

Independent, locally owned and operated!

LAMORINDA WEEKLY

Need to contact us? 925.377.0977

Volume 02; Issue 16

www.lamorindaweekly.com 925-377-0977

Delivered bi-weekly to all lamorinda homes & businesses

Free

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

saklan | valley | school
and its Parent Association present
James T. Webb Ph.D., ABPP-CL
Finding Gifted Children:
Gifted Behaviors In and Out of the Classroom
Thursday, October 23rd, 7-9pm
Oakwood Athletic Club, Lafayette
Free Event - Open to the Public
See our ad on page 15
www.saklan.org

For Paul Reising, a longtime Moraga resident, growing grapes and making wine has always been about spending time with good friends. "It's fermented grape juice that you are meant to have with a meal," says Reising, with his ever-pragmatic approach to all things related to grapes and wine.

As he sits in his sun-filled family room where the walls are covered in brightly-colored, framed posters from his visits to vineyards throughout California, the northwest, and Europe, Paul recounts the letter he and wife Jackie sent to ten Moraga couples back in 1977.



Photos Andy Scheck

Paul Reising filling the crusher

Bruce Dunn picking at John and Megan Leuteneker's vineyard

Grapes, Wine, and Friends—A Perfect Mix

By Andrea A. Firth ... continued on page 20

LAMORINDA WEEKLY

this week

Meet the Candidates for the Moraga-Orinda Fire Board
Page 7



Moraga's Initiatives - We Show You the Money
Page 6



Letters to the Editor/
Public Forum **Pages 17, 18, 19**



Town News	2,3,4,6
Candidates Talk to Homeowners	2
Stressed-Out Staff	3
Orinda Council Plays it Safe	4
Lamorinda Reads!	5
Moraga Candidates' Night	6
Calendar, SMC Happenings	8
Great Books	9
Local Dynamo	10
St. Mary's on the Economy	11
Lamorinda Avoids Foreclosures	12
Business	13
Rising Cost of Food	13
Schools	14, 15, 16
21st Century Teens	15
Lamorinda Dining	17
Lamorinda Seniors	20,21
Sports	22,23
Classifieds	22
HOW TO CONTACT US	22
Shop Orinda	24

St. Mary's Students Speak Out

By Toby Wendtland

With just weeks to go before the historic presidential election on November fourth, the Lamorinda Weekly informally polled a group of Saint Mary's students to help gauge the overall political climate on campus. The students of Saint Mary's College come from as near as the Lamorinda area to all over the country and were asked to comment on and identify local, state and national issues that affected

how they were voting in the upcoming election.

Addressing one of the most important issues in the upcoming election for the town of Moraga are the two open space initiatives, Measures J and K. While the majority of students polled are not registered to vote locally, they nevertheless had strong opinions about these initiatives and how they would affect Moraga.

Junior Scott Maurer believes that the open space

regulations should be toned down to allow more development. He tells us, "I honestly think there should be more people here, not city big, but more identity comes with more people." He also added that with more development, "I'd be more apt to stay in northern California instead of heading back down to Los Angeles."

... continued on page 9

Advertising

SUE LARA BEN

The Olsen Team

VILLAGE ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE

Contact Sue, Lara & Ben 925.253.2530

View Current Listings - Search the MLS - Meet the Team
— www.TheOlsenTeam.com —

1248 Larch Ave. Moraga
3392 Sq Ft./5 BR+Office/.37 Acres
Open Sun. 1 to 4pm \$1,550,000

Lamorindans to Vote on Measure E—AUHSD Facilities Bond

By Andrea A. Firth



Among the alphabet soup of measures that voters in Lamorinda will decide upon in November is Measure E, a \$93 million facilities bond for Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD), which extends three existing voter-approved AUHSD bonds.

Measure E funds are earmarked for infrastructure projects at the District's four traditional high schools; renovations and expansions at the Adult Education Center; and a 10-year technology fund. If the measure passes, Campolindo High School will receive several infrastructure improvements including a new roof. "Campolindo is the newest school in the District, but it is almost 50 years old. It needs to be brought into the 21st century," states Cheryl Noll, Chairman of the Measure E Campaign and the mother of two Campolindo students. "Our school district is number one in the state, despite being one of the lowest funded [by the state]. This is tribute to the tremendous community support," she adds.

"[With passage of the Measure] a six million dollar technology fund will be established and spent over ten years," adds Acalanes Union High School Governing Board member Tom Mulvaney. "This will enable the District to keep up with technology as it changes so quickly." Other projects identified for completion with Measure E funds include converting obsolete facilities into additional classroom space and upgrading energy management systems to improve energy efficiency at each school.

The previous AUHSD bond measure passed in 2002 with 71% of voters in support of an annual prop-

erty tax of up to \$35.58 per \$100,000 of assessed value. According to Mulvaney, residents have been paying at a rate of around \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and the new bond measure will maintain this rate. When asked about the potential impact of the current financial environment on bond interest rates, Mulvaney stated that the District could delay issuing the bonds. "Given the current financial situation, we will carefully assess the financial marketplace, and we will be very prudent on when we issue the bonds," states Mulvaney.

Opponents to Measure E argue that although tax rates may not increase, Measure E represents a new tax by extending the existing tax. Because payment on Measure E bonds will not begin until the previous bonds are retired but interest will accrue as soon as the new bonds are issued, opponents question that delaying payment increases the interest cost to taxpayers.

"This is the way we have always financed schools," states Mulvaney. Earlier school bond measures were passed in 1988 and 1997. Bonds from all three

previous measures ('88, '97, and '02) were refinanced in 2004, and the District currently pays an interest rate of 4.8%. All of the existing bonds will be retired by 2025.

In addition, some protest that passage of Measure E will place an unfair burden on seniors, because no senior tax exemption is provided. "Senior citizens are already being buffeted by huge losses in the stock market. Stocks and bonds are a major source of income for seniors," states Orinda resident Richard Colman.

Under state law, Proposition 39 bonds, like the bonds that would be issued through Measure E, can only be used for capital improvements, and senior tax exemptions are not allowed. Bonds measures differ from parcel taxes, which are used to fund school programs, not buildings, and can include senior exemptions.

Passage of Measure E requires a 55% majority for approval.

Mailed to 24,600 homes and businesses in Lamorinda.

return to: Lamorinda Weekly • P.O. Box 6133 • Moraga, CA 94570

PSRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
AD-VANTAGE

Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News Lafayette

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, October 27	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, October 16 Thursday, November 6	
Design Review	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Tuesday, October 21	
Circulation	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, October 20	
Senior Services	3:30pm
Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, October 23	
Town of Lafayette: http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us Chamber of Commerce: http://www.lafayettechamber.org	



Forgetfulness Can Lead to a Sniffing Dog
10/4/08 - Lafayette Police pulled a vehicle over for an expired registration tag. Unfortunately, the driver had also forgotten to renew her driver's license. The officer asked for permission to search the car and she agreed. A narcotic K-9 quickly discovered that she'd also forgotten to remove the methamphetamine and glass smoking pipe from her handbag.

