

Tree Planting to Honor Slain Lafayette Airman

On Saturday, August 9, the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District will sponsor a tree planting ceremony to honor the memory of Senior Airman Jonathan Antonio Vega Yelner, who was serving with the United States Air Force in Afghanistan on a community reconstruction mission when he was killed by a roadside bomb attack on April 29. He was 24 years old. Yelner's mother, Yolanda Vega, has worked for BART



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for many years. The public is invited to attend the event, which will begin at 1:00pm at the Lafayette BART station. Yelner grew up in Lafayette and attended St. Perpetua School. A dedicated Boy Scout, he obtained the rank of Eagle with Lafayette Troop 243. He graduated from De La Salle High School in 2002 and entered the Air Force in 2003.