

# Life in LAMORINDA

## ◆ Not to be missed ◆

**"Snow White" May 3-6 at OIS.**  
Clive Worsley is directing this classic Brothers Grimm version of Snow White, performed by 60 OIS students in two casts and run by 27 students on tech crew. Tickets are \$5 General Admission and \$8 Reserved seating. General Admission tickets will be available on the OIS website starting Friday, April 20, and Reserved tickets will be sold at our box office starting Monday, April 23. Join us for what promises to be a great family event!

**A Student Production "Juvie" by Jerome McDonough**  
The one act show takes place in a juvenile detention center. Throughout the play the audience watches the characters interact and tell their stories. This is a powerful production that students from Bentley, Campolindo, Las Lomas, and Miramonte have come together to put on. Saturday May 5 at 7:30 at Las Lomas; and Saturday May 12 at 7:30 at Campolindo. The doors open at 7:00. The show is free for students and \$3.00 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or on the respective schools website.

**Book Sale May 5th. The Friends of the Moraga Library** will hold an "Overstock Sale" of donated books on Saturday, May 5th from 9 to 12. The sale will be held on the Moraga library poach at 1500 Saint Mary's Rd. Bring your friends and take advantage of greatly reduced prices.

**Lamorinda garden tour, "Through the Garden Gate"**

The Moraga Junior Women's Club will host its fourth annual Lamorinda garden tour, "Through the Garden Gate," Saturday, May 5 from 10AM to 3PM, with all proceeds going to Comfort for Kids, the only program in Northern California that offers in-home treatment to terminally ill children and their families. Tickets will be for sale at Ace Hardware and "Across the Way" in Moraga, McDonnell Nursery in Orinda and Orchard Nursery in Lafayette as well as by mail through the Moraga Juniors. The entire \$30 ticket price will go to support Comfort for Kids. The garden tour will showcase six Lamorinda gardens--three in Lafayette, two in Orinda and one in Moraga.

**Tour of the Moraga Barn**  
**On Saturday May 5th,** Canyon Construction will offer tours of the historic Moraga Barn, the landmark they are renovating to the highest environmental standards. The Tour will showcase how to combine the latest techniques in solar tiles, geothermic, water collection, isolation material, concrete, use of recycled material, ventilation, and passive solar design with the conservation of original material and outside esthetics. Registration for the Tour will be from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Canyon Construction's booth at the Moraga Energy Faire, held in the Moraga Center.  
**Moraga Beautiful- Energy Faire and Arts, Wine and Merchant's Faire, Saturday, May 5th**  
The Energy Faire will be held in the

Moraga Center from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and will exhibit vendors and non-profits presenting tools and techniques available today to reduce energy consumption. At the Moraga Center, a Health and Safety exhibition will take place and at the Rheem Center the Arts, Wine and Merchants Faire will present local products and businesses from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Sponsored by the Town and the Chamber of Commerce of Moraga.

**SENIOR SOCK HOP Sunday, May 6 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m**

Think back to an old-fashioned family gathering where everyone danced -- kids and adults alike. Whether you danced or watched, it was a wonderful time to be together for music, food, conversation, and a good time. The Tice Valley Swing Band will play music of a variety of rhythms: fox trot, waltz, jitterbug, rumba, tango and even a little rock. There will be food, fun, and raffle prizes, and the Wednesday Tea Dance Group will perform a demonstration of some of their dances. Professional Ballroom Dance Competitor, Adrian Flores, will teach us some steps and dance with the ladies for a small extra donation to our program. Hosted by the Lamorinda Spirit to benefit the transportation for seniors program. Live Oak Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Road, Lafayette. Tickets are \$10.00. Shoes are optional. Bring the whole family and, of course, your friends.

Call (925) 284-5050 to let us know you are coming.

**Chinese Cultural Festival Sunday, May 6**

The festival will go from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a fabulous performance program from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The performances will include Chinese cultural dances, martial art demos, lion dances, Chinese musical performances, and a colorful fashion show. Children will get to participate in our trademark children's dragon dance. Alvin Lui and Irene Fong are the masters of ceremony at this event. Acalanes High School, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette

**Tuesday, May 8 at 4:00 pm**

**Join Library staff,** members of the Moraga Rotary Club, the Moraga Junior Women's Club, and the Friends of the Moraga Library, and the mural artist to dedicate the recently refreshed and enhanced children's area of the Library, Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, 376-6852

**Lafayette Concerts Presents Calaveras • Fri: 5/11 7:30 PM**

Sequoia Room, the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Tickets (\$15) available at the door. Wine, beer, coffee, tea and soft drinks are available. Reservations suggested. (925) 283-1959 or email charlotte@lafayetteconcerts.com

**Flutist Julie McKenzie will be the featured performer at the Gold Coast Chamber Players' concert on Saturday, May 12 at 8 PM at the per-**

forming arts theater at the Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Road in Lafayette. This concert titled, Magic Flute, is the second of three concerts this season and will include a champagne reception with the musicians and special treats for mothers in attendance. General tickets are \$30, Seniors \$25, Students \$10. Order tickets by phone through the Willows Box Office (925) 798-1300 or online www.geplayers.org. For more information call (925) 283-3728.

**Build-a-Pond Seminar- Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 9am to 5pm.**

Join Steve Lambert and his crew from Garden Lights Landscape for a one day, hands-on seminar taking place at Steve's home in Orinda. Learn everything you need to know to build your own backyard pond & waterfall. This is an all-day, hands on, learn by doing seminar. Learn to create a pond and waterfall that you and your family will enjoy for years to come.

