

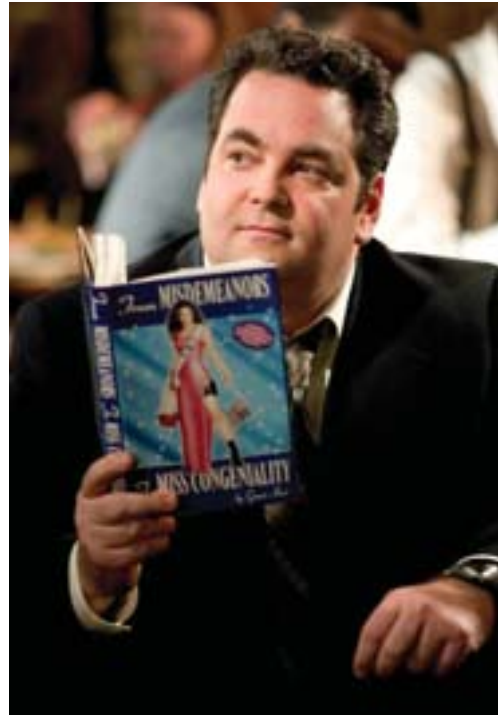
**MOVIE REVIEW**

*Film Clips*

**Hollywood meets Orinda with the return of stand-up comedy**

*Lamorinda Weekly Readers Get 2 for 1 Tickets!*

By Derek Zemrak



John DiResta Photo provided

**J**ohn DiResta will bring laughter to the Orinda Theatre at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 13. DiResta is the real deal. He was raised on the rough and tumble streets of Long Island where he made fun of people. If you got mocked by John DiResta then you were in with the "in" crowd.

A former New York City Transit police officer, DiResta started his comedy career in 1992 in the bowels of the New York comedy circuit. Five years later his one-man show, "BEAT: A Subway Cop's Comedy," opened to rave reviews. The New York Times called him "UP-ROARIOUS!" John quickly signed a huge development deal with ABC/Disney. John quit the police department and moved his wife and three kids to the west coast.

In the fall of 1998, his sitcom, "DiResta" launched on the UPN Network. DiResta then went on to secure very big roles in the movies "Miss Congeniality" with Sandra Bullock and "15 Minutes" with Robert De Niro. During that period, he made two memorable appearances on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and the "Howard Stern Show." In spring 2004 John's show, "Trash to Cash," premiered on the FX Network. He went on to star in "How To Lose a Guy in Ten Days" and "Miss Congeniality Two." In fall 2007, DiResta began work on his next two TV adventures: "American Body Shop" was on Comedy Central for one year and "Hammered" lasted two seasons on HGTV/DIY networks.

John DiResta has been around the block, twice. He is a true comedic mixed martial artist of the highest order: On TV, on film or live on stage, DiResta gets it done and is the funniest human being that ever lived.

Tickets are \$20 but if you say you're a Lamorinda Weekly reader you get two admissions for price of one.

Don't miss out on this great comedy night at the Orinda Theatre. Be ready to get your laughs on!

**Now playing at the Rheem Theatre:**

- "The Boss Baby" – PG
- "Power Rangers" – PG-13
- "Beauty and the Beast" – PG

**Now playing at the Orinda Theatre:**

- "The Zookeeper's Wife" – PG-13
- "Beauty and the Beast" – PG
- "The Sense of an Ending" – PG-13
- "A United Kingdom" – PG-13

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**Service Clubs Announcements**

**LAMORINDA SUNRISE Rotary**  
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We meet Friday mornings at 7:00 am at The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at [lamorindasunrise@gmail.com](mailto:lamorindasunrise@gmail.com)

<b>April 7</b> Dr. Bobbi Preston, Chief Operating Officer, No One Left Behind	<b>April 14</b> Kim Overaa, "Morning Harvest" Farm. Transitioning age 18-23 Foster youth
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Coming soon.  
 Scheduled Tear-Drop trailer public appearance events

**Lafayette Rotary Club**

**Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.**  
 Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

<b>April 6:</b> Joann Heydenfeldt Adjunct Professor at St Mary's A Scientific Discussion of Mindfulness- What is True and What Isn't	<b>April 13:</b> Kathy Merchant What is happening at Las Trampas
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**CANDY SCRAMBLE**  
 Sat. 4-15 @ 10am, Plaza Park, join the bunny & kids

**Not to be missed**

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**Passover Seders at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10 and 11** at 1671 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Featuring: delicious traditional Seder dinner, insights, singing, four cups of wine, and Hand Baked Shmurah Matzah. Second Seder on Tuesday evening conducted in Russian. Adult: \$45, Child: \$30. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Reservations required. [www.jewish-contracosta.com](http://www.jewish-contracosta.com) (925) 937-4101.

**Building Jewish Bridges presents Adoption** in Jewish and Interfaith Families from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 at B'nai Tikvah, 25 Hillcroft Way, Walnut Creek. Join adoptive parents and an adoption professional to discuss how families give children a secure Jewish identity while honoring their culture of origin. Free. For more info see <http://www.buildingjewishbridges.org> or call (510) 845-6420 x11 or email [dawn@buildingjewishbridges.org](mailto:dawn@buildingjewishbridges.org).

**Acalanes High School SAGE (Students for the Advancement of Global Education) Club** presents its fundraiser movie night at 9:30 p.m. on April 21.

