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LOVE LIMERICKS?

We couldn't resist some silliness as St. Patrick's Day draws near. If you've got a limerick in you that's bursting to get out, please send it to us (lee@lamorindaweekly.com)!

Jennifer Wake Takes the Cake:

Lamorinda is short for three towns,
where community spirit abounds.
Acronyms we do best,
LMYA, OIS . . .
We who live here are family, we've found.

Lamorindans give much of our hearts,
whether supporting our sports or the arts.
Dons, Cougars, Gaels, Mats,
early Kiwanis meeting chats,
the community is a whole of its parts.

A love of this place gives us pride:
A home that we carry inside.
We clean parks, save our creeks,
cheer at OMPA meets.
We're a neighborhood three cities wide

Jean Follmer's Men:

The Lafayette Man

The Lafayette man went to town
To claim his stool and sit down.
The bar at the Roundup
Was where the man drank up
Green beer and then fell on his crown.

The Man from Moraga

There once was a man from Moraga
Who couldn't say much more than
"Gaga"
A stay at home dad,
He found his life had,
Become quite a bit of a saga.

The Man from Orinda

There was a new man in Orinda
Who said to his dear wife Melinda
"I'm scared of earthquakes
And don't know why Cal Shakes
Are so cheered throughout Lamorinda."

Andrea Firth's First Editorials:

In Moraga there s a measure called MOSO
And Bruzzone s have another called MOSPRO
Open space is the topic
But I may be myopic
Which to vote for I really just don't know.

Our state budget is in a fine mess
Schwarzenegger wants us to spend less
Our schools will suffer
He says get tougher
But he can afford private I d guess.

Sophie Braccini Bares All:

My veggie garden is neat and is bright
Whether rain or shine it's a source of delight
You will find me there
All dressed or bare
That is where I spent my whole wedding night

Wendy Scheck's Crystal Ball:

In Lamorinda the schools are the best
To that, the home prices attest
But town coffers are bare
And we have become quite aware
That bad roads will soon be our test

Cathy Tyson Tells It Like It Is:

They said it couldn't be done
Start a newspaper for fun
Reporters were found
Attractive newshounds
The result is way better than the Sun

J-Dog's people fries

By Susie Iventosch

One of our good friends recently told me that she's had breakfast at the Village Inn Café in Orinda pretty well every morning for over 15 years! When I heard this, I remembered that owners Kathy and Kurt Bellows are the parents of my daughter's very best friend from kindergarten, Kimberly.

We'd moved away from the area sometime during their first grade year, so I'd kind of forgotten that they owned the restaurant. Whenever Courtney and Kimbers (as my daughter used to call her) wanted to have a play date, I'd bring my two little boys (who are now 18 and 20) in tow. This year, the girls will both graduate from college.

My, how time flies ... but I digress.

The Village Inn, serving breakfast and lunch, is famous for its breakfast potatoes, according to my friend. When I phoned the restaurant to see how they're made, Kathy said, "They're not like regular hash browns. Kurt slices them and cooks them on the grill and people really do seem to love them."

This all brings me back to my youngest son Joel, who as a toddler always loved chatting with Kathy when we visited the Bellows' house. And now, he makes amazing potatoes, too. Hmm ... I wonder if he learned this trick at their house when I wasn't watching!

J-Dog's people fries

Try as we may to raise civilized children, they still end up with names like "J-dog" or just plain "Dog." While I don't pretend to understand the "dog" thing, it's actually kind of funny.

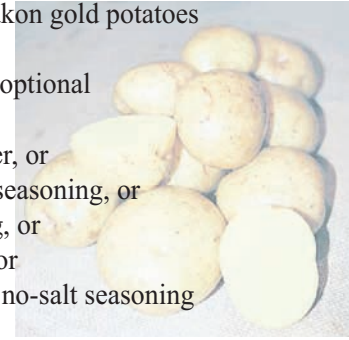
With a little good grooming, this generation of "dogs" can be inspired to prepare some excellent people treats, like these homemade, oven-baked fries that Joel (dog), conjured up.

This recipe calls for approximately one medium-large potato, per person. If your family really loves fries, you may want to consider preparing two potatoes per person.

