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Take A Fresh Look at Oakland

News from Mayor Jean Quan

Greetings!

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US Chief Commercial Consul Wylegala and Deputy Consul General Matthews join the Mayor with Oakland wines in Hong Kong.

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TRADE MISSION BANNER: (l-r) Welcome ceremony with Vice Mayor of Shenzhen; downtown Shenzhen; US Agricultural rep, mayor, Dashe Winery's representative, and Port Commissioner Leighty at the Hong Kong Food Fair; Hong Kong Convention Center.

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Every time I go to China it seems like a new place; it is reinventing itself faster than I can comprehend. In 1972 I helped lead a group of Chinese Americans studying Chinese in Hong Kong into China just after President Nixon brought down the curtain that prevented most Americans from entering. It was just after the Cultural Revolution and we found a nation struggling to catch up with the world. I was able to return to my family villages and see the grandmothers I had never met.

In the News

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Mayor Quan and Council President Reid conduct a press conference in Shenzhen.

[Shenzhen](#) was then a small fishing village but it was our first stop in China, I remember Hakka women peddling snacks. Today it is a modern city of 11 million; our iPads and most of our cell phones are made there. This special economic zone next to Hong Kong is their Silicon Valley and the fourth largest port in the world. We hope to increase the trading ties for both imports and exports, especially California exports like wine and other agricultural products, medical equipment, etc. by coordinating facilities and encouraging investment here in Oakland.



Our trip ended in Hong Kong, 3 cities in 6 days. I had a chance to address the American Chamber with Port Director Omar Benjamin. Hong Kong is the traditional gateway into China and is the 3rd largest port in the world. We also attended the [huge international food show](#) where the world is rushing to feed China's growing appetite for new foods. I was struck by how uncoordinated American exporters are; Spain, Australia, Italy and others clearly market their products. We stopped by one of two booths that featured California wine including [Dashe](#) from Oakland. We also visited and thanked many of the port's other customers including Harris Beef, fruit and nut vendors, and the California Dairy Council.

All along the way we gave gifts of Oakland wines and referred to the [Huffington Post's declaration that "Oakland is wine country."](#) We thank the [California Vintage Bar](#), a joint effort by 22 East Bay



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Discover Oakland

Bites on Broadway
Mobile Food and Family Fun
Every Friday June 10th-Oct 21st,
5:30-8:30 pm

On the Plaza at Oakland Technical High School, 45th and Broadway, Oakland
Featuring the best of Oakland's own food culture
Live, local Music, Bike Parking, Croquet and Badminton

[For more information](#)
Info: 654-6346

Co-produced with Elizabeth August (Guerrilla Grub) as a way to highlight Oakland's burgeoning mobile food vending scene and revitalize and activate Broadway as a major Oakland boulevard.

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or for some other time.

We are the ones we have been waiting for.

Barack Obama

wineries, for hosting our closing event and the Oakland wineries that contributed wines including [Urban Legend](#), [Dashe](#), and [JC Cellars](#). If you are ever in Hong Kong and crave good California food; they serve sliders made from Harris Beef, delicious garlic fries, Marin cheeses and decent Mexican food. I developed an appreciation for the variety and quality of wines produced in our town and encourage them to do a tasting tour. [You can find out more about them in this past issue.](#)



The Bret Harte orchestra conducted by Mr. Wurm opens Saturday's District 4 Town Hall meeting.

Many thanks to the 350 residents who attended Saturday's Town Hall meeting. Because both Sue Piper and I were out of town, this edition is a bit shorter and we will carry some stories over until next week. The summary of the District 4 Meeting will be available later in the week and will be posted on the Mayor's page of the city website.

Mayor Jean Quan

1. Building Oakland: Volunteers Reopen Sankofa School Library

Last week, Sankofa Academy, an Oakland public elementary school located at 61st Street and Shattuck Avenue, reopened the doors of its library to students. The reopening was the result of months of teamwork by a dedicated group of volunteers and donors.