Burglary - Lock Your Doors
10/4/08 - An unknown suspect burglarized a Circle Creek Court home by way of an unlocked sliding door. The burglar removed electronic equipment and jewelry from the home and left no fingerprints.

Anger Management Issues?
10/4/08 - A parked vehicle was vandalized by a strong, unknown suspect. The suspect hurled a rock through a window and threw a brick into the door. It seems that bricks and stones can break car bones.

Party Crashers
10/5/08 - A Sweet Drive resident was placed under citizen's arrest by two angry neighbors. Apparently the large, loud party he was throwing was interfering with his neighbors' sleep.



(925) 339-1918
danagreen@rockcliff.com
DanaGreenTeam.com

NEW LAFAYETTE LISTING!

3343 Moraga Blvd.
Remodeled 4 BD + Office/3BA
.21 Level Lot on Trail
Walk to Town, BART and Schools
Offered at \$1,450,000



Candidates Address Neighborhood Groups

By Cathy Tyson



From left: Carl Anduri, Carol Federighi and Gabriel Froymovich Photo Cathy Tyson

At their recent general membership meeting, the Lafayette Homeowners Council hosted a Candidates Forum for City Council candidates to discuss their positions on important issues. With complimentary cookies and coffee to set the tone, the friendly and very civil get together was off to a good start. Representatives from almost every neighborhood were in attendance.

There are four candidates vying for three open City Council seats, however incumbent Mike Anderson was unable to attend, and issued a prepared statement.

Carol Federighi, also an incumbent, went first noting that she's a product of the area's fine schools, obtaining an undergraduate degree from Stanford, a teaching credential from U.C. Berkeley and her J.D. from Hastings.

"I'm proud to be a part of a council that works well with each other and respects one another - I think that carries over to the general public." She continued, "I believe in strong fiscal management; I support long range planning."

Her priorities also include greatly strengthening protections for hillsides and ridgelines, and to continue to chip away at the road repair backlog.

The next speaker, incumbent Carl Anduri, started off by asking audience members if they have ever spent time volunteering for a civic, school or sports organization - a majority of hands were raised. Then he asked how many think a city council member should have volunteer experience in order to serve on the city council - again many hands went up.

He went on to highlight the nuances and understanding gained from over ten years of volunteering his time on the City Council, Planning Commission, Hillside Task Force, Environmental Task Force and more.

As President of Lex Mundi, a world wide association of law firms, his goal is to "constantly be improving" and "to be looking at ways to provide more value at less cost." These tenets obviously also apply to the City Council.

His priorities include fiscal integrity - to have strong fiscal management and to fix neighborhood roads. He also wants to find a way for seniors to stay in the area and believes in the importance of all generations being able to thrive and interact in Lafayette.

If elected, Gabriel Froymovich, the youthful challenger wants to put pressure on ABAG, the Association of Bay Area Governments, in conjunction with other similarly situated cities to see if they can have the housing element numbers adjusted downward. He would also like to find the money in the budget to fix Lafayette's roads and would fight any future sales tax effort. He went on to note that it's been many years since an incumbent has been unseated, but that he would consider other volunteer opportunities within the city if defeated.

In Town Hall style, questions from the audience wrapped up the evening. Candidates answered queries about the sales tax, concerns about density and development, the downtown strategic plan and more.

Ware Designs
Five Jewelry since 1977

- Custom Designed Jewelry
- Remodel Heirloom Jewelry
- Expert Repair
- Appraisals
- Pearls Restrung

Tues 12-5 Wed-Sat 10-5

50% off Watch Battery
Now \$5, Reg \$10

"The Forge" 3416 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette
283-2988 www.waredesigns.com

1 watch battery per person. Exp. 10/31/08. Quality installed while you wait. Warespec. Restrictions apply.

Calling All Runners and Joggers

By Cathy Tyson



Following up on the success of the Art and Wine Festival, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting the sixteenth annual Lafayette Reservoir Run on October 26. Runners, joggers, walkers, strollers and dogs are welcome at this family affair.

Mark your calendar for the last Sunday in October for this very popular event - last year over 2,500 participated in the 10K, 5K and 2 mile race through the heart of downtown, around the reservoir and back.

Staggered times will be used to accommodate varying levels of speed, the 5K will start at 8:30 for runners only, the 10K will start at 8:45 and the 2 mile fun run commences at 9:00. Dogs and baby

strollers are only allowed on the latter two events.

The Lafayette Rotary Club will be providing a pancake breakfast, for those wishing to fill up either before or after the event. Stanley Middle School students will provide music, and parking is available at any of the BART parking lots.

Pre-registration can be done by visiting the Chamber of Commerce website, www.lafayettechamber.org or www.active.org or in person at the Chamber office, the Lafayette Health Club and Oakwood Athletic. Last minute athletes can sign up for a few dollars more on race day. Proceeds will benefit local schools and the services and programs of the Chamber.

Re-elect **Carl Anduri** Lafayette City Council

PRIORITIES

- **Maintain our fiscal integrity and strengthen our infrastructure**
 - Continue Lafayette's strong tradition of fiscal responsibility.
 - Put in place the financing necessary to improve our infrastructure, especially our neighborhood roads.
- **Preserve our incomparable natural setting and semi-rural ambience**
 - Protect our hillsides, ridges and open space for the enjoyment of all our residents.
 - Support Lafayette's General Plan.
- **Create a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly downtown**
 - Encourage one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants.
 - Work for better parking alternatives in downtown Lafayette.
- **Build a city in which all generations thrive and interact**
 - Make the new library a focal point of our community.
 - Be alert to opportunities to add to the City's parks, recreation programs and trail system in a fiscally sound manner.
 - Support the work of the City's Environmental Task Force and its efforts to improve our quality of life.
 - Find ways to make it easier for our seniors to continue to live in Lafayette and to contribute to our community, including appropriately sited senior housing and improved services for seniors.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Councilmember, 2002 - present
- Mayor, 2005
- Planning Commissioner, 1997 - 2002; Chair, 2000 - 2002
- Co-chair, Roads Task Force
- Co-chair, Senior Housing Task Force
- Chair, Environmental Strategy Task Force
- Member, Hillside Task Force
- President, Lex Mundi, a global association of law firms, 2000-present
- Associate, 1974-1980, and Partner, 1980-2000, Morrison & Foerster LLP (admitted to the bar in California and New York; general business practice with emphasis on financial transactions, project finance, cross-border investment, and technology acquisitions)
- B.A., Stanford; J.D., Yale Law School
- Married to Sharon Woodnutt Anduri, who grew up in Lafayette and attended Lafayette schools; two children: Eric and Lauren