Ingredients for six servings

6 medium to large russet or Yukon gold potatoes
2-3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard *optional

1 teaspoon each salt and pepper, or
2-4 teaspoons Montreal steak seasoning, or
2-4 teaspoons Cajun seasoning, or
2-4 teaspoons Lemon pepper, or
2-4 teaspoons of your favorite no-salt seasoning



**Seasoning options – according to your own taste – use any or all of those listed, or come up with your own favorite seasoning, and adjust seasoning quantities by experimenting to suit your taste.

Directions

Clean and slice unpeeled potatoes into strips 1/2 inch wide by 1/8-1/4 inch deep and the full length of the potato. Place potato strips into a gallon-size Ziplock baggie. (You may need two Ziplocks depending upon how many potatoes you prepare.)

Drizzle oil (and Dijon if you choose) over potatoes in baggie and zip bag shut. Knead bag to distribute oil and mustard over potato slices. Open baggie to add seasonings, re-zip and again knead baggie to spread seasonings over potatoes.

Spread potatoes onto a greased baking sheet, (we use PAM) making sure that potatoes are just a single layer deep. You may need a second baking sheet.

Bake in a 400-degree oven for 20-30 minutes, or until potatoes are easily pierced, but beginning to get a bit crunchy on the outside. You should turn potatoes with a spatula at least once or twice during baking to make sure all edges get a little crispy. Serve immediately, piping hot.



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MAYA Mexican Grill

FREE Burrito

Mon.-Sat., 11am-8pm
74 Moraga Way, Orinda
(925) 258-9049

Fish - Shrimp - Steak - Chicken
Carnitas - Pork Chili Verde
Chicken Ranchero - Burritos & Tacos
Fajitas - Tostadas - Enchiladas
Chicken Mole - Steak Ranchero Plates
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Exp. March 31st

