

# Not to be missed

**Maggie the Clown** Children's Programs at the Moraga Library Thursday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Moraga Library

**Lafayette Rotary's 14th Annual Concert at the Res** will be held on Saturday May 19, 2007 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. The free afternoon event showcases our local school music programs that play live music at the beautiful Lafayette Reservoir. All event proceeds go to support the local school music programs, and to help fund those local charities and organizations that Rotary supports. Performing at this year's Concert at the Res will be the Stanley Symphonic Band led by Bob Athayde, recently honored as the 2007 Outstanding Music Educator of the Year; and the highly acclaimed Acalanes Wind Ensemble led by Rick Meyer, the Big Band of Rossmoor led by Mo Levich, recently honored as Lafayette's 2007 Business Person of the year, and the Bentley School Jazz combo led by Brian Pardo.

**Lafayette Juniors presents the Eighth Annual Tour of Lafayette's Kitchens** on Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This year's tour showcases six exquisite kitchens and homes. See the hottest trends from cutting-edge top designers, architects, contractors, and building professionals in these extraordinary homes with state-of-the-art kitchens. Tickets are \$35 per person (\$25 tax-deductible) and a gourmet lunch may be purchased for \$12. Proceeds from the event will benefit Community Violence Solutions & Rape Crisis Center. For more information on where to purchase tickets please visit www.lafayettejuniors.org or call (925) 385.0381

**Clay and Glass Studio Clearance Sale** Saturday, May 19, 10am - 4pm Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo, CA Ann Testa, 925-254-8457. Twelve Bay Area clay and glass artists will be participating in this one day Studio Clearance Sale. All artwork is handmade by professional artists who sell nationally. There will be a wide range of hand-blown glass, functional ceramic tableware, jewelry, garden accessories and more all at significantly reduced prices

**Moraga Women's Society May Meeting**, Monday, May 21st Susan Sperry from the Moraga Historical Society will show the video "From Ranch To Town," in which five of the town's oldest citizens share by personal story and pictures what life was like in Moraga when they were young. Coffee 9:30 a.m. – Meeting 10:00 a.m. — Speaker 11:00 a.m. Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga This is a free event. No reservations are needed. Call: 376-3520

## FLOCK OF FLUTES BLOWS ITS OWN HORN

Monica Williams has once again convened the flock for another dynamite concert. The concert, which takes place May 20 at 3 p.m., includes Rossini's "Barber of Seville" and works by Doppler, Wagner, Satie, Mozart, and more. A massive flute choir will open the event. All flutists are welcome to perform the opening piece. The May 20 concert takes place at the Shadelands Auditorium in Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. Call 925-943-5846 for more information.

**Are you interested in joining 4-H?** Do you want to more about the Lamorinda 4-H program? Please join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7pm in the Springhill Elementary School Library

## THE USES AND LIMITATIONS OF DISCIPLINE

Where is the fine line between not enough and too much discipline? How can we tell what our child needs? How do we teach what is good and right, without harming little spirits? Join Margaret Dutton for an exploration of the art of discipline as it applies to two to five year olds Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event. Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, Lafayette, 925-283-3872

## "Let's Go to Casablanca"

May 24-June 23 By Kevin T. Morales Town Hall Theatre Company brings Let's Go to Casablanca to the stage. This is the much anticipated sequel to Let's Go to the Movies - the smash hit musical written just for Town Hall that was sold out and critically acclaimed. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company box office for dates, times, and ticket prices: 925-283-1557, or visit www.townhalltheatre.com

## Come Experience Live Storytelling

Come listen or tell a story... Bring a little imagination, a little warmth, a little tale. Orinda Library Gallery Room Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public

## Memorial Day Weekend Big Band Ball Room Dance

Friday, May 25, 2007 The Rossmoor Big Band invites the Rossmoor & the Lamorinda Community to its 3rd Big Band Dance in Lafayette. Put on your dancing shoes and join the fun on Friday, May 25, at the Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette on Mount Diablo Blvd just east of the Lafayette Reservoir. Brush up or learn Ball Room Dancing from 7:00 to 8:00 PM when a professional dance instructor, will share tips and teach you the basic dance steps. Then dance from 8:00 to 10:00 PM with the Rossmoor Big Band. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, sold at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce office, located at 100 Lafayette Circle

#103, Lafayette. Purchase your tickets in advance, as the first two events sold out.