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO SUPPORT CARL

Mike Anderson and Courtney Murphee	Lorinda Carson	Jim Garrett	Jane and Ron Hufft	Ruth and David McCahan	Ellen Poling	Tony Suh
Patricia and Brandt Andersson	Larry Challacombe	Sally and Dennis Garrison	Rick Humann	Sandra McCandless	Vivian Portnoff	Steve Swantner
Sharon Anduri	Michelle Chan	Judy and Kent Garvens	Alice and Dick Johnson	Mary McCosker	Traci Reilly	Don Tatzin and
Ann and Peter Appert	Tom Chastain and Renee Chow	Teresa Gerring	Hilma Jones	Krista McGuire and Meade Hopkins	Steve Richard	Ellen Reintjes
Jeanne and Jack Ateljevich	Sereta Churchill	David Gold	Suzanne, Robert and Glen Jones	Kathy and Mike Merchant	Annette and Will Roberge	Kim Tejada
Diane and Guy Atwood	Joan and Tom Cleveland	Amy and Mike Grant	Art Kapoor	Val and Geoff Meredith	Ned Robinson	Janet and Ramsay Thomas
Ruth Bailey	John Coleman	Anne and Marshall Grodin	John Kiefer	Mary Miller	Karen Rose	Will Tissue
Sally and Geoff Bellenger	Chris and Dean Coons	Mary and Alfred Gross	Diane Kisner	Anne and Mark Mitchell	Bob Russell	Allison and Jim Todhunter
Larry Bellusa	Steve Cortese	Susan Hahn	Jeanne and Brad Kisner	Marci Montgomery	Sharon and Ivor Samson	Cliff Tong
Marie and Robert Blits	Jack Coulter	John Hall	Carolyn and Al Lacy	James R. Moore	Jeanne and Roger Samuelsen	Judith and Barry Toomajian
Larry Blodgett	Becky Courter	Bill Hansen	Lois Laine	Marge Moran	Christine Schreiber	Janet and David Van Etten
Lori and Dan Bosshart	Patricia Curtin	Ken Hertel	Gwenn Lennox	Tom Mulvaney	Florence Schrupp	Tracy and Donn Walklet
Todd Burlingame	Ann Denny	Lynn and Dave Hiden	Irmay Lewis	Judy Nelson	Barbara Schuh	Liz Welch
Ann and Jim Burns	Doris and Marechal Duncan	Alison Hill	Jay Lifson	Robert L. Nolan, M.D.	Cindy Sevilla	John N. and Joan West
George Burt and Gayle Grant	Larry Duson	Mary Ann and Bill Hoisington	Fred Lothrop	Jeff Peacock	Carol and Bob Singer	Tom White
Shirley P. Callister	Catherine Eames	Gene and Gretel Holit	Jon Love	Ruth Perkins	Catherine Sinnott	Laura and Ernie Winslow
Susan Price Callister	Michelle Edmunds	Dick and Robin Holt	Will Lovitt	Michele Perrault	Kathy Skovgard	Greg Woehrle
Nancy Caranica	Pat and Roger Falcone	Scott Honegger	Budd MacKenzie	Maeve Pessis	Sandra and Dick Smith	Anne Wondolowski
Bill Carey and Kathy Daly	Tracey and Glenn Farrell	Sherry and Howard Hoover	Karen and Al Maggio	Linda Peterson	Pat Snyder	Mary-Jane Wood
Judy and Steve Carney	Carol and Doug Federighi	Erling Horn	Barbara and Howard Martin	Debra Peverada	Stacy Spell	Sheri and Barry Woodruff
Bart Carr	Jim Fitzsimmons and Kris Torske	Eliot Hudson	Byrne and Oystein Mathisen	Earl Piermattei	Alice and Gary Stern	Dana and Ken Yzurdiaga



"We need Carl's proven abilities, judgment and vision on the City Council. He has been great for our entire community."
Anne Grodin, Chair, Lafayette Community Foundation; former Mayor and Citizen of the Year

Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

Moraga

See the Town Council Candidates Night and Initiatives Forum online at: www.lamorindaweekly.com

We videotaped the Moraga Citizens' Network events for those who couldn't attend.

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Monday, October 6	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, October 6	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, October 14	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, October 21	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, October 10	
Town of Moraga online: http://www.ci.moraga.ca.us	



Minor D.U.I., 10/04/08 A white Jeep Liberty was stopped on Moraga Road after speeding on Ascot Drive. The underage female driver had a blood alcohol level of .53%. Cops found empty alcoholic beverage containers in her car. That level of intoxication is not minor, especially for a minor.

Got suitcase?, 10/03/08 A good citizen called police to report that she found a red Japan Express suitcase on the sidewalk next to the Home Goods in Rheem. Travelers back from Japan looking for their dirty laundry just need to call the Moraga P.D.

Election sign theft, 10/3/08 Police were contacted about missing, possibly stolen campaign signs around the Moraga Center. Approximately ten "Yes on J" and "No on K" signs have gone missing since late September. The incident is under investigation.

Unlicensed driver, 10/02/08 A Chevy S 10 truck was stopped on St. Mary's Road for a broken windshield - there was a horizontal crack the width of the glass. The 43 year old driver was unlicensed and had a prior unlicensed driver citation. The car was towed and the driver was cited yet again. Our erstwhile driver will have plenty of time to study for his license exam on the bus.

Beware the Right-of-Way

By Sophie Braccini



The wall that started it all
It can become pretty costly to ignore how far the town's right-of-way goes onto your property. Residents on Camino Pablo in Moraga experienced it firsthand when the Town Council voted to declare the wall they had built along the street, to protect their front yard, a nuisance. Now they may have to demolish the new construction at their own cost.

"I don't want to be bitter," said Sydney Thomas after the vote. "I love Moraga, my husband and I are very involved in the town, the schools and the sports, but we just think the whole thing is unfair."

Photo Sophie Braccini
The Thomas' live on Camino Pablo on a one acre lot and all they wanted to do was to protect their children from traffic when they play in front of the house. But regulations can be complicated.

The right-of-way (ROW) is the portion of the land that is under the control of the local agency. It may be used for streets, sidewalks, utilities, etc. It may be much wider than the existing roadway if, when the property lines were made, there was some anticipated need for a wider ROW than at that original time.

... continued on page 12

Moraga Town Staff: Stressed Out and Struggling

By Sophie Braccini



Darlene Colaso takes a minute to sit down in the Town Offices
Photo Sophie Braccini

Appearances would indicate that the Town of Moraga has set in place an informal hiring freeze; two staff members who have resigned recently in the Administration and Planning departments have not been replaced nor have the positions been posted on the Town's website. As Interim Town Manager Jay Tashiro and Financial Director Joan Streit work on scenarios to balance the budget, fear of lay-offs looms over the staff, changing the once friendly and cooperative workplace to a hotbed of rumors, including one that several department heads may be looking for less cloudy skies. Tashiro, who stepped in to help after former Town Manager Phil Vince accepted an offer from the City of Martinez, did not respond to requests for comment on the situation.

