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Girl Scouts 100th Birthday Dance at the Veterans Memorial Building -- Monday, March 12, 5:45-7:30pm; Lafayette Girl Scouts K-12 and Lafayette Girl Scout Alumnae. Enjoy an evening of dancing, pizza, cupcake decorating, singing. Witness the proclamations from City of Lafayette and Contra Costa County Supervisors. Countdown to 7:12pm with a candle ceremony commemorating when Juliette Low started her first troop. \$5 by February 9th. Hair care products will be collected to benefit the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. Go to www.lafayettegirlscouts.org for registration.

OTHER

You are invited to attend the February 21 meeting of the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society from 10am-12noon at the library of the LOS Church, 2949 Stone Valley Road, Alamo. Program: Born Irish. Speaker: Cath Madden Trindle. The program will be of interest to both beginners and the more advanced genealogist. For information call Ed O'Donnell (925) 299-0881, or visit <http://srvgensoc.orgf>.

State Senator Mark DeSaulnier invites you to a Town Hall Meeting on The State Budget, Thursday, February 23, 7-9pm, Manzanita Room, Lafayette Community Center, 500 St Mary's Rd., Lafayette. Free of charge. Share your concerns and ideas for improving state government budgeting, programs and tax systems. For more information or to RSVP please call (925) 942-6082 or visit <http://sd07.senate.ca.gov>.

On February 25 from 7-9 pm Our Saviors Lutheran Church 1035 Carol Lane Lafayette will host a panel of LGBT people sharing their Coming Out stories. There will be breakout

sessions that will give attendees opportunity to ask questions and share experiences. Adults and teens from the community are welcome to come and gain a better understanding of these segments of our population. There will be beverages and finger food to share. For more information: www.oslc.net or call (925) 283-3722.

Orinda Community Foundation celebrates its 2nd birthday with a party on Wednesday, February 29 at 5 pm in Orinda Library Gallery. We are pleased to announce that over \$30,000 were given out in community grants this past year. All grant recipients and community are invited to attend event.

SMC Guild's Bridge & Bunco, Thursday, Feb 23, 9:30am-2pm, Saint Mary's College, Soda Center. Fundraiser for student scholarships. \$32 per person-includes luncheon. Please call (925) 376-4339 for info and reservations.

St. Mary's College Guild's Irish Cultural Night - Friday, March 2, 6-10pm at the Soda Center on St. Mary's College Campus. An evening of food, music, singing and dancing in the Irish Style. Reservations accepted until February 28. The evening is \$40/per person. Please make checks out to St. Mary's College Guild and mail to Pat Wiegmann, 39 Carr Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. For more information, please contact Pat at (925) 376-6088.

Lovers of laughter will have the opportunity to enjoy a champagne-filled night of comedy at the landmark Orinda Theatre on Friday, March 2nd. See article page B3.

Casino Night Fundraiser at the Hacienda, 2100 Donald Dr.; Saturday, March 3; 6 to 10 pm. See article page A5.

Protect yourself from identity theft by safely destroying your unwanted documents containing personal data and receive a free complimentary guide on record retention requirements, "How long do I have to keep what records?" The "Shred Fest" event is on Saturday, March 3rd, 10am-1pm at 455 Moraga Rd Suite F in Moraga. Sponsored by 5A Rent A Space & Hall of Taxes. All net proceeds will go to Rescue One Moraga which supports the Moraga/Orinda FireDistrict. \$5 per standard letter size box. You will receive a certificate of destruction. For more information call Peggy Hall at (925) 388-1040.

Mother-Daughter Aternoon Tea to benefit the mothers and children of Zimbabwe. Hosted by the JF Kapnek Trust. Saturday, March 10, 2-4pm at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Bring your mom, grandma, aunt, neighbor, or a friend and enjoy a scrumptious Afternoon Tea. Includes a wide selection of sandwiches (including PBJ), desserts, fruit, photo booth, and more. Suggested Donation of \$25 per person. Proceeds benefit the Kapnek Trust's programs supporting orphans and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe. To make a reservation or for more information, contact Kathi@JFKapnekTrust.org. Event suitable for children aged 5 & up.

