



Lamorinda's Religious Services


Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Orinda, 254-3422
JOIN US FOR AN EASTER CELEBRATION!
 8:15 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Blended Traditional & Contemporary; 10:45 a.m. Contemporary
 Easter Brunch served 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.
 Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

Our Savior's Lutheran (ELCA) - 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette
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Each Sunday: 8:15 am Classic Service, 9:15 am Education Hour
 10:30 am Contemporary Service
March 20: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
March 21: 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
March 23: 8:00 and 9:30 am Classic Easter Services
 Bells, Brass, Choir
 11:00 Contemporary Easter Service
 Adult and Youth Ensembles

St. Giles Episcopal Church of Moraga

Maundy Thursday	March 20	7:30 pm
Good Friday	March 21	7:30 pm
Holy Saturday	March 22	9 am
The Great Vigil of Easter	March 22	7:30 pm
Easter Day	March 23	9 am

All services are held in the Chapel at St. Mary's College
 Everyone is welcome

Temple Isaiah welcomes you to worship with us on Shabbat.
 For specific questions, call the Temple office at 925-283-8575
 or visit our website: temple-isaiah.org.
 1st and 4th Friday evening - 6:30 PM
 2nd and 3rd Friday evening - 8:00 PM
 Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM

If you would like your services listed, please email to
 info@lamorindaweekly.com or call 925-377-0977.
 A one inch listing will cost \$20.

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Letters to the Editor

Share your thoughts with our community! Opinions in Letters to the Editor are the express views of the writers and not necessarily those of the Lamorinda Weekly.

All published letters will include the writer's name and town (please give us your phone number for verification purposes only), and should be 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for length or legal considerations.

email: letters@lamorindaweekly.com; Regular mail: **Lamorinda Weekly, P.O.Box 6133, Moraga, CA 94570**



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Editor:
 Regarding Sophie Braccini's article "The Future of the Hacienda Still Uncertain" I noticed that Margaret DePriester is quoted as saying "some of our residents don't even know it exists." Perhaps if your article had included an address, area, cross-street, or neighborhood, more people (including me) might know. Maybe the title of the article should've been: "The Future, and Location, of the Hacienda Still Uncertain". If anyone on your staff knows where it is, and is willing to divulge this information, I'd like to know.
 B. Raynolds
 Orinda
(We have sent Mr. Raynolds the information he requested, and thank him for asking! Moraga's Hacienda de Las Flores is located at 2100 Donald Dr., off Moraga Rd. between St. Mary's Blvd. and Rheem Blvd. -ed.)

Editor,
SCHOOLS NEED OUR HELP.
 Education is extremely important to us all. The Lafayette School District will suffer a loss of \$1.7 million due to cuts in the state budget. I hope all components of our educational system (i.e., parent clubs, LASF, the School District, school families and other members of our community) will come together to make up for this loss. It has been determined that a family's proportionate share to make up this loss is \$124/child. This assumes all other educational components contribute their fair share. I plead with all parents who have the means to make a tax deductible contribution of \$124/child (or more!) to the Lafayette School District (3477 School Street) so our children will continue to receive the quality education they deserve. I hope that all other components of the system will contribute their share for our children and the betterment of our community. Our dollars are needed ASAP so the District can plan for the projected shortfall. Thank you for your help!
 Patricia Curtin-Tinley
 Concerned Parent of Two
 Lafayette

Dear Editor:
 A massive property tax hike of 44 percent is in store for Orinda residents if a special library tax is approved by the city's voters on June 3. In February, the Orinda City Council voted unanimously to put a measure on the ballot that, if passed, would raise the current library tax from \$27 to \$39 per year (Lamorinda Weekly, March 5). While the dollar amount of the tax may seem small, the actual level of increase is 44 percent!