"This town has always claimed to be set for minimal government," says Public Works Director Jill Mercurio, "however, residents expect a high level of service and the result is overworked personnel who get burned out after a few years."

The first to go was Lilinoe Kekoa, the Administrative Assistant who supported the Town Manager. Then Rhonda Bassore, who served as Town Clerk and Assistant to the Planning Director, left for a position closer to home in Pittsburg. Neither Kekoa nor Bassore has been replaced.

Darlene Colaso, who was Resources & Risk Manager/Assistant to the Town Manager, assumed the Town Clerk's role while keeping her other duties as well, and Assistant Planner Kelly Suronen took over the Planning Department Assistant portion of Bassore's job. An interim, part-time Town Clerk was hired to cover the election period. At the time the article was written, this person was on vacation until the end of October and Colaso was handling those duties.

"Yes, people expect and are receiving services comparable to what is offered by cities with a much higher ratio of staff to residents," confirms Darlene Colaso.
... continued on page 6

LAMORINDA REAL ESTATE OFFERS IT ALL!



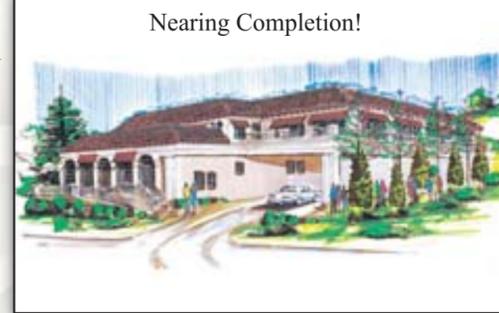
Open Sunday 1-4

RESORT-LIKE LIVING!
86 SANDERS RANCH RD.
MORAGA

Completely updated custom home with a stunning "Garden Tour featured" backyard. Over 3400 sqft with 4 Br, 3.5 Ba. on .75 ac private lot with pool, spa and outdoor kitchen.
OFFERED AT \$2,049,000
WWW.86SANDERSRANCHRD.COM
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

MORAGA PLAZA
533 MORAGA RD., MORAGA

The only Class A professional office / Retail space in town. Own - don't rent! 877 to over 5000 sqft. condos with separate utilities. Great light, balconies, high ceilings. Call for more information.
Starting in low \$600,000's
WWW.MORAGAPLAZA.COM



Nearing Completion!



Open Sunday 1-4

NEW CONSTRUCTION!
180 EL TOYONAL,
ORINDA

New Construction! Fabulous custom home with high end finishes, approx 2800 sqft, 4 Br, 3.5 Ba plus large office on a .31 acre oak-studded lot with lawns and patios.
OFFERED AT \$1,499,000
WWW.180ELTOYONAL.COM
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



*The Market has Changed...
Its more important than ever to work with an experienced top producer! Call us if you're thinking of a move!*

ORINDA • MORAGA • LAFAYETTE
ELENA HOOD
REAL ESTATE GROUP

(925)254-3030 WWW.ORINDA.COM

The Right Lender to Know™

"My clients keep coming back because they know I'll find the best loan program for them every time."

Gordon Steele, Mortgage Consultant



925-627-7109

www.rpm-mortgage.com/gsteele

CA Dept. of Real Estate - real estate broker license # 01201643



CREEKSIDE PARTNERS
Investment Counsel

3595 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Suite 300, Lafayette, California 94549
Tel: 925 284 1260 • www.creeksidepartners.com

Creekside Partners Investment Counsel Invites You to Our
Semi-Annual Economic and Investment Outlook

- The financial system bailout.
- What does it mean for your investment portfolio?
- Are you getting the full story from the financial media?
- The rolling bubbles: Tech Stocks - Housing - Banks...
- ...Which bubble is next?

Date: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008

Time: 8:30AM TO 10:00AM

Where: VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL

3780 MT. DIABLO BOULEVARD, LAFAYETTE, CA 94549

RSVP: CALL US AT 925 284 1260 or EMAIL TO: info@creeksidepartners.com

This is a public-service educational event, not a sales seminar. We don't sell any investment products or insurance.

RICK ASHBURN, CFA is Chief Investment Officer of Creekside Partners Investment Counsel in Lafayette. He has advised the State of California as technical advisor on the debt markets and also served as an expert consultant to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"At our program in February we advised caution with the markets and to lower exposure to stocks.

Those who heeded our advice then are probably better off for having done so. At this program, we will analyze recent events and tell you what we are doing in our clients' portfolios."

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US VISIT:
WWW.CREEKSIDEPARTNERS.COM



Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

Orinda

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, October 21	
Community Meeting	7pm
Bicycle, Trail Walkway Master Plan Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way Wednesday, October 15	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, October 28	
Mayor's Com. Liaison	9am
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Monday, October 6	
Town of Orinda: http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us/	

Candidates Night
Thursday, October 16,
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Library Auditorium

ORINDA POLICE
Mystery men, 10/06/08 A Hall Lane homeowner called police to report four Hispanic men wearing dark clothing and hoodie sweatshirts pulled over their heads walking through her yard. One of the fellows saw the homeowner through the kitchen window, then turned around and left with his pals. Officers responded but couldn't find the hooded ones.

Burglary, 10/03/08 While an unsuspecting Ichabod Lane homeowner left to take her son to school, unknown suspect(s) entered the home through a rear slider door. Upon her return, she found her dresser had been rummaged through and jewelry gone.

Purse stolen, 10/3/08 Moraga Way, in front of Peet's, an unknown suspect entered a woman's unlocked car at 7:00 a.m. and stole her purse containing a wallet and credit cards. The victim claims she was inside Peet's for five minutes when her purse disappeared. No witnesses or suspects, perhaps potential witnesses needed their coffee before they could I.D. the thief.

D.U.I., 10/02/08 At two in the morning, on Brookwood Road, a suspect drove his car over a curb and onto the sidewalk. Police pulled him over on Camino Pablo where he took a breathalyzer test. His blood alcohol level was .20%, more than double the legal limit. Veering off the road at that hour is code for, "please catch me, I am entirely too blotto to drive."

City Council Plays it Safe

Andrea A. Firth
Keeping it safe was on the minds of Orinda City Councilmembers last week. Two of the important issues discussed at the Council's most recent meeting were how to keep drivers and pedestrians safe on Ivy Drive and how to keep Orinda's long-term investments safe during the current economic turmoil.