Dine In, Take Out & Catering Kids Menu

LAMORINDA's Restaurants		
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American		
Bistro	3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-7108
Chow Restaurant	53 Lafayette Cir, Laf	962-2469
Hungry Hunter	3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	938-3938
Quiznos	3651 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-0200
Ranch House	1012 School St, Mor	376-5127
Terzetto Cuisine	1419 Moraga Way, Mor	376-3832
The Cheese Steak Shop	3455 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-1234
BBQ		
Bo's Barbecue	3422 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-7133
Burger Joint		
Flippers	960 Moraga Rd, Laf	284-1567
Nation's Giant Hamburgers	400 Park, Mor	376-8888
Nation's Giant Hamburgers	76 Moraga Way, Ori	254-8888
Café		
Express Cafe	3732 Mt. Diablo Blvd # 170, Laf	283-7170
Ferrari-Lucca Delicatessens	23 Lafayette Cir, Laf	299-8040
Geppetto's coffee	87 Orinda Way, Ori	253-9894
Rising Loafer	3643 Mt. Diablo Blvd Ste B, Laf	284-8816
California Cuisine		
Gigi's	1005 Brown St., Laf	962-0882
Metro Lafayette	3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-4422
Shelby's	2 Theatre Sq, Ori	254-9687
Chinese		
Asia Palace Restaurant	1460 B Moraga Rd, Mor	376-0809
Chef Chao Restaurant	343 Rheem Blvd, Mor	376-1740
China Moon Restaurant	380 Park St, Mor	376-1828
The Great Wall Restaurant	3500 Golden Gate Way, Laf	284-3500
Hsiangs Mandarin Cuisine	1 Orinda Way # 1, Ori	253-9852
Lily's House	3555 Mt. Diablo Blvd #A, Laf	284-7569
Mandarin Flower	581 Moraga Rd, Mor	376-7839
Panda Express	3608 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-0288
Szechwan Chinese Restaurant	79 Orinda Way, Ori	254-2020
Uncle Yu's Szechuan	999 Oak Hill Rd, Laf	283-1688
Yan's Restaurant	3444 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-2228
Coffee Shop		
Millie's Kitchen	1018 Oak Hill Rd #A, Laf	283-2397
Squirrel's Coffee Shop	998 Moraga Rd, Laf	284-7830
Village Inn Café	290 Village Square, Ori	254-6080
Continental		
Petar's Restaurant	32 Lafayette Cir, Laf	284-7117
Vino Restaurant	3531 Plaza Way, Laf	284-1330
Duck Club Restaurant	3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-7108
Hawaiian Grill		
Lava Pit	2 Theatre Square, St. 142, Ori	253-1338
Indian		
India Palace	3740 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-5700
Swad Indian Cuisine	3602 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-9575
Italian		
Giardino	3406 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-3869
La Finestra Ristorante	100 Lafayette Cir, St. 101, Laf	284-5282
La Piazza	15 Moraga Way, Ori	253-9191
Mangia Ristorante Pizzeria	975 Moraga Rd, Laf	284-3081
Michael's	1375 Moraga Way, Mor	376-4300
Mondello's	337 Rheem Blvd, Mor	376-2533
Pizza Antica	3600 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-0500
Postino	3565 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-8700
Ristorante Amorama	360 Park St, Mor	377-7662
Japanese		
Asia Palace Sushi Bar	1460 B Moraga Rd, Mor	376-0809
Blue Ginko	3518-A Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-9020
Kane Sushi	3474 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-9709
Niwa Restaurant	1 Camino Sobrante # 6, Ori	254-1606
Serika Restaurant	2 Theatre Sq # 118, Ori	254-7088
Tamami's Japanese Restaurant	356 Park St, Mor	376-2872
Yu Sushi	19 Moraga Way, Ori	253-8399
Jazz Dinner Club		
Joe's of Lafayette	3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Laf	299-8807
The Orinda House	65 Moraga Way, Ori	258-4445
Mediterranean		
Alex's	2 Theatre Sq # 105, Ori	254-5290
Nino's Bay	#2 Theater Square, Ste. 153, Ori	253-1327
Oasis Café	3594 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-8822
Per Tutti Ristorante	3576 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-5225
Mexican		
360 Gourmet Burrito	3655 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-1270
El Charro Mexican Dining	3339 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-2345
El Jaro Mexican Cafe	3563 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-6639
La Cocina Mexicana	23 Orinda Way, Ori	258-9987
Mucho wraps	1375-B Moraga Way, Mor	377-1203
Baja Fresh Mexican Grill	3596 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-8740
Celia's Restaurant	3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-8288
El Balazo	3518D Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-8700
Maya Mexican Grill	74 Moraga Way, Ori	258-9049
Numero Uno Taqueria	3616 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-1333
Pizza		
Mountain Mike's Pizza	3614 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-6363
Mountain Mike's Pizza	504 Center St, Mor	377-6453
Pennini's	1375 Moraga Rd, Mor	376-1515
Round Table Pizza	361 Rheem Blvd, Mor	376-1411
Round Table Pizza	3637 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-0404
Village Pizza	19 Orinda Way # Ab, Ori	254-1200
Zamboni's Pizza	1 Camino Sobrante # 4, Ori	254-2800
Sandwiches/Deli		
Bianca's Deli	1480 Moraga Rd # A, Mor	376-4400
Europa Hofbrau Deli & Pub	64 Moraga Way, Ori	254-7202
Gourmet Bistro Café	484 Center St, Mor	376-1551
Kasper's Hot Dogs	103 Moraga Way, Ori	253-0766
Noah's Bagels	3518 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-0716
Orinda Deli	19 F Orinda Way, Ori	254-1990
Subway	396 Park St., Mor	376-2959
Subway	3322 Mt. Diablo Blvd #B, Laf	284-2627
Subway	Theatre Square, Ori	258-0470
Seafood		
Yankee Pier	3593 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-4100
Singaporean/Malaysian		
Kopitiam	3647 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-1653
South American		
The Patio Tapas and Restaurant	960 Moraga Road, Laf	299-6885
Steak		
Casa Orinda	20 Bryant Way, Ori	254-2981
Tea		
Pateriserie Lafayette	71 Lafayette Cir, Laf	283-2226
Tea Party by Appointment	107 Orinda Way, Ori	254-2206
Thai		
Amarin Thai Cuisine	3555 Mt. Diablo Blvd # B, Laf	283-8883
Baan Thai	99 Orinda Way, Ori	253-0989
Royal Siam	512 Center St, Mor	377-0420
Siam Orchid	23 Orinda Way # F, Ori	253-1975

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