Orinda voters should ask themselves if their incomes went up 44 percent in the past 12 months. The proposed library tax is particularly onerous because on March 1 garbage pick-up rates in Orinda went up 14.7 percent. All Orinda property owners would have to pay the library tax. There would be no exemption for senior citizens, especially those living on low or moderate incomes. The library tax is extremely regressive. The owner of a two-room bungalow would have to pay the same amount as the owner of a 40-room mansion. In 2007, the federal government's figures showed that inflation ran at 4.1 percent. Inflation is a stealth tax that affects all people. Inflation should never be more than one percent per year. Inflation, especially in the areas of gasoline, food, and college tuition, is wrecking many people's desires to save for retirement. Moreover, unemployment is rising. Orinda should not, in view of the bad American economy, be asking its residents to pay more taxes. If the Orinda library wants more money, it should hold a fund-raising drive or sell itself to the kind of private company that could operate the library more cheaply. Orinda voters should soundly reject the library tax.
 Richard S. Colman
 Orinda

NEW in LW
Public Forum
JOIN IT

Over the past year, we have received several exceptionally thoughtful letters from readers in response to some of our stories. Most have been too lengthy for us to print. In an effort to adhere to our mission of being a forum for public discussion, we have decided to allocate sufficient space to publish these letters whenever possible.

Our internal editorial board will review all letters for form and content, and reserves the right to refuse a submission. Writers should have significant knowledge of the area in which they are writing, and letters should be on a subject that we have introduced in our pages. We have not set a maximum word count, but it is unlikely that a 2000-word letter would be printed (for reference, the letter on the right contains 477 words).

All opinions expressed in this forum are those of the writer and not of the Lamorinda Weekly. Letters may be edited for legal considerations, but edited letters will be returned to the writer for consent prior to publication. Submissions should be sent to letter@lamorindaweekly.com.
 (Our already-familiar Letters to the Editor section will remain unchanged.)

Being "Wired on Technology" – Is it a Good Thing?

When I first opened up Computer Software & Hardware in Orinda in 1991, there were very few cell phones and no internet. People were thrilled when their computers opened up and produced a C} prompt. Computers were unreliable, expensive and the wave of the future.

As I read your front page article, "Wired on Technology," I was curious as to why you missed the part about how "instant communication" is threatening the need for the printed word. Why read a newspaper, book or newsmagazine when you can view them on-line?

I have seen the evolution of the instant communication revolution. It has created a culture of fraud, deceit, instant gratification, fear and according to some University studies, a decline in intelligence and reverse evolution.

I have every incarnation of cell phone, computer, IPOD and Blackberry. I see the advantage of instant communication. I also see what it is doing to our society. Text messaging during a movie, talking on a cell phone while driving, answering a device while in the middle of a conversation with someone and, most distressing, someone carrying on a private conversation in earshot of others. This is not the worst of it.

I have parents come into my office seeking help in getting their children to stop playing addictive computer games. There is a profusion of underage people losing big money playing on-line poker. Pornography is freely available to anyone who knows how to use a mouse and click on the button that says they are 'of age.' Since I

make a living helping people with their computer problems, I have to know how to help.

Then we have the internet criminals. They steal peoples' identities. They create a climate of fear that breeds something worse. Anti-virus, anti-spyware companies make money by providing fake security. These include some well known, local companies whose software is ineffectual and is efficient only in requesting money from the user on a yearly basis.

Your article mentions a school where cell phone use is banned. This does not work. Some students use the phones for cheating and are addicted to texting. AOL Instant Messenger is on almost every computer. The television, cell phone, and instant messaging are on while a student does their homework.

Also mentioned is a person who likes to be available 24/7 and even during sleep. The average Blackberry user checks the machine every 5 minutes. This is alarming. Some might say our productivity is increased. Our life spans are getting shorter. Depression, anger, drug use and white-collar crime are increasing. Courtesy, etiquette, conversational skills, handwriting and spelling are getting worse.

I can go on and on. I see the advantage to instant communication. I hope that at some point, we can raise the consciousness of our younger generation to reverse those things that are really important. They are not found in little screens.


Nuchem Weiss
Computer Software and Hardware
Orinda

Detour Ahead

The biggest concern to most residents is the complete closure of the windy section of Moraga Road from Old Jonas Hill Road in Lafayette almost up to Sky-Hy Drive in Moraga. The narrow road makes it impossible to keep traffic flowing

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during construction. Expect closure of this section also from June 16 until August 22 from 9:00 until 5:30 weekdays. Traffic will be re-routed to St. Mary's Road.
 On April 10, at 7:00 in the Campolindo Library, EBMUD



Moraga Road Pipeline Construction & Summer Road Closure

Informational Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2008
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Campolindo High School Library
300 Moraga Road
Moraga

For information call 510-287-0140
or email nharlow@ebmud.com