Ivy Drive Traffic Calming Debate Continues
How to manage the traffic problems on Ivy Drive has been discussed, debated, and analyzed by residents of the area, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), City Staff, and the City Council for over two years. Few would argue that the speed of traffic Ivy Drive, a main conduit to Del Rey Elementary, Orinda Intermediate, and Miramonte High Schools, presents a significant hazard. Yet, a mutually satisfactory solution to reduce the speed on Ivy has proven difficult to identify.

As an initial step forward to

implementing traffic calming measures on Ivy Drive, the Council was presented with a resolution to add a stop sign on Arroyo Drive where it intersects Ivy Drive. In response, residents of both Arroyo and Ivy Drives presented objections to the proposed stop sign. "It's not what we need," noted an Arroyo Drive resident who has lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years. "The problem is the speeding on Ivy. What we need is stop signs on Ivy."

A traffic engineering analysis had determined that a 3-way stop at Ivy and Arroyo Drives was not warranted because there had been no recent collisions at the intersection and vehicle traffic did not reach the minimum volume required for stop signage (300 vehicles per hour on the major street, i.e., Ivy). However, the engineers' analysis did suggest that a stop sign could be placed on Arroyo to caution drivers to stop before turning onto Ivy Drive. Councilmember Amy Worth questioned

the thought process noting that traffic calming on Ivy Drive would not be achieved with a stop sign on Arroyo.

The stop sign resolution debate segued to a discussion of the status adding speed cushions in four locations on Ivy Drive. City Manager Janet Keeter explained that the process, which requires approval by 70% of street residents affected and by all homeowners whose properties directly adjacent to the cushions, had stalled because some of the residents with properties adjacent to the proposed cushions had not responded for or against. Keeter planned to contact the non-responders directly to determine if the cushion placement would require revision.

After further discussion, the Council agreed to table the Arroyo stop sign decision and planned to address the Ivy Drive matter when a more comprehensive solution was presented.

... continued on page 12

Orinda Police Make Progress in Breaking Up Burglary Ring

By Andrea A. Firth
Following 10 residential burglaries in Orinda during the month of September and another during the first week of October, Orinda Police have made progress in thwarting the thieves. Orinda Police joined forces with the Lafayette Police Department, and the County Sheriff's Department enabling them to employ more aggressive patrol tactics, which led to the arrest of four of the individuals they suspect perpetrated the crimes. "I feel very confident that we are going to find all the members of this group and take them to prosecution," states Chief French.

Chief French notes that all of the burglaries were conducted in a similar manner. The burglars target more isolated properties, knock at the front door to determine if anyone is home, then gain entry from the back where they can not be seen. "They definitely have a look-out system. There are probably two or three individuals involved. There may be two cars," states French. Items stolen have been jewelry, laptops, and electronics. "These are professional burglars. They sell stolen property quickly," says French. "We believe they have also been active in Lafayette, the Valley

area and Alamo," he adds. Chief French was pleased with the increased number of calls to the police with potential information related to the burglaries. However, he wants to dispel rumors circulating about the occurrence of robberies [crimes involving threats or violence] in the area. "They don't want any confrontation. They don't want to be seen. They don't use any violence," states French. "Orinda is a safe community, it is very unusual to have violent crimes," he adds. If you need to report a crime or any suspicious activity, call police dispatch at (925) 284-5010.

Orinda Accepting Proposals for Community Grants Program

Andrea A. Firth



Grant beneficiary Orinda Chamber of Commerce for the Orinda Restaurant Tour Photo provided L-R: back: Candy Kattenburg, Keith Miller, front: Gail Wocnak, Patty Camras, Victoria Smith

Money seems to be in short supply pretty much everywhere these days, so nonprofit and community groups will be pleased to learn that City of Orinda has some greenbacks on hand to help fund the right idea for a project or event that would benefit the City. Proposals for the Orinda Community Grants Program are being accepted through October 22nd.

"The Community Grants Program was adopted by the Council to provide encouragement and financial support to our nonprofit groups who work so hard to promote Orinda as a great place to live, work and play, and who support our natural environment, the arts, our business community, and our families and seniors," states Mayor Victoria Smith.

Recently, the Orinda Chamber of Commerce received a \$5000 grant to financially support the first-ever Orinda Restaurant Tour, which attracted over 250 Orindans and area residents to Theater Square. The Chamber also received a grant to help support the Shop

Orinda campaign. Other community events supported by the grants over the past year included a creek clean-up day (Friends of Orinda Creeks), Orinda Idol (Orinda Arts Council), evening programs sponsored by the Orinda Historical Society, and a Creative Writing Contest for students (Orinda Junior Women's Club).

Written proposals will be screened by the City Manager based on the group's ability to meet the grant criteria. The top candidates' proposals will be presented to the City Council for approval. The City has at total of \$14,000 available for the Program in 2008-2009.

"I encourage nonprofits to prepare a written plan of action and to present in the application their vision of how to enhance the quality of life in Orinda," adds Smith.

To obtain the grant application criteria or to submit a proposal, contact Monica Pacheco at mpacheco@cityoforinda.org or (925) 253-4220.

New Face at Orinda City Hall



Teresa Meyer, Senior Administrative Assistant in the Administration Department for the City of Orinda, is the new face that greets you as you enter City Hall Photo by A. Firth

Monica Casale - Owner/Bookkeeper
OPTIMUM ACCOUNTING
Filed an extension?
Let us help organize your bookkeeping before filing!
Just need bookkeeping help?
Call us!
We've specialized in small business bookkeeping for over 16 years.
24 Marston Road • Orinda, CA 94563
Office: 415.370.4517 • Fax: 925.254.3178 • optimumaccounting@mac.com

Residential and Restoration Painting Services
Meticulous attention to detail
37 years of satisfied customers
David Collins, Orinda
925-254-6882

TheHattersleys.com Helping You Achieve Your Goals!
Peter Hattersley 925.708.9515
Darlene Hattersley 925.360.9588
Prestigious 24 Acre Sleepy Hollow Area Estate and 5 Bedroom, 5.5 Bath Luxury Home Shown by Appointment, Price Upon Request. Many Pics/Info on Our Website.
Voted Walnut Creek's Best Multi-Family Development, 2008! Classic Luxury Condos from \$379,000 in a High-tech, Security Building Close to Town, on the Iron Horse Trail.
Find MLS Listings and Valuable Buyer and Seller Tips on our Website.

H.R. Savage & Company, Inc.
MORTGAGE LOANS
Purchases • Refinances
Fixed Rate Reverse Mortgages (no cost)
253-5920
8 Camino Encinas Suite 210 • Orinda • harsavage@pacbell.net
REAL ESTATE BROKER-CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF R.E. LIC #01129542; D.R.E. LIC Info #916-227-0931

computer technical support repairs • training • websites
NERD4Rent
Computer Consulting & Training
925.283.5666
Nerd4Rent.com
3503 Mt Diablo Blvd, Suite 4
Lafayette, California 94549

ORINDA NEEDS A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

On November 4th You Have An Alternative

Send a message to the Orinda City Council!

