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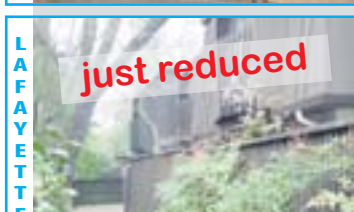
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Realtor
Anna has resided in Orinda, Moraga, and Lafayette, and is a creative associate with a keen eye. "We have a special Lafayette office; we like smart collaboration," she notes. "When I spearheaded subdividing a Lafayette family property, I drew from a core team of top professionals to create two parcels. Staging the home, inviting neighbors, on budget, I sold both properties on price target, on schedule, bringing in strong, prepared buyers." Anna works with first-time buyers, fine home sellers, lots, and is color designing a large, 3-bridge view home in the Berkeley hills. Beyond delivering thoughtful, first class service to her clients, Anna relaxes painting fine silks, frequents the theater, the tennis court, and A's games. Cell: 925 783 9000 anna.realtor@gmail.com

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A Dream for Moraga

By Sophie Braccini
"An exclusive and dramatically situated hideaway;" "One of the most beautiful and tranquil spaces in the buzzing East Bay;" "A microclimate of luxury." Could these quotes refer to Moraga one day? This is the dream of one man, Joao Magalhaes, a twenty-year resident of Moraga with a lot of business acumen and a "2020 vision." On June 2nd the Economic Development Advisory Committee presented to the Town Council a report on the economic state of the town, after two years and 1400 hours of work. The picture is a city that does not offer its wealthy residents the shopping experience they want, a business community where large chain retailers derive 75% of their revenue from outside of Moraga and where many stores are vacant. Residents crave high-end

products they can't find in town because the Moraga market is too small and because surrounding communities offer a more attractive shopping experience. As Moraga sees a high risk of structural deficit and stagnant sales tax revenue, everyone is scrambling for ideas to revive the economic life in town. Members of the Chamber of Commerce launched "Shop Moraga First," and the Town is engaged in Specific Plan discussions for the downtown area. At the end of their presentation to the Council, members of EDAC invited everyone to hear the plan of Joao Magalhaes. Magalhaes, the former President of Bechtel Brazil, calls his plan "2020 vision." "You need a long term plan, and benchmarks," says Magalhaes. His benchmark is the Poetry Inn in Yountville, its Cliff

Lede Vineyards and the art gallery located there as well. Magalhaes is part of the Lamorinda Winegrower Association, a group consisting of more than seventy local winegrowers. He has researched the history of Moraga and discovered that more than one hundred twenty years ago the Christian Brothers, who founded St Mary's College, were encouraged to produce local alter wine. He read about Brother Timothy Diener, a pioneer in California wine making, who was the winemaker at Christian Brothers for more than fifty years. "You could incorporate a spa, a bakery, a five-star restaurant and boutiques," he says, "what counts is a choice of optimal quality that will attract discriminating customers and create a unique image for Moraga." ... continued on page 13

Tried & True Tips to Improve the Value of Your Home... Eliminate the Clutter!

By Dana Green



If you are thinking about selling your home or, if you simply would like to enjoy the home you have, the very first thing to attack is clutter! Ask yourself a few common questions: Are your closets crammed with items you haven't worn in years? Have you simply shut the doors to your children's rooms and given up? Do you have random items stacked in corners of every room? What do the surfaces of your dressers, counters and refrigerator look like? Before you begin to honestly answer these

questions, take a deep breath and call in help. Gather your family (or a professional organizer) and re-enter your house with a new set of eyes. Carry a clip-board for note taking and have some fun identifying the piles in each room. Together create a plan of attack that involves one room at a time. The garage is always a great place to start as it is often the dumping ground for families. It may seem like a daunting task but a few days of cleaning could rid your garage of many use-

less items. Sort through what you don't need and hold a garage sale. This is a great task for kids and can provide a wonderful learning experience. Or, if time is short, donate items to charity and make sure to get a receipt for your tax returns! Place everything you are keeping into labeled plastic bins. Viola, a clean and clear garage! After cleaning out the garage, continue the journey inside. Remember to tackle one room at a time so you don't get overwhelmed. Do what you can to throw away or donate what you don't need. Straighten and organize what you do need and be patient with the process. The journey alone will be rewarding for everyone involved!

