As we see an increased need for Urgent Care, lab or X-ray services, we will expand our hours, including radiology,” he adds.

“We paid particular attention to the décor and color scheme during the recent remodel of our Internal Medicine office and the Urgent Care Center in order to create a comfortable environment for people of all ages,” points out Stevenson. The 140 Brookwood Road location offers plenty of parking, including complimentary valet parking service for John Muir Health patients.

“John Muir Health partners with most,

but not all, health insurance plans. If a patient does not have health insurance, we have programs that may be able to assist a patient to pay the bill,” concludes Stevenson. Visit www.johnmuirhealth.com/patients-and-visitors/payment-and-insurance for more details.

For more information about John Muir Health Urgent Care Center, go to the website at www.johnmuirhealth.com

John Kirby of Kirby Carpet Cleaning Retires

After 38 years serving our community, John Kirby, owner of Kirby Carpet Cleaning, has announced his retirement and the sale of his company to Dave Steely, owner of Maximum Carpet Cleaning.

“It has always been important to me to turn over the business to someone who is trustworthy, highly competent and adept at personalized customer service, and Dave Steely is that kind of guy,” says Kirby. “Maximum Carpet Cleaning is a family owned and operated business, with Dave’s

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John Kirby of Kirby Carpet Cleaning announces his retirement after 38 years of serving the local community.



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