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Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Thank you so much for Laurie Snyder's article highlighting the Orinda Library.

In my enthusiasm I overstated the library's hours of operation - we are actually open 60 hours/week, not 65. I also meant to say the library is an ideal third place (from the concept of community building in social spaces separate from home and workplace).

Much gratitude to the City of Orinda for funding the library's evening and weekend hours. Due to these dedicated funds the Orinda Library is open every single day of the week, including Sundays and until 8 pm Monday-Thursday. We are a great destination thanks to the generosity of the residents of Orinda and City government support.

Thank you,
Beth Girshman, Orinda Library

Editor:

I was just reading the article by Laurie Snyder regarding the Orinda Library ; a very nice article . However, I feel she was remiss by the omission of the art gallery as an important part of the Library.

A great deal of time, effort and work goes into the choices made by The Orinda Art Council and presentation of the many artists providing us with a new show each month.

I make it a point to go there on a monthly basis to see the art and without doubt, purchase several -many books from the Friends of the Library book store as well as just hanging out for awhile in our lovely library.

I also noticed in the section on "What's happening at the Orinda Library" there is no mention of the Orinda Library Art Gallery.

I'm proud to have the gallery on my guest tour, which recently included guest from Norway, France, Los Angeles as well as many from the bay area.

Jimmie Beardsley
Orinda

Editor:

You have probably received many letters regarding Mr. Colman's assumptions regarding tax deductions. Using his hypothetical example, the \$41,000 would not be owed as taxes, but taxed at the individual's tax rate. If the individual's tax rate were 15%, then the taxes owed would be \$6150, not \$41,000.

Also, only the Ad Valorem portion of a property tax bill is deductible. The other items for special taxes and assessments are not tax deductible.

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