**Agatha Christie's An Unexpected Guest** Sponsored by Orinda Starlight Village Player's June 1st through June 23rd Fridays & Saturdays, at 8:30PM; Sunday, June 10th at 4PM; and Thursday, June 21st at 8PM 26 Orinda Way, at the Orinda Community Center Outside Amphitheater. The Orinda Community Center Amphitheater is located across the street from Rite Aid and the Orinda Post Office. Tickets are always available at the box office adjacent to the theater which opens an hour before show time. Adult \$15, senior/student \$7.50, group rates available. No Reservations needed. (925)253-1191

## I Want it Now! Navigating Childhood in a Materialistic World

Discussion with author, Dr. Donna Bee-Gates. Saturday, June 2nd at 2:00 p.m Orinda, Library. Dr. Bee-Gates discusses how using material goods as rewards or as emotional compensation affects young people's social and psychological development and the ways in which parents can counter materialism by fostering a strong self-concept, concern for others, and a sense of life's purpose in their children.

## The Moraga Art Gallery presents a new group show, "Capturing the Light"

by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design. The Gallery is also featuring the work of Wenda Pyman, a Bay Area landscape, travel and nature photographer. Moraga Art Gallery (Rheem Valley Shopping Center) 570 Center St. Moraga, CA 94556 June 5th – August 11th. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. Free, 925.376 5407

## New Solutions to Eliminate Pain

Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Moraga Library. There are various causes of pain, inflammation being one of them. This workshop will explore factors related to pain and ways that you can reduce or eliminate your pain with natural solutions.



## Campus Happenings

### Theater/Concerts:

**Nightingales Concert** Wednesday, May 16 at 8 p.m., SMC Chapel, Free  
**SMC Chamber Musicians** Thursday, May 17 at 8 p.m., SMC Chapel, Free

### Special Events:

**Undergraduate Commencement** The 144th Undergraduate Commencement speaker will be the Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins, AFSC. Bishop Cummins, who led the Diocese of Oakland for 26 years, serves as the Seefurth Chair of Catholic Thought for the Cummins Institute at Saint Mary's. Individual receptions, which will take place campus-wide, will follow.  
May 26 at 9:30 a.m., SMC Stadium School of Education Commencement

The Commencement speaker will be Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools Joseph A. Ovick, Ed.D. Superintendent Ovick also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Contra Costa Council and the East Bay Leadership Foundation.  
Sunday, May 27 at 2 p.m. McKeon Pavilion

Dear Editor:  
A few people are passing out flyers in Orinda that talk about our fire district very negatively. I remember when we decided to join with Moraga and voted to create the new district. Orindans needed to pay a "fire flow tax" (about \$50 a year average) to come up to Moraga's standards. This has been used to buy ambulances, new fire trucks, and upgrade unsafe fire stations. Before the new fire district was created, Orinda firefighters were part of the county system. We didn't have paramedics. Firefighters would come when you called 911, but they didn't have lifesaving skills, and you had to wait for an ambulance to come, from either Walnut Creek or Concord. The response time was at least 20 minutes, and sometimes a lot longer if the driver got lost. Need I say more? We did a great thing when we created the new fire district. I'm sure lives have been saved by having paramedics here. And our firefighters stay here, not rotating to other cities.

I'm tired of people bad-mouthing this excellent fire district. Their job isn't to fix roads or pipes, it's to save lives and homes. Let's let them do it.  
Maya Rappaport

Dear Editor  
Finger Pointing Won't Fill Pot Holes in Orinda I have carefully listened to the arguments against a bond measure to fix the roads in Orinda. I have seen a lot of finger pointing but I have never heard a credible solution to where the money could come from to fix the roads other than a bond measure for that specific purpose. I don't doubt that Orinda might have made some different budget choices in the past, but I don't believe the city has ever collected enough money to adequately fund the maintenance of our infrastructure. Our roads are

in deplorable condition throughout the city. Under Measure E all roads in Orinda except private roads will be eligible for repair. I believe that our roads are in such bad shape that if we don't begin major repairs now they will become impossible to navigate and will be extremely dangerous for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

We need to stop pointing fingers and own up to the fact that we all allowed the roads to deteriorate and are all responsible for helping solve the problem. We can choose to take responsibility for the proper maintenance of our city and pass Measure E, or we can take the money and hand it over to the car repair shops when our cars are ruined by road hazards.

The time for finger pointing is over. I urge you to vote YES on Measure E and begin rebuilding our city.  
Nancy Booth, Orinda

## Editor of the newspaper:

We have all learned to be skeptical about government. But, at the same time, it doesn't mean that we will blindly embrace critics who use that cynicism to skip over the facts. This definitely applies to the Measure E, the road campaign in Orinda. The road measure is the result—not of government bureaucrats—but of a committee of local citizens. They designed a plan to efficiently fix the roads, drains, and water pipes not the paid staff. So when I read the simplistic anti-government rhetoric from the anti Measure E folks, I know it is based on ignorance.