Dagmar Serota, a public school volunteer and Executive Director of Good Cents for Oakland, approached principal, **Monique Brinson**, offering to help reopen the library. Brinson, who had been working with OUSD District Librarian, **Ann Gallagher**, for years, trying to find the funds and personnel to reopen the library, quickly paired Serota with **Carol Thomas**, a founding Sankofa Academy teacher and the school's Family Liaison.



(Above) Sankofa teacher Carol Thomas reads to students in the newly-reopened school library.

It was a great match, because Serota and Thomas knew each other from their work together at Emerson Elementary. They became partners and were joined by **Ed Oberholtzer**, an Experience

Corps volunteer and former academic librarian at Tufts University. Soon, all three were committing significant hours cataloging book donations, organizing shelves and holding work days to bring the library back into operation. Carol, Dagmar and Ed now work together, providing weekly library time to all Sankofa students.

Sankofa library donors include the families at Peralta Elementary, Redwood Day School, Hillcrest Elementary, Emerson Elementary and Pegasus Books on College, who collectively donated over 1,500 books. Target, Oakland Schools Foundation, the runners and supporters of the Run for Sankofa library benefit, Gs for Good and the Rotary Club of Oakland also made significant contributions to support the project.

"It was great to see the whole community come together to embrace this project and bring the joy of a functioning library back to Sankofa students," said Brinson.

For more information about Sankofa Academy, please visit www.oaklandschoolsfoundation.org/Sankofa. To support the Sankofa library, please visit the Sankofa Library wishoist, (listed under Sankofa Library) at www.Amazon.com.

2. Discover Oakland This Week

LGBT Roundtable, Monday, May 16, 5:30 pm, Hearing Room 3: Chief Anthony Batts and members of the OPD LBGTQ Advisory Committee will discuss Hate Crimes, Hatzune Aguilar from our office will discuss planning for the San Francisco PRIDE parade, and PRIDE Board members will share plans for Oakland PRIDE's event on Labor Day. For details contact [Ada Chan](#) in Council Member-at-Large Rebecca Kaplan's Office.

Spring Book Fair at Glenview Elementary School, Wednesday, May 18 through Friday, May 20, 4215 La Cresta Avenue: The Book Fair will be open from 8 am to 6 pm on May 18, from 8 am to 8 pm on May 19, and from 8 am to 6 pm on May 20. Stop by and shop for books for your summer reading. All purchases support the school.

Strawberry Creek Restoration Program Presentation at Friends of Sausal Creek Meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 7-9 pm, Dimond Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue: The Strawberry Creek Restoration Program at UC Berkeley is a success story of habitat renewal in resource-constrained times. Led by students in partnership with the UCB Office of Environment, Health and Safety and the Grounds Management Department, the mostly volunteer program is rolling back nearly 30 years of neglect and invasion by non-native vegetation within the campus natural areas. Join Environmental Protection Specialist Tim Pine and Lead Student Restoration Coordinator Tyler Grinberg for a presentation on the challenges overcome to restore biodiversity and habitat health in UC Berkeley's part of Strawberry Creek. This environmental education presentation takes place at the [bimonthly Friends of Sausal Creek member meeting](#). All are welcome! For more information, call 501-3672 or email coordinator@sausalcreek.org.

13th Annual May Arts Festival, AYPAL, Oakland Asian Cultural Center, Thursday, May 19, 5:30 pm, 388 9th Street, 2nd Floor: API Youth Promoting Advocacy and Leadership ([AYPAL](#)) hosts its 13th Annual May Arts Festival, featuring performance by AYPAL youth in cultural dance, guerilla theatre, spoken word and visual arts. Prizes raffles and silent auction. Donations appreciated.

[Oakland Ballet](#) Presents "Forwards," Thursday, May 19 through Saturday, May 21, Laney College. Help the ballet rebuild by attending this new company's production under the direction of Graham Lustig. This is not your grandmother's ballet, you will enjoy the very edgy jazz piece.