Rotary Club of Moraga is presenting its 10th annual "A Nite at the Races" on Saturday, March 10, at the Holy Trinity Hall in Moraga. Enjoy a catered dinner (not involving crab) and a no-host bar. Listen or dance to a Dixieland band. Wager on video horse races, and double your money if your sponsored horse wins. Bid on many wonderful auction items, and enter the raffle for a big screen TV. All proceeds from this event will fund

Rotary's local youth, educational, and humanitarian causes. For information and reservations, contact Rotarian Frank May at (925) 376-8195 or mayfrl@comcast.net.

February Meeting to Focus on State Budget. Deana Davidson, President of the American Association of University Women, Orinda-Moraga- Lafayette Branch (AAUW/OML), invites the public to the Tuesday, February 21st meeting at 9:30am to experience the California Budget Challenge. Assemblyperson Nancy Skinner will host the program developed by Next10 org. Attendees will be provided with response clickers that will tally the groups' "votes" about how much to spend on schools, prisons, the environment and other state programs, as well as make choices to reduce state expenses. The meeting begins with coffee and socializing from 9-9:45am followed by the Next Ten budget presentation and discussion. The meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga.

LAFCO Seeks Public Member: The Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is currently accepting applications for the Regular and Alternate Public Member seats. LAFCO is an independent agency created by the State of California charged with encouraging orderly governmental boundaries and efficient services, discouraging urban sprawl, and preserving agricultural and open space resources. The Commission regulates the boundaries of cities and special districts and conducts municipal service reviews and other special studies. The term of office for the open public member seats is four years expiring in May 2016. Applications are due by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 9, 2012. To download an application form, and for more information about Contra Costa LAFCO, please visit www.contracostalafco.org, or contact the LAFCO office at (925) 335-1094.

GARDEN

The Moraga Garden Club, on Feb. 16, will host Barbara Tuffli who will speak on camellias. She is a horticultural judge, landscape consultant, designer, photographer, and passionate collector and expert on camellias. Members will learn about species, flower form, pruning, disbudding, fertilizing and how to have the perfect camellias. Barbara is a former President of the American Camellia Society. The program will be part slides and lecture followed by a gorgeous array of named camellias displayed as if for judging. The meeting starts at 10am at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center preceded by a social hour at 9:30am. Guests are welcome.

The Urban Farmers are organizing this year's community-wide purchase of fruit trees.



SMC students pruning an old pear orchard

If you'd like to plant a fruit tree in your back yard, receive free help and advice on planting and caring for it, and then donate any excess fruit to the needy, contact the Urban Farmers at (415) 806-7005 or www.theurbanfarmers.org. The next free workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25.

On Friday, February 17, the Montelindo Garden Club will hear Garth Jacober, owner of Mt. Diablo Nursery in Lafayette, speaking on Camellias. Mr. Jacober is a Master Gardner and Camellia expert. He has worked in gardening and landscaping for over thirty years. The program is held at 10:30am with a social hour before. The event is held at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda and the public is cordially invited.

Registration for the Eighth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place on Sun-

day, May 6, 2012, 10-5, is now open. This free, award-winning tour features 45 Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that are pesticide-free, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants. Included in the Tour are 5 Lamorinda garden, two of them new additions. This self-drive tour showcases a variety of gardens, from large parcels in the hills to small lots in the flats. Native plant sales and talks are offered at select gardens. Volunteers are needed. Please register or volunteer at <http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/>.

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February 15th, 2012, 6:30PM
Q & A with Margaret O'Brien
Special Screening in Honoree of Oscar Winner Margaret O'Brien: **LITTLE WOMEN**
Movie: 6:30PM - 8:30PM

March 2nd, 2012, Door Open 6:45PM
The Orinda Chamber of Commerce Presents: Live at the Orinda
Comedy Show with Will Durst, Dan St. Paul, Michael Fender, Johnny Steele Kabir Singh

Rheem Theatre

14th Annual California Independent Film Festival, Feb 10th - Feb 16th, 2012

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February 16th, 2012, 6:30PM
Closing Night with 2012 CAIFF Honoree Margaret O'Brien
Meet Me in St. Louis followed by Q & A with Margaret O'Brien

February 17th, 9 PM
The Queen's Slumber Party
"The Mole"

February 25th, 7 PM
Bunjo Comedy Club at the Rheem!
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