On election day you can vote for two candidates for City Council. Be different and vote for just one candidate. Don't vote for either incumbent and send a message to the entire Council. It's Time for a Change!

DON'T VOTE FOR EITHER INCUMBENT



THE ALTERNATIVE
DR. BOB LARSEN
ORINDA CITY COUNCIL

Vote For Dr. Bob Larsen - The Alternative

Paid for by Dr. Bob - The Alternative

Jumpstart Your Weight Loss
Lose 15 to 60 pounds in 12 weeks!
Physician-Supervised Weight Loss • Dietary Guidance
Safe and Effective Medication • Long Term Weight Management
jumpstart
MEDICINE
Walnut Creek San Ramon
710 S. Broadway, Suite 110 2301 Camino Ramon, Suite 290
925-277-1123 • www.jumpstartmedicine.com

Life in LAMORINDA

Persian Art in Our Libraries

By Sophie Braccini



The deer is a symbol of innocence

Picture courtesy of Hourian Gallery

Inspired by this year's Lamorinda Reads book selection, Funny in Farsi, our three libraries will display the work of local Persian-born artists. It will be worth the three-town tour to see it all.

For the full month of November the Orinda gallery will be displaying work by Iranian born artist Mohammed Hourian. Hourian will bring to Orinda about twenty five of the pieces that he usually displays in his Union Street gallery in San Francisco. Hourian has been present on

the San Francisco art scene for 25 years. He was raised in Tehran and studied and work in the ancient art of miniature since he was 12 years old. Under the tutelage of Iran's most famous miniaturist, Hourian studied this unique tradition employing arabesque, linear detail, fantasy color and delicate form, and he honed his own imaginative and original style. The quality of his paintings immediately conveys an elevated sense of whimsy and lyrical movement, balancing expert crafts-

manship and cultural precision with shimmering, transcendental images that have been aptly called "perceptual fantasy."

In the same exhibition, local publisher Nazli Monahan will display some of the artwork she collected for the exhibition: "The wonders of Persia," the first Iranian children's art show in the US that opened in 2006 at the Presidio in San Francisco.

In November in Moraga author and painter Kat Zandvakili will bring her work painted from the heart. She composes her paintings like she does her novels, working through layer upon layer of splashes of color until she reaches the joy; then wild horses and all manner of wild things come through. Born in Tehran, Kat studied painting in New York at Sarah Lawrence College and at the 92nd Street Y, and in San Francisco.

In Lafayette, from October 7th to the 25th, the Library presents "A Novel Idea," by artists from the Lafayette Gallery. For five artists at the Lafayette Gallery, it is the written word that resonates in their work. Pat Hayashi (acrylics/prints),

Sherry Smith Bell (printmaking), Sadie Cuming (jewelry), Jim Rose-nau (whimsical bookshelves) and JoAnn Lieberman (collage and assemblage) will have pieces inspired by Funny in Farsi on display.

SUGI
FINE BEDDING & GIFTS
Japanese style & comfort
Hours: Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 12pm-5pm

961-A MORAGA RD. LAFAYETTE • 925-299-0882 • sugi-store.com

SALON CARTIER
A FULL SERVICE SALON

Voted Best Of The Best In The East Bay

- Advanced Color Specialists
- Custom Hair Cuts
- Hair Extensions

diablo **best** of East Bay

"Masters. The True Artists Of Color, Cut & Style"

925-939-7425
2400 Olympic Blvd., Suite 4 • Walnut Creek

Lamorinda Reads!

Film
Orinda - Wed., Oct. 15 4:00 p.m.
Come enjoy the Oscar nominated Iranian film "Children of Heaven" and Persian snacks. Located in the Garden Room.

Just for Fun! This Lamorinda Reads event will provide a basic introduction to Persian dancing with guidance provided by staff of the Shahrzad Dance Academy. Ages 10 through adult.

Moraga - Sat. Nov. 8 - 1 p.m.
Kat Zandvakili presents one woman's artistic quest to shed the old myths and reveal her true self.

Musical Performance
Orinda - Thur., Oct. 16 - 4 p.m.
Middle Eastern percussion: musical performance for kids from nationally acclaimed performer Mary Ellen Donald.

Pakistan in the Spotlight
Lafayette - Wed., Oct. 15 - 7 p.m.
After a year of internal political change and increasing domestic violence, including the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan remains at the center of international concerns about terrorism and nuclear proliferation. Neil Joeck, Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Security Research at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will speak about these issues and more. Dr. Joeck is also an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley.

Storytelling (for Adults)
Orinda - Thursday, Oct. 23 - 7 p.m.
Come share the wise & witty stories of the Hodja Nasreddin - legendary Middle Eastern Sufi described as illogical yet logical, rational yet irrational, bizarre yet normal, foolish yet sharp, and simple yet profound. Sponsored by the Contra Costa Tale Spinners & the Orinda Library.

Multicultural Children's Festival
Moraga - Thur., Nov. 6 - 3 p.m.
Where in the world is Waldo? Look for him at the multicultural children's festival. Food, games, and crafts from around the world. Ages 5 and older.

Funny in Farsi book discussions
Lafayette - Wed., Oct. 22 - 7 p.m.
Orinda - Tuesday, Oct. 28 - 7 p.m.
Moraga - Wed., Nov. 05 - 3:00 p.m.
Meet others to discuss your thoughts, conclusions, reactions, likes and perhaps even dislikes about our second annual Lamorinda Reads selection.

Henna Tattoo
Lafayette - Sat., Oct. 18 - 2 p.m.
Darcy Vasudev from the Henna Lounge creates exquisite works of temporary art for everyone. This program is open for teens and adults. Limit 30 participants, so call the Lafayette Library to register at (925) 283-3872.

Women in Contemporary Iran
Moraga - Thur., Oct. 23 - 2:00 p.m.
features a talk by Dr. Mehry Astaneh who will discuss the status of Iranian women before the 1978 Islamic Revolution, women who participated in that revolution, policies toward women in the early years that followed the revolution, factors that shifted policies, and the million signature campaign.

Lamorinda Reads! Grand Finale
Orinda Auditorium - Author Talk - Wed., Nov. 12 - 7:00 p.m.
Funny in Farsi author Firoozeh Dumas visits Lamorinda for an author talk to celebrate Lamorinda Reads! 2008. Seating is available on a first come, first seated basis.

Persian Dancing
Orinda - Monday, October 20 - 7 p.m.
Moraga - Sat., Nov. 01 - 2 p.m.

An Afternoon of Poetry Reading

Pamela Halloran, Broker Associate
Village Associates
(925) 323-4100
Pamela@PamelaHalloran.com

Listing and selling in Lamorinda for over 20 years. Call Pamela for all your real estate needs!