**Saint Mary's celebrates its status as a Fair Trade College** with this yearly free Fair Trade Festival, happening from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday April 28. Coffee, chocolate, tea, handicrafts, and other Fair Trade goods will be available — both free samples and items for purchase. Enjoy a BBQ for \$5. For more information about this event and SMC's Fair Trade efforts, visit [www.stmarys-ca.edu/fairtrade](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/fairtrade)

**Don't miss Lafayette Dogtown Downtown** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center & the Lafayette Plaza. This free event is for dogs and dog lovers. Designed to be a fun and festive canine-focused event, Lafayette Dogtown Downtown 2017 includes outdoor working dog and canine agility demonstrations, fun dog competitions, creative canine crafts and other activities for dog lovers of all ages. Visit [www.LafayetteChamber.org/dogtown](http://www.LafayetteChamber.org/dogtown).

**The semi-annual giant book sale sponsored by The Friends of the Moraga Library** will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

Books of every category will be sold at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$4. Beginning at 1 p.m. a bag can be purchased for \$5 and filled with all the books it can hold. Come to one of the biggest bargain sales in Lamorinda. The sale will be held at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road.

**Moraga Classic Car Show registration is now open** to residents who own classic cars and would like to participate in the ninth annual Moraga Classic Car Show, which takes place from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Saturday May 13, as part of the 2017 Moraga Community Faire. The \$35 registration fee includes an entry ribbon, lunch for two and a commemorative photo. Prizes will be awarded. The registration deadline is May 1, but space is limited to 70 cars, so register early to secure a spot. Register at [www.moragachamber.org/faire](http://www.moragachamber.org/faire) or, call Gloria at (925) 247-4473.

**POLITICAL GATHERINGS**

Join the Lamorinda Democratic Club to discuss "K-12 Public Education - Follow the Money" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 13 at the Lafayette Library and Community Center. The U.S. Department of Education is proposing to change how funding is provided as well as requiring that States allow for vouchers that fund private schools. Learn how these proposals will affect our local schools. Cost is free for members and students, \$5 for non-students. For additional information, see [ldclub.org](http://ldclub.org).

**SENIORS**

**Pleasant Hill Senior Center presents "Crime Prevention Education: ID Theft"** from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, at Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. This workshop trains citizens on how to implement crime prevention strategies, home security improvements and the Neighborhood Watch Program. Free. Seating is limited. Must RSVP in advance. For more info see <http://CrimePreventionApril19.eventbrite.com> or call (925) 798-8788.

**Anne Randolph Physical Therapy presents Fall Prevention** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. Falls are a threat to health and independence. Learn how to gain better balance, avoid falls and remain self-suffi-

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cient. Senior Services Members: No charge/ Non-Members: \$10

**Come to the Early Stage Alzheimer's Forum** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 5 in Lafayette (exact address location will be provided upon registration.) Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about the disease, treatment and research updates as well as discuss common challenges and coping strategies during breakout sessions. This is a free event, open only to early-stage individuals and their care partners. Space is limited; early registration is recommended. For more information or to register, please contact Lan Trinh at (408)372-9982 or [ltrinh@alz.org](mailto:ltrinh@alz.org).

**GARDEN**

**The Walnut Creek Garden Club's monthly business meeting** is at 10 a.m., social time at 10:30 a.m. and program at 11 a.m. at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. The April 10 program is "Meander Through Springtime Blooms in the Ireland and England" by member and photographer Christa Buckingham. You're invited to attend and consider becoming a member. Maureen Little: [mslittle44@gmail.com](mailto:mslittle44@gmail.com) (925) 820-1476

**Culinary Herbs for Warm Weather at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 14** in the Orinda Library Garden Room. Orinda Library welcomes Elana O'Loskey, who will share with her knowledge of culinary herbs to grow now. She's an experienced herb grower, teacher, and talk show host of "Gardening with Spirit." Join us for recommendations, planting guidelines, recipes, door prizes and more.

**Moraga Gardens Farm presents its annual sale** of heirloom tomatoes, hybrids, peppers, eggplant, herbs and more in 4-inch pots selected for success in the micro-climates of Lamorinda's home gardens. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from through April 15 (closed Easter Sunday). 1290 Moraga Way, Moraga (next to Moraga Fire Station). For information call Claire Curtin, (925) 299-1353.

**The Montelindo Garden Club Meeting (third Friday of every month, September through May)** will be at 9 a.m. on Friday April 21 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St.

Stephens Drive, Orinda. Everyone welcome. Presentation: "Do I Have Pollinators for You!" by speaker Ellen Zagory, director of horticulture.

**Author Claire Splan will share tips and tricks** you can use to make the most of your hours and still leave time for actually enjoying gardening at the Lafayette Garden Club's next general meeting from 9:45 a.m. to noon on April 6 at the Lafayette Veteran's Building, located at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Splan will show how to use task-batching, time savers, and a month-by-month approach for more efficient garden-

ing as outlined in her book "Time Management in the Garden." Visitors are welcome! Please email Carolyn Poetzsch [cpoetzsch@gmail.com](mailto:cpoetzsch@gmail.com).

**Sudden Oak Death Blitz from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on Saturday, April 22. Orinda Library welcomes the University of California at Berkeley College of Natural Resource who will show how to help stop this disease as a Citizen Scientist. Attend a short and informative training session where you will receive a SOD Blitz collection kit. For more information go to: [www.sodblitz.org](http://www.sodblitz.org).

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