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JM science teacher Deanna Josephson floating weightless

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Weightless flight—it's like nothing on Earth. Ask Deanna Josephson, a science teacher at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, about her out-of-this-world experience. "Amazing, awesome, unlike anything that I have ever done," reports Josephson, who recently was a passenger on a zero-gravity aircraft flight where she felt weightlessness comparable to what astronauts experience during space travel.

Josephson was among sixty math and science teachers from throughout California who experienced the zero-gravity environment through the Northrop Grumman Foundation Weightless Flights of Discovery program. An astronaut wannabe from an early age, Josephson attended a weeklong space camp as a middle-schooler, so a trip into weightlessness was a logical next step. "After I applied for the program, I waited two months to learn that I had been chosen for this flight," she states. "I was really excited when I found out."

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By Andrea A. Firth

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Local Impact of Bond Measure WW – Parks Bond

By Cathy Tyson

Local voters will have more on the ballot than Presidential candidates and City Council members this November 4th. Contra Costa and Alameda county residents will have an opportunity to decide on Measure WW, which extends an existing East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) bond.

It's a \$500 million measure that would extend the expiring twenty-year-old Measure AA park bond at the same level as before, a property tax of \$10 for every \$100,000 of assessed value. The money would go toward acquiring and improving regional parks, trails and recreation facilities and purchasing and restoring open space and wildlife corridors and to provide funds to cities and local park and recreation districts for acquisition and development of local parklands. The measure needs a two-thirds majority to pass.

Where would all of this money go, if approved? According to smart voter.org, a nonpartisan election information website, of the \$500 million raised by Measure WW, \$375 million or 75% will fund regional park acquisitions, open space preservation, new parks and trails for walking, hiking and biking, environmental maintenance, the rehabilitation of aging park

facilities and wildlife habitat restoration. In addition, and perhaps more important to Lamorinda voters, is that 25% of the revenue will fund city parks and recreation departments.

That translates to \$1,095,000 to Lafayette, \$737,000 to Moraga and \$801,000 to Orinda based on the populations of these towns.

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Confusion Over Moraga Campaign Signs -and then some

By Sophie Braccini



AUHSD Superintendent Jim Negri

As November approaches, political signs are starting to grace every significant crossroad and sidewalk of our fair cities. Campaign managers, hoping to get name recognition and ultimately votes, invest a lot of money in these items and much consideration goes into their design (see sidebar). The recent Moraga debut of one sign in particular brought an immediate reaction from the Su-

perintendent of the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD). Throw in some "fringe Berkeley extremists" and the debate grows even more interesting.

The Measure J campaign has designed one of its signs to include, below the line reading "Yes on J," the phrase "Go Cougars." The red, white and blue signs are printed in the colors of Campolindo High School, and the cougar is the school mascot.

Superintendent Jim Negri was quick to send a message to the press and to his constituency rebuking any suggestion that the AUHSD was supporting Measure J.

"Once the signs appeared, I started receiving emails asking why AUHSD was endorsing a local ballot issue," said the Superintendent.

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Candidates Night in Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda.
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