District 1 Town Hall Meeting with Jane Brunner on the Budget, Saturday, May 21, 10 am, Peralta Elementary School, 460 63rd Street: Learn more about the budget at Council Member Brunner's May meeting.

Final Spring 2001 Town Hall Meeting in District 7, Saturday, May 21, 1-3:30 pm, East Oakland School of the Arts @ Castlemont, 8901 MacArthur Blvd.: Residents of District 7 are invited to join me and Council President Larry Reid as we break out into groups to focus on issues of specific concern to District 7 residents. Translation will be available. Please contact [Office of the Mayor](#) for details.



6th Annual Walk to End Poverty, Saturday, May 21, 9 am, Oakland Lake Merritt Bandstand: Free community fair, children's activities, and live entertainment. Sponsored by the Oakland Community Action Partnership. For more information visit [OaklandCAP.org](#) or phone 238-2362.

3. Neighborhoods Speak Up--District 4 Town Hall Meeting

Many thanks to Chris Quan for summarizing the top concerns of the District 4 break out sessions, to Nick Vigilante for organizing the outreach and the dozens of neighborhood leaders who helped leaflet their neighbors. Special thanks to Bret Harte Principal Mrs. Williams for letting us share Expo Day on campus and to the orchestra for a polished and professional performance.

District 4 Top Concerns

Blight & Beautification

1. Blight on commercial and public property, small capital grants from city for beautification
2. Litter on streets (small items & large)
3. Small capital grants from City for beautification

Economic Development and Housing

1. What can Oakland do to give incentives to bring businesses to Oakland?
2. Jobs, we need public safety to attract jobs
3. Stop scaring local business away, need to change tax base/structure from gross to net
4. Need affordable housing for young generation

Education

1. Funding for art, music, libraries, teachers, after school programs, adult ed, class size, create rainy day fund
2. Debt forgiveness, get story out to media, lobby state to forgive debt incurred while under it's control
3. Adult education, more funding for libraries, ESL programs, encourage business investment
4. School safety, more parent volunteers, collaboration between schools, think long term instead of short term

Health, Environment and Seniors

1. Aging in place, develop one-stop coordinated services center perhaps at senior centers
2. Empowerment of seniors in City government
3. Strengthen Commission on Aging

Infrastructure and Transportation

1. Complete streets, develop streets that will accommodate all modes of transportation, safety, maintenance
2. Speeding, especially on 35th Ave - make 1 lane for bicycles, more stop signs (Wisconsin),

remove blinking speed light

3. Traffic safety, vegetation, adopt-a-street by Redwood Heights Neighborhood Association

Parks, Recreation Centers and Libraries

1. Libraries
 - a. Funding - work for parcel tax
 - b. Partnerships for grants and programs
 - c. Volunteers - central volunteer office for entire City
2. Parks and Recreation Centers
 - a. Maintain and protect existing park programs
 - b. Safe and in good condition - neighborhood listservs to post happenings and needs, use volunteers, use Project 22 where tickets forgiven for working in parks
 - c. Funding - work for parcel tax

Prevention and Preparedness

1. Increase involvement of schools, churches, neighborhoods in CORE program
2. 911 registry for seniors and disabled

Public Safety

1. Union agreements
2. Cost of gang injunctions
3. Cuts to libraries and parks

Youth Empowerment

1. Need to engage young people, listen to their interests and serve them, maintain existing youth programs and develop more
2. Youth need to get involved themselves
3. Maintain after school programs

4. City News: Next Budget Hearing May 26, Parcel Tax or an ALL Cut Budget ?

A Special Council meeting on the budget is scheduled for May 26, 5:30 pm.