After examining the facts, I have found Measure E to be a focused and efficient repair plan and it has my vote.  
Cassandra Forth, Orinda

Editor,  
I live in Orinda and we have a problem. Our streets are deteriorating, storm drains are rotting and

## Letters to the Editor

We're a community newspaper, and we welcome your input. Please share your thoughts, news, ideas, suggestions, and photos here in the pages of the Lamorinda Weekly. Max. 200 word for a letters. email: letters@lamorindaweekly.com

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some of our water pipes are too small to allow enough flow to fight fires. No one has suggested that we don't have this problem. There is a solution on the ballot in June called Measure E that would go a long way toward solving our problem and do so in a timely way. It will not solve the entire problem but it is a major step in the right direction. The opposition has generated numerous letters and at least three handouts trying to tell us that E is not the right solution. In each of the handouts they spend half or more of the space finding fault with the fire district and suggesting that the district should be providing major funding to repair our streets and drains. I understand that these people have a problem with the fire district but we need to be clear on this. The Moraga/Orinda Fire District is our fire district and their funds should be spent fighting fires and saving lives not fixing streets and drains!

Even if you add up all funding the opposition say they can find it would not be enough to put a dent in the problem in my lifetime. We, the people, are Orinda. The streets and drains are ours and we need a solution. What will happen to the value of our million dollar homes if we do nothing? In time all of us will have to have a four-wheel drive vehicle just to get to the end of our driveways or private streets. Join me in voting yes on Measure E.  
Terry J. Murphy, Orinda

## Dear Editor

You might have read in a letter to the editor that Orinda voters don't want to fix their roads, since Measure Q was not approved last November. Actually, 64.4 percent of Orinda voters voted for Measure Q. This means that if 215 voters had voted "yes" instead of "no," Measure Q would have passed.

I think Measure E is better than Measure Q, because all of Orinda's public roads will be eligible to be fixed, and the city and fire district are putting in more money for road and water pipe repair. Additionally, there will be a Citizens' Oversight Committee established, and an annual audit required, to ensure the funds are spent on their intended purpose. So this time, I'm expecting Measure E to pass. I'm voting yes—please join me.  
Sarah Butler

## Dear Editor

Some people are saying that senior citizens will have a large tax bill from Measure E, the Orinda road bond. But Proposition 13 was passed to solve that problem. The bond will be based on your home's assessed value, not its market value.

Even for people who didn't buy their house years ago, Measure E is not a huge amount. The average Orinda homeowner will pay about 40 cents a day over the life of the bond. Isn't it worth 40 cents a day to you not to have to watch for all those potholes and swerve around them?  
Vote yes on Measure E.  
Clark Wallace

## Orinda Shakes Hands with Cal Shakes

Day by day, one warm sunny day and one special event at a time, summer creeps up on Lamorinda bringing with it all of the joys of the season.

In anticipation of the opening of California Shakespeare Theater's 34th Season, the City of Orinda and the Orinda Chamber of Commerce invite the public to attend a celebration on May 24, 5-7:30pm, in Orinda Theatre Square. Featuring food, drinks, music by Bob Athayde and Friends, and performers from California Shakespeare Theater and students from Orinda Intermediate School (OIS), the event is free and open to the public. The event also marks the grand opening of Cal Shakes' satellite box office and theater store at the Square. The box office will be open during peak hours, selling Cal Shakes tickets and merchandise.

In recognition of the work that Cal Shakes has done at OIS, Mayor Steve Glazer, on behalf of the City of Orinda, will be issuing proclamations to both OIS

## CAL SHAKES

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATER

and Cal Shakes' Artistic Learning Program. The Cal Shakes/OIS program partners classroom teachers with Cal Shakes' Teaching Artists with the aim of developing students' creative and academic minds and voices. The program has touched more than 1,200 students in the four years since its inception. California Shakespeare Theater's 2007 Season at the Bruns Amphitheater in Orinda begins May 30 – June 24 with Shakespeare's Richard III, directed by Mark Rucker. July 4 – 29, Artistic Director Jonathan Moscone directs George Bernard Shaw's Man and Superman. August 8 – September 2 brings a new adaptation of Pierre Marivaux's The Triumph of Love, adapted and directed by Lilian Groag. The season concludes September 19 – October 14 with Shakespeare's masterpiece, King Lear. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Cal Shakes Box Office at 510.548.9666 or visit www.calshakes.org.

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