Now! **Bigger & Better**
\$39
One month trial offer

Star Pilates

1460 Moraga Road Suite F, Moraga
Moraga Shopping Center, behind McCaulous
www.starpilates.com 925-376-7500

fraxel
the skin treatment

TREAT YOURSELF TO THE GIFT OF beautiful SKIN.

Unwrap a whole new you with the revolutionary new Fraxel re:store™ treatment.

Call today to schedule your complimentary consultation (925) 283-6975

ASPEN MED SPA

William Birdsong, MD
The Clocktower
3579 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette
www.aspenmedspa.com

LANCÔME PARIS

FREE Gift with Purchase!
Choose Your Perfect Shades
Your Choice With any \$29.50 Lancome Purchase
7 Piece Set

TRESOR EAU DE PARFUM Vial
HIGH RESOLUTION WITH FIBRELASTINE™ CREAM
HYPNOSE MASCARA In Black

LANCÔME SIGNATURE TRAIN CASE AND MATCHING COMPANION BAG

WARM COLORS
COLOR DESIGN LIPCOLOR (full size) In Designer Bloom

COOL COLORS
COLOR DESIGN LIPCOLOR (full size) In All Done Up

COLOR DESIGN EYESHADOW QUARTET In Honeymoon, Makeover, Colour du Jour and Backstage Pass

COLOR DESIGN EYESHADOW QUARTET In Camisole, Crème Lustre, Provence and Statuesque

McCaulous

Offer good while supplies last. One gift per customer, please.

Gift Dates
October 8 through October 26

Lafayette Plaza Center (925) 283-3388
Montclair 6211 Medou Pl., Oakland (510) 339-2210
Napa Napa Town Center (707) 255-9375

Law Office of Radcliffe & Radcliffe

455 Moraga Road, Suite A
Moraga, California 94556
925.376.2325 – 925.376.2328 (fax)



Serving Lamorinda for over 30 years.

Martha C. Radcliffe – Estate planning
Lisa J. Radcliffe – Family Law, custody, support and visitation

Advertising

Greater Bay Area Franchise Chain Stores Recently Investigated by the State of California for Repair Fraud



"It turns out that the \$59.95 brake special does not apply to cars manufactured in Kentucky."

It turns out that many automotive repair facilities were recently accused by the Bureau of Automotive Repair following numerous motorist complaints. Over 100 alleged violations were filed, including the selling of

unnecessary services, making misleading statements, and false advertising. This includes many cases in which frustrated consumers received brake repairs at prices that were grossly inflated over the advertised

No Chain Repair Shop Has All Of What Orinda Motors Offers!

- ✓ Service Advisors Not Paid On Commission
- ✓ Open Door Policy/Access To Technicians
- ✓ ASE Certified Master Technicians
- ✓ Locally Owned and Operated
- ✓ Contra Costa Green Business
- ✓ State of the Art Repair and Diagnostic Equipment
- ✓ AAA Approved and Diamond Certified
- ✓ Free Rental Car with Major Repairs
- ✓ Active in Local Community
- ✓ Smog Test & Repair Facility

For Convenience, Value and Honesty, **Orinda Motors is the Best Choice!**

Orinda Motors, Inc.

63 Orinda Way, Orinda • (925) 254-2012 • www.orindamotors.com

THE BATH STUDIO
Transform your bathroom space!

Visit **The Bath Studio** before you start your bathroom remodeling project. We offer a wide variety of products, design services, and prescreened contractors to implement your vision.

Our new **Fast Track Designer Bath** program offers a streamlined, semi-custom approach to achieving your new bathroom quickly and within your budget.

Need your new bathroom right now? Ask about our **10-Day Transformation!**

500 Bollinger Canyon Way, San Ramon
925-735-1400 www.thebathstudio.com

World Class Spa Experience
Jacuzzi Sauna Steam Room
RainForest Shower Relaxation Lounge

Voted Best Manicure!
by San Jose Mercury News, Metro, San Francisco Magazine

Fall Pedicure Special
Spa Pedicure +
\$25 Free Sugar Scrub Exfoliation
+ Free Callus Treatment

Gift Card Available, Party is welcome.
Over 500 Retail Products -
clothings, shoes, fashion jewelleryes, bags, skincare, ...

Lazande 3589 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. CA
925-299-8877
Open Daily 10am-7pm

LAMORINDA Community

The Initiative Campaigns:

Where the money comes from, where it goes, and some BIG surprises

By Sophie Braccini

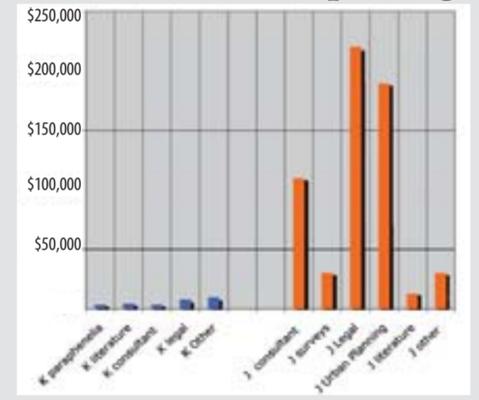
In Moraga, the candidates for Town Council raised and spent anywhere from \$700 to \$9000 and the 'No on J and K' campaign raised over \$2000. MOSO 2008, Measure

K, stepped it up more than a notch with expenses in the \$40,000 range. All of which pales in comparison to Measure J, entirely financed by the Russell Bruzzone Corporation, with expenses in the vicinity of half of a million dollars.

October 6th was the day for local campaign committees to file their quarterly financial statements. The documents, known as 460 reports, are public and list the contributions received as well as the expenses incurred.

82% of Measure K funding has come from residents with an address in Moraga. 29% of these residents live in unincorporated parts of the county (with Moraga addresses). Many of them live close to the Bruzzone property in Bollinger Canyon, and would be the most impacted by the development of that property. The support of the "unincorporated residents" has been the grounds on which opponents of Measure K have charged that the measure is

Measures K and J Spending

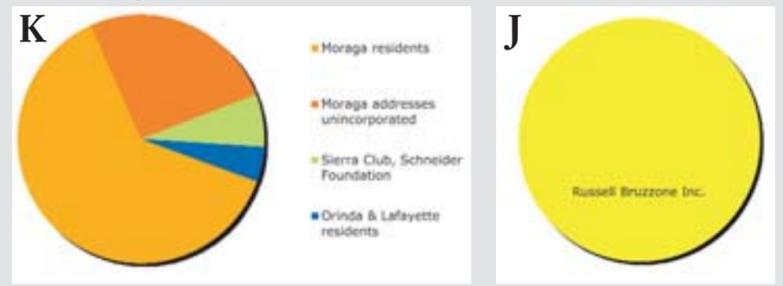


supported by "outsiders." It should be noted, however, that most of these residents send their children to Moraga schools and contribute to the school district, they are members of Moraga community groups, shop in town and some are employed in the town.