BUDGET PROPOSALS ARE NOW ON LINE: The Bad, the Really Bad & the Really Ugly

Because so much is still in the air, we present 3 budgets:

[Budget Facts](#)--a quick overview of the budget:

[This 1 page comparison of the 3 Budgets below is very useful](#)

[The Bad](#)--Balancing the budget with cuts, employee contributions and the Parcel Tax

[The Really Bad](#)--Balancing the budget with cuts and employee contributions

[The Really Ugly](#)--Balancing the budget only through cuts

Currently, the Council has not scheduled a new vote on a mail ballot for a 25 cent a day emergency parcel tax for 5 years; I am asking them to let the voters decide. All of three budgets are painful but an ALL CUTS budget will mean major closings of libraries, fire stations, and recreation centers, reduction of days at senior centers, and reduction by attrition of the police force.

Council Delays Parcel Tax Vote: Several weeks ago the Council agreed to put an \$80 parcel tax on the special election ballot planned by Governor Brown. When it became apparent that Brown would not be able to get a special election, our office went to the Council to ask for an all mail vote. Disappointingly, three members of the Council did not support an "urgency" vote which needs 6 votes.

- **Does this Kill the Parcel Tax Vote?** This does not kill the initiative but does delay the vote until next months because of the Council recess.
- **Why is the delay important?** It means that if we get a special election by mail, we will not

know the results until August two months into the fiscal year. Even if the parcel tax passes, **we will likely have to layoff and cut programs during July & August.** This is something I was hoping to avoid.

- **Is the Vote by Mail expensive?** Actually a vote by mail is about the same cost to the city as being part of a consolidated election, about \$800 K.
- **I believe the citizens of Oakland should be allowed to decide.** The parcel tax would raise about one fifth of the funds needed to close the gap, it would cost the average home owner about a quarter a day.
- **Without a parcel tax we will have an all cuts budget for the most part.** Ironically this parallels the struggles going on in Washington and Sacramento.

The Budget Process: Since I took office we have worked every day on the budget.

- We spent most of the first two months establishing the **budget baseline**, correcting mistakes in reporting and estimates that were too optimistic. We expect the current budget to run up to a \$6M shortfall.
- We also started **meeting with departments** immediately to work out what options we would have to increase revenues or to reduce their budgets by 15-20%.
- We have spent much of our time fighting proposed deep federal and state cuts including redevelopment. Federal cuts could be \$7-8M and state cuts could be over \$30 M, including redevelopment.
- Last month we issued an 85-page budget memo for our day long **Budget Workshop with the Council and the Cabinet** [You can download the report here.](#) We are starting the budget process about 6 weeks earlier than in past years. In past years the Mayor and Council had retreats to discuss city priorities in the fall or new year, that did not happen this year so this was a critical meeting. The document focuses on the \$46M shortfall in next years general fund budget. To close that gap I believe all options must be on the table and everyone must contribute: 1) There will be cuts to programs and consolidation of programs, but we must leave the city in the best possible position for when the economy rebounds . 2) Employees will be asked to contribute; this will mean a continuation of furlough days and other items now under negotiations with all our unions. 3) We need the passage of the \$80 emergency parcel tax for 5 years to reduce the necessary levels of cuts. 4) Other new revenues including increasing rentals of city facilities, sharing of services, etc. 5) Collaborating with other government agencies and organizations to reduce costs.
- **Council Hearings and Votes:** Historically, the Council holds its final budget hearings in June. **The charter requires a budget by June 30th.**



MacArthur Transit Village Groundbreaking, Monday, May 23, 1 pm: One of the tenets of smart growth policy is the idea of building mixed-use, mixed-income development adjacent to public transportation. The Fruitvale Village was our first Transit Village effort. Groundbreaking for another similar effort at the MacArthur BART station will be held on Monday, May 23 at 1 pm.

5. The 25% Solution: Greek Dining and the Indie Awards

This weekend marked another successful [Oakland Greek Festival](#) where families and friends gathered from all over the Bay Area for authentic Greek cuisine, music and crafts. I missed the opening for the first time in years but our family enjoyed Sunday dinner and saw many old friends. If you missed out or are simply yearning for your next gyro sandwich, don't wait until next year's festival. Oakland is equipped to keep the party going all year long-opa!



It's All Greek to Me!