Registration is required. Call: 925-254-4797. Cost: \$100.00 per person. Registration fee includes a boxed lunch and afternoon snack.

**DOG DAYS AT ORINDA BOOKS On Saturday, May 12 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM,**

Orinda Books will present a program on dogs who help people and people who help dogs. Guests will include, Liz Gallen, the author of Goonberry Farm and How It Began, Jackie Post, who represents Paws With a Cause, and Richard Thomas, who represents the ARF Therapy Animal Program. Also featured will be display of books especially chosen to appeal of animal lovers of all ages. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, CA 94563 925-254-7666 orindabooks@thegrid.net orindabooks.com

**Lafayette Book Club**

The Lafayette Senior Services Book Club (LSSBC) celebrated its 2nd anniversary and continues to flourish. We read a wide variety of books and have lively discussions; join us on the 2nd Monday of every month if that sounds like fun. Call for more information or a list of upcoming books: 284-5050, 5/14 10:30 am-Noon LCC: Alder Room

**Dr Michael Mayer, Ph.D., President of Bodymind Healing Publications**

will be doing a book-signing at The Hypnosis Clearing House on May 18th at 7 PM at 3702 Mt Diablo Blvd. **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 (read more about the Kitchen Tour on page 8)

Letter to the Editor:

The primary issue with respect to Measure E is CITIZENS' SAFETY. Our water pipes are old and decrepit. What protection do they offer in the event of a major fire or earthquake? Much of this infrastructure is more than a half-century old. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors supports Measure E.

Our roads are a disgrace. They rank as the worst of the 100 cities in the greater Bay Area. We enjoy living in one of the most affluent communities in the Bay Area. Fixing the roads will increase our property values.

Measure E is supported by the independent Orinda Infrastructure Finance Committee, the Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees, and the Orinda Chamber of Commerce.

Let us protect our community, our citizens and our property values. Vote yes on Measure E. Barry & Kathleen Balamuth Orinda

Letter to the Editor:

On page 12 of the Voter's Guide for Measure E, the \$120 million bond tax on the June 5 Orinda ballot, the Guide lists a \$3,400,000 contribution by the Moraga-Orinda Fire District for the upgrading of Orinda water pipes.

At the March 21, 2007, meeting of

the Fire District Board of Directors Mr. John Wyro, the President of the Board, said that the Fire District would not guarantee any contribution and that the contribution for each future year would be decided by the Board at that future time; and that if the Board decided other needs were more important, there would be no contribution.

This is in spite of the fact that the Board will raise Orinda's fire flow tax by 20% , supposedly for the upgrading of Orinda water pipes. Mr. Wyro also said the City of Orinda would not guarantee its contributions.

Clyde Vaughn, Orinda

Editor,

A road, drains and water pipe bond will be on the ballot in Orinda in June. The decision by a public agency to put a measure on the ballot is not taken lightly. This one has been thoroughly studied by a new city council and has included measures for increased oversight. The original recommendations came from a volunteer committee of citizens who studied the infrastructure and financing issues for over two years.

The costs of road repairs have gone up 10% since the last election - time is money in this case. Waiting will only increase the costs further, and let roads, drains and pipes get worse and worse.

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:

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Mistakes may have been made in the past, but that does not change the fact that work is needed to ensure safe transit, to provide adequate water flow to put out fires, and to stem the escalating costs of repairs caused by delay and further deterioration.

I agree with past letters on the unwritten social contract that binds us to a responsibility for the common good, the welfare of all. I also believe a public body enters into a contract with the citizens it serves and represents when it places any measure on the ballot. We can support Measure E with the assurance the funds will be overseen by a citizens' panel, and the spending will be audited. Let's improve Orinda!

Cassandra Forth, Orinda

## Catch Two of Lamorinda's Rising Stars, and someday you will say, "I heard them when..."

The Oakland Civic Orchestra will present a concert in the Young Artists Series on Sunday, May 6, 3:00pm, at Miramonte High School. The event will feature two outstanding young Lamorinda musicians. Pianist Chloe Pang will perform the Liszt Piano Concerto No 1, and performing the Mozart Horn Concerto No 1 in D Major will be Kalyn Jang.

Chloe Pang recently made her Carnegie Hall debut with her brother, cellist Clark Pang, and will be seen on PBS in "From the Top's Live at Carnegie Hall" series. She has already released her first CD, a recording of Bach's Goldberg Variations. Young People's Symphony Orchestra

and Campo band member Kalyn Jang was a finalist in the East Bay Symphony's 2006 Young Artist Competition.

"The Young Artists Series is an important part of our mission. It provides valuable opportunities to worthy young musicians, who in turn inspire us and remind us of the beauty and joy of music-making," said Artistic Director Martha Stoddard. "They are an absolute favorite with our audiences."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information go to www.oaklnadnet.com/parks/programs/ca\_civcorchestra.asp or call 510-238-3896.



Chloe Pang



Kalyn Jang

## Fowl Play

A large Tom turkey was seen recently at approximately 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening on Ascot Drive with a large feathered arrow protruding from its body. The arrow pierced its left shoulder and exited out the chest. The arrow was so large, the remainder dragged behind the turkey.

Joseph and Johanna Tieger said a flock of at times 22 large vocal turkeys regularly come down the canyon following the nearby creek to feed at a vacant lot on Ascot.

Biological Consultant Gary Beeman with Wildlife Management was called to

set up a live-trap, in hopes of catching the injured turkey so the arrow could be surgically removed.



Turkeys are not targets and the Lamorinda Weekly encourages all archers to shoot responsibly.

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