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SOLD HOME SALES presented by LAFAYETTE LAMORINDA	LAFAYETTE Last reported: 16
	LOWEST AMOUNT: \$770,000 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$2,350,000
MORAGA	Last reported: 4
	LOWEST AMOUNT: \$908,000 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,423,500
ORINDA	Last reported: 5
	LOWEST AMOUNT: \$735,500 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$3,850,000

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LAFAYETTE	44 Cricket Hill Road, \$1,650,000, 2 Bdrms, 2398 SqFt, 1963 YrBlit, 5-14-08
	3232 Deer Hill Road, \$2,350,000, 3240 SqFt, 1931 YrBlit, 5-12-08
	3882 Los Arabis Drive, \$1,350,000, 3 Bdrms, 2507 SqFt, 1981 YrBlit, 5-16-08
	3388 Las Huertas Road, \$1,750,000, 5 Bdrms, 3428 SqFt, 1941 YrBlit, 5-9-08
	474 Peacock Boulevard, \$770,000, 3 Bdrms, 1154 SqFt, 1954 YrBlit, 5-13-08
	3826 Quail Ridge Road, \$1,100,000, 5 Bdrms, 2343 SqFt, 1973 YrBlit, 5-6-08
	409 Read Drive, \$1,197,000, 5 Bdrms, 2830 SqFt, 1960 YrBlit, 5-9-08
	11 Sessions Road, \$2,300,000, 4149 SqFt, 1999 YrBlit, 5-7-08
	349 Shire Oaks Court, \$855,000, 3 Bdrms, 1601 SqFt, 1964 YrBlit, 5-14-08
	3472 Silver Springs Road, \$1,520,000, 3 Bdrms, 1865 SqFt, 1957 YrBlit, 5-9-08
	3518 Silver Springs Road, \$1,760,000, 3 Bdrms, 2292 SqFt, 1956 YrBlit, 5-9-08
	3380 St. Marys Road, \$1,079,000, 5 Bdrms, 2314 SqFt, 1939 YrBlit, 5-15-08
	3176 Stanley Boulevard, \$840,000, 3 Bdrms, 1808 SqFt, 1950 YrBlit, 5-14-08
	1160 Vallecito Court, \$2,295,000, 6 Bdrms, 2382 SqFt, 1950 YrBlit, 5-5-08
	3 Valley High, \$1,570,000, 5 Bdrms, 2620 SqFt, 1977 YrBlit, 5-8-08
	1070 Via Baja, \$1,125,000, 2 Bdrms, 1915 SqFt, 1956 YrBlit, 5-14-08
MORAGA	10 Camelford Court, \$908,000, 4 Bdrms, 1888 SqFt, 1958 YrBlit, 5-19-08
	63 Corte Del Sol, \$1,030,000, 4 Bdrms, 1946 SqFt, 1973 YrBlit, 5-9-08
	2 Moraga Valley Lane, \$1,423,500, 3 Bdrms, 2793 SqFt, 1999 YrBlit, 5-6-08
	7 Warfield Drive, \$1,025,000, 3 Bdrms, 2473 SqFt, 1990 YrBlit, 5-9-08
ORINDA	52 Acacia Drive, \$1,150,000, 3 Bdrms, 1927 SqFt, 1949 YrBlit, 5-16-08
	20 Bel Air Drive, \$975,000, 3 Bdrms, 1591 SqFt, 1959 YrBlit, 5-16-08
	11 Honey Hill Road, \$3,850,000, 4 Bdrms, 3886 SqFt, 1948 YrBlit, 5-14-08
	31 La Cuesta Road, \$900,000, 4 Bdrms, 1903 SqFt, 1936 YrBlit, 5-13-08
	208 the Knoll, \$735,500, 2 Bdrms, 2116 SqFt, 1974 YrBlit, 5-8-08

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