Ikaros Greek Restaurant

3268 Grand Avenue

510/899-4400

www.ikarosgr.com

This new family owned and operated Greek restaurant popped up on Grand Avenue to much fanfare just a few short months ago. The place is always buzzing with guests during lunch and dinner. Come by and say "tikanis" to our

new neighbors!

Simply Greek

4060 Piedmont Avenue

510/428-0588

www.simply-greek.com

With all the exciting changes happening on Piedmont Avenue, one thing is always consistent-the food at Simply Greek. It's a small, narrow spot with a wide menu selection. The chicken souvalki is delicious and most would agree, you're missing out if you don't try their Tzatziki sauce... it just makes everything taste better!



Athenian Deli & Café

2125 Franklin

510/465-4590

www.atheniandeli.com

Situated in the thriving Uptown District, Athenian Deli & Café is a perfect place for a quick bite. If you're looking for good, inexpensive and consistent food, this is your spot. Meat aside, there's plenty for the vegetarians in your life too.

Submitted by Kim Bardakian

OAKLAND'S 5TH ANNUAL INDIE AWARDS:

Friday night One Pacific Coast Bank (formerly One California) hosted the fifth annual awards recognizing unique Oakland small business and artists, followed by a party of good local foods and crafts. Founder Kat and Tom Steyer and their Foundation are great hosts. This year's winners are:

- **SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ROCK STAR:** [Karen's Flowers](#) on MacArthur in East Oakland, for her work organizing the local merchants group and training and mentoring youth in the Youth Employment Project.
- **INNOVATIVE NEWBIE:** [Roots Ventures](#) founded by Nikhil Arora and Alejandro Velez grows gourmet mushrooms on recycled coffee grounds.
- **RIPPLE EFFECT:** Supports other businesses by shopping local and keeping \$ circulating in the community, the [Mandela Food Coop](#).
- **GREENIE WINNER:** [Rising Loafer Cafe and Bakery](#), sustainable and no plastic bags!
- **GREENIE ARTIST:** [Jaime Vaida](#), artist in residence with St. Vincent de Paul and Art Across America. Makes beautiful metal works.
- **OAKLAND SOUL:** Reflecting diversity and creativity, [Chamberz Studios](#).
- **PILLAR:** Established business [Montclair Veterinary Hospital](#); Gary Richter created the Pet and Wildlife Fund.
- **PILLAR 2:** [Give Something Back](#), a green office supply business that donates a percentage to community groups.

Check out one of our 40 unique neighborhood business districts. Each one has a different mix of restaurants and shops. The [Shop Oakland website](#) is a great place to start. There's a [wonderful map](#), as well.



Visit [Oakland Grown](#) for the latest on local independent merchants and their wares.

6. The Greening of Oakland: Garden Tours, Plant Sales, Free Solar

Free Home Weatherization Program: Renters or homeowners that meet income requirements can have their homes or apartments weatherized to improve energy efficiency for **FREE**. The County Community Development Agency received funds to weatherize homes in Alameda County. [Click here to read more.](#)

Free Solar Electric Installations, Energy Efficiency Services and Trainings for Oaklanders:

Through generous funding from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the City of Oakland's Redevelopment Agency and a number of foundation, corporate and individual donors we have been able to dramatically increase the number of families and workers served in Oakland and around the state of California. To qualify for the program, residents need only:



1. Reside in a single-family, owner-occupied home in an Oakland Redevelopment Area (or have a deed-restricted home)
2. Have a total household income below 80 percent AMI
3. Posses a solar-suitable roof in good shape (generally less than 12 years old) or be willing to work with the City of Oakland for a low-interest deferred loan
4. Provide basic documents (PGE bill, tax return, homeowners insurance declaration) to GA Staff in a timely way

Contact Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma at [Grid Alternatives](#) at 731-1320, jahahara@gridalternatives.org

East Bay Regional Parks Master Plan Survey: You can add your two cents on their online survey for the 2011 Master Plan at <http://www.ebparks.org/planning/mp/survey>.

