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business briefs

Absolute Celebrates 10th Anniversary
3658 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Ste. 101, Lafayette
www.absolutecenter.net

Absolute Center in Lafayette (across from Trader Joe's) will host a week of "Stress Less" events March 4-9 including nutrition, chiropractic, yoga and meditation to celebrate 10 years of success. "We are inviting speakers from the community and the events will be public," says Absolute's Louise Eby (previously known as Louise McMEnamin). "Some of our clients were saying how nice it is to see a small business survive during the past economic downturn, and that we should be proud of ourselves for being able to hunker down." For more information, call (925) 299-9642 or visit the Absolute Center website.

Trunk Show at Zahra
3578 Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

Zahra Boutique Salon is presenting a Trunk Show from 9 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. The store will feature local women's creations: Doray from Orinda will bring her hair accessories; Devera will show her jewelry. Shila, Zahra's daughter, says she likes to feature local creators in the store. There will be free hors d'oeuvres and drinks at the event.

4th Annual Comedy Night at the Orinda Theatre

Laugh-lovers will have the opportunity to enjoy a champagne-filled night of comedy at the landmark Orinda Theatre Friday, March 8 when the Orinda Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Tommy T's Comedy Clubs, presents "Live at the Orinda IV." The evening will start at 7 p.m. and feature no host bars in the lobby and theater. Champagne, wine and mixed drinks can also be purchased during the performances, starting at 8 p.m. with a mid-show intermission. Master of Ceremonies Wayne Coy, 92.1 KKDV radio personality, will open the show and introduce the comedians. This year's slate features Kabeezy, David Van Avermaete, Arthur Gaus and headliner Will Durst, who The New York Times calls "possibly the best political comic in the country," returning fresh from a recent tour with all new material. Advance discounted and VIP tickets may be reserved until March 7 using credit cards at the Chamber website - www.OrindaChamber.org - or at First Republic Bank, 224 Brookwood Road. Tickets at the door (if available) will be \$40 per person. A portion of profits from this event will benefit local non-profit organizations as well as the on-going community work of the Chamber of Commerce.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce
Lafayette

The Entrepreneur's Club speaker Del Blaylock will discuss "Business Casual is Too Casual" at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 in the Chamber Conference Room.

Business Issues/Government Affairs Meeting at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22 in the Chamber Conference Room.

Ribbon Cutting at Urban Suburban at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at 3328 Mt. Diablo Blvd. The business is changing its name to The Mechanic of Lafayette, foreign and domestic auto repair.

Moraga

Dinner for Business Person of the Year Bill Snider, owner of Moraga Hardware & Lumber since 2000 and Across the Way since 2002. Snider is originally from Iowa and completed his undergraduate degree in business at Saint Mary's College. Snider moved to Moraga in 1990 with his wife Vel to raise their children and become part of the community. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, he is active in and was one of the original founders of the Shop Moraga First campaign. He has been a frequent volunteer at his children's schools, and supports many charities and service organizations. Always ready with a joke, Snider's sense of humor often brings smiles to customers' faces.

Orinda

The Chamber's Downtown Parking Committee has been working on a plan to ease parking in the downtown area by creating special permits for employees in adjacent streets. The chamber also envisions longer-term solutions by encouraging partnerships with city government, BART, churches with parking lots, County Connection, and other potential agencies. The city of Orinda will consider the chamber committee parking plan for the first time at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19. The committee encourages everyone interested in this issue to attend the meeting or to contact one of the committee members through Candy Kattenburg at the chamber, (925) 254-3909 or info@orindachamber.org. Come to the meeting to see what the city proposes as next steps.

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