Children's Fairyland Garden Day, Saturday, May 28: Featuring Let Worms Eat Your Garbage, presented by [StopWaste.org](#). The Bay-friendly gardening program of Alameda County will provide a demonstration of worm composting, a hands-on activity for kids with educational handouts. Also, spend some time in our vegetable garden with Fairyland horticulturalist Robin North (noon to 3:00pm) while moms and dads get a special opportunity to buy Fairyland-grown plants at super special prices!

7. School and Youth



Above: "Team Quixote" at the Bay Area Regional Odyssey of the Mind tournament in February. The students built the great props by themselves.

Help Glenview Elementary Students get to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at University of Maryland on May 27-30: Seven Glenview students in 3rd and 5th grade won the State Championship for Odyssey of the Mind, a competition that promotes creative thinking, problem-solving, teamwork and the arts. This is a big feat for an Oakland Public School. They competed against 11 teams in the Bay Area Regional Competition in February, and then competed against 15 other teams from across the state in the State Championship in March where they ultimately earned 1st place in their division. The team fundraising goal is \$10,000 to defray the registration and travel costs for team members and coaches, and to ship large props across the country. Parents and students are doing a lot of fund raising but could use additional support. **Donations can be made out to Glenview Elementary School PTA (please note Odyssey of the Mind on the check)**
4215 La Cresta Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602
Tax I.D. 94-6172195 For details, please visit www.glenviewootm.org

Ancestry Project Connects Youth to Family Heritage: Every week since February, staff from Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson's Office and volunteers from the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California have met with youth from McClymonds High School and Beyond Emancipation, a program for former foster care youth in Alameda County. Recently they introduced the program to a group of African American young men at the Berkeley Techonlogy Academy. [Read more about the program in Supervisor Carson's newsletter.](#)

8. Safe and Healthy Oakland

New OPD Email for Homicide Investigations: The Oakland Police Department Homicide Section has a new email address for citizens to provide information to investigators about any homicide that has occurred. **Tips can always be submitted by calling 238-3821, or Oaklandhomicide@oaklandnet.com**

Beware of Door to Door Solicitors: As the weather warms up, so do sightings of door-to-door-solicitors. Just this week, the list serv from Crocker Highlands was abuzz about "charming young men encouraging homeowners to purchase books for Children's Hospital as a fund raiser for their school orchestra to take a trip to play with the London Symphony. Note that the City of Oakland requires solicitors to have a permit from the Oakland Police Department. We recommend that you not even open your door to strangers, but if you do and they start their pitch, ask to see their permit and then let them know that it is illegal to solicit door to door without one and that you are going to call the police immediately. Then call the non-emergency number 777-3333 and report what you see. It is also a good idea to spread the word on your local list serv, as well.

Parent Class on Gang Prevention at Carmen Flores Recreation Center, Thursdays, 6-8:30 pm: Project Re-Connect in collaboration with Carmen Flores Recreation Center offers effective parenting classes. Call 482-1738 for details. 1637 Fruitvale Avenue.

<u>May 19, 2011</u>	A Safe Home
<u>May 26, 2011</u>	Putting it all Together
<u>June 02, 2011</u>	Celebration

Crime Down for Fourth Year: Even with the surge in homicides, violent crime rates are still going down overall for the city by about 4%; -14% for all crimes. [Help us by joining your neighborhood alert group or beat council.](#)

9. Circle Your Calendar.

Seeking Items for Upcoming Friends of the Oakland Animal Shelter Yard Sale this Summer: Help support our pets in need by donating gently used household items for the upcoming fund raiser yard sale. Each item should have at least at \$10 value. All electrical & battery operated equipment should be in working condition. Include any manuals, and all pieces. Wash or dry clean clothing. Dust or clean any equipment. Contact [Amy Haddix](#) or [Jamin Hawks](#) for pick up.

Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association Concert and Fund Raiser for Japan, Sunday, May 29, 7 pm at Yoshi's Oakland, 510 Embarcadero West, Jack London Square: The [Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association](#) is hosting a concert fund-raiser at Yoshi's Oakland with the band Hiroshima. The net proceeds from ticket and CD sales will be donated to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern CA (JCCNC) for Northern Japan Earthquake Relief. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased [online](#). For details, contact Liane Scott at 482-5896 or email her at lianescott@sbcglobal.net

90th Memorial Day Commemoration at Mountain View Cemetary, Monday, May 30, 10 am, at the top of Piedmont Avenue: [Mountain View Cemetery](#) honors all veterans at the 90th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration. The traditional placing of the wreath and the 21 gun-salute will be followed by a dove release. Additional activities and participants include the Piedmont Highlanders Drum & Pipe Trio, Presentation of Colors-Boy Scouts Piedmont Troop 6, Salute to the Fallen, Oakland Youth Chorus, and the David Hardiman Trio. The event is hosted by Mountain View Cemetery Association. Docent Dennis Evanosky will lead a guided tour of the refurbished Civil War plot and other areas of notables that are buried in the cemetery.



East Bay Open Studios 2011, June 4-5 and June 11-12: During the first two weekends in June, and throughout the year by appointment, East Bay Open Studios connects the public with over 400 artists in 14 cities in the East Bay. Since 1979, this event remains the largest art event in the region and draws an annual audience over 50,000. This year, more than 400 articles will participate. For details and to get your copy of the Directory, go to www.proartsgallery.org.

Free Art & Music in the Gardens, Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5: "Art and Music in the Gardens" will showcase the East Bay's dynamic art community in a magical, seven-acre garden setting in the heart of Oakland adjacent to beautiful Lake Merritt. Selected artists and gardeners will lead hands-on workshops and performances. A selection of foods, from local sources, will be available for purchase. Botanical and landscape art will be given special consideration and emphasis. Special childrens' events, demonstrations and activities will be emphasized. The Gardens were recently named a "Top Five California Garden" by AAA's *via Magazine*. For details call Chair [Jerry Miller](#) at 547-8894 or visit [The Gardens at Lake Merritt website](#).

Art in Harmony, An Afternoon with Michael Morgan & Friends, Saturday, June 4, 2-5 pm, Tessera Gallery, 1225A 7th Street:

Oakland East Bay Symphony's Third Annual Spring Celebration benefiting the Symphony's music, education and outreach programs. Celebrate **Art in Harmony** in a unique urban art space with the delicious food of Devoted Catering by Amiee Alan, the fabulous wines of our Season's Wine Sponsors, live entertainment, and a multitude of silent and live auction items. Individual tickets start at \$90. [For details...](#)

A leader in music education, Oakland East Bay Symphony has developed a comprehensive instrumental music program that serves over 3,000 students in grades 3-12 at eighteen Oakland public schools. Oakland East Bay Symphony's programs serve a student population that is primarily African American, Asian and Latino, in some of the city's most economically depressed neighborhoods. These include Music for Excellence (MUSE), Young People's Concerts, Young Arts Competition, and school visits and ensembles in the schools.



(Above, a past Young People's Concert.)

Free Golf Clinic for Women, Saturday, June 4, 9 am Lake Chabot Golf Course, 11450 Golf Links Road: Women are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity to enjoy a FREE Golf Clinic at this City golf course. Focus will be on the basics of golf including putting, chipping and full swing. Clinics are held the first and third Saturday of every month. Professional instruction is provided by Brandon Chapman, Head Professional and Steve Harker, PGA Professional. For additional information, please call Brandon Chapman at 351-5812 or email him a bchapman@lakechabotgolf.com.

OPR's Golf Tee Tournament to Benefit Youth Programming and Sundays in the Redwoods Concerts, Monday, June 13, Registration 8 am, Starts 9 am, Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive: Foursome \$300, Individual \$100. Format: Shot Gun. For additional information please call 597-5081 or visit www.sundaysintheredwoods.com.