The Measure J campaign has spent over ten times more than that of Measure K.

Categorized by type of expense the difference is more distinct: Backers of Measure J spent 25 times what Measure K spent on campaign consultants, and 37 times more in legal and accounting fees.

Funding The Measures



Moraga Candidates Forum: Personalities and Alliances Emerge

By Sophie Braccini

The Candidates Forum organized by the Moraga Citizens Network was a great success. The 175 seats in the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School auditorium were full, and a hundred more residents stood and spilled over to the outside of the space. For those who missed this memorable evening in the democratic life of our town, the Lamorinda Weekly recorded the event and has posted it online; you can view the entire presentation or select the questions or statements that interest you.

The public was attentive, responsive and respectful. Each candidate was at their best; they were there to prove they are worthy of your vote. Some managed to get a good laugh from the audience – see it for yourself at <http://www.lamorindaweekly.com>.

A solid contender, Howard Harpham exuded credibility. A retired assistant public defender, Harpham knows how the system works, and how to step back and observe what's going on. He was not emotional, and knew when to raise an eyebrow to convey a message.

Karen Mendonca played in the same league, displaying the same calm demeanor. A Berkeley Ph.D., she made a specialty of working with dysfunctional groups and presented herself with confidence, indicating a desire to work for the common good.

As the only incumbent, Mike Metcalf drew on his four years of experience to score points for knowledge and practicality, pointing to the successes of the present Council.

Janice Kolbe used her experience as President of the Moraga Country Club to establish her credibility and prove she could work with a diverse group. Her direct and folksy style added a bit of spice to the debate.

Dennis Wanken was an anomaly, not fitting into any one box. He brought yarns of different colors to the table and drew on his experience on the School Board to demonstrate that he could make a difference on the Council.

By far the least conventional of the six was the youngest contender, Brad Kvederis. Less experi-

enced, more naive, but full of ideas and enthusiasm he was a welcome addition to an otherwise somewhat consensual presentation.

It is interesting to note that some of the candidates have contributed to each others' campaigns. Metcalf and Kolbe contributed \$150 to Harpham's campaign. The three of them were united in their opinion on the land use initiatives, along with Wanken, declaring a clear "no on both" position. Mendonca and Kvederis supported Measure K.

For further details on the candidates' positions, you can refer to the Moraga Citizens Network's questionnaire, online at <http://www.moragacitizensnetwork.org/>, and two of our archived articles, available online at: <http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0215/Moraga-Town-Council-Candidates-Discuss-Priorities.html> and www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0214/Moraga-Candidates-to-Town-Council-on-Participatory-Democracy.html.

See video of the event at: www.lamorindaweekly.com

Moraga Road Work Continues

By Sophie Braccini



Mountain Cascade back on Moraga Road Photo Sophie Braccini

After a summer of road closures and single lane traffic, many Moragans thought they had endured enough for their new water pipeline and watched in relief as the trucks moved to the Lafayette Reservoir. But Moraga's reservoir is up Draeger Drive, so the new pipeline needs to find its way there from where the work had stopped at Ascot.

Mountain Cascade, the East Bay Municipal Utility District's contractor, is digging again, grinding the pavement, trenching, laying pipe, welding,

backfilling, paving, and striping and probably will be disrupting traffic on the main artery until mid-November; longer if they run into difficult dirt or unexpected utilities in the road.

"They are making great progress," says EBMUD's Nora Harlow, "This job was supposed to be completed by Summer 2009, and it looks like they will finish before January, 2009." The contractor will probably complete the work in the Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area by mid-October.

Moraga Town Staff: Stressed Out and Struggling

... continued from page 3

She believes that if the staff is cut back even further, people will notice the difference in the support they will receive: longer delays in for any service requests, and less human interaction to get the information people need.

"Our jobs are challenging," adds Colaso, "we are all wearing multiple hats and striving to bring a high level of service to the community." Unfortunately, with a projected budget deficit as early as next year, and the absence of new sources of revenue in the short term, the fear of lay-offs may become a reality.

Due to recent changes in personnel, portions of the budget were not brought back to the department heads for review and consideration before being taken to the Council. "The department heads were not included in discussing the fiscal concerns and potential solutions," regrets Mercurio. She remembers previous budget cycles when all of the department heads would discuss all of the issues, and help solve problems together.

"I hope that the new Council will consider adding some type of business tax to improve our revenue stream," proposes Colaso.

Other elements have been worrisome for the staff. Normally, government employees sign an agreement called a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that defines their salaries and benefits. Right now, Moraga's employees do not have such an agreement. They have been granted a Cost of Living Adjustment, but for some, like the police officers who have many vacation days that were never taken and could expire, there is still a need for negotiation and agreement.

Despite the uncertainties, the Town staff does its best to make sure that the Town stays in compliance and its citizens receive services. But if rumors come to fruition and some department heads leave, finding replacements in this difficult budget situation may be challenging for the new Town Manager, who is expected to be hired early next year.

Life in LAMORINDA

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board—Incumbents Face Firefighters

By Andrea A. Firth

Two-fifths of Moraga and Orinda residents will be voting for their candidate for Director of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Board on November 4th. The races for Director of MOFD Divisions 2 and 5 are both contested, and in both races the incumbents are running against residents who are or were firefighters.

How was the MOFD formed, what are the Divisions, and who votes?

Moraga and Orinda combined to form one fire district eleven years ago. Duplicative positions were eliminated and services were streamlined. The merger enabled the District to replace obsolete equipment; broaden employee training and education opportunities, which have resulted in a doubling of the number of well-versed rescue responders; and provide paramedic coverage on every engine that goes out on a call.

With the formation of the District, a five member Board was established to set policy and provide financial oversight. The Fire District was divided into five geographical divisions with a Director, who must live within the Division, assigned to each. For Division 2 (Rheem Valley area in Moraga)—the candidates are Bob Nelson and Fred Weil. For Division 5 (north Orinda)—the candidates are Gene Gottfried and Brook Mancinelli. Only residents living within the boundaries of Divisions 2 and 5 will vote for a Director in the upcoming election. MOFD Board terms are for four years.

The Lamorinda Weekly asked each candidate for the MOFD Board to identify the most critical issues facing the Fire District in the next four years and to describe his approach to managing these issues if elected.

MOFD Division 2, Rheem Valley Area Bob Nelson

A retired firefighter with 30 years of continuous service, Nelson started his career with the San Pablo Fire Service. He transferred to the Orinda Fire Protection District after eight years. He was quickly promoted to Captain and served the remainder of his career with the District. Nelson achieved an AA Degree in Fire Science and was one of the first fire fighters in Contra Costa County certified as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Nelson's response: Currently the MOFD is facing a budget deficit of \$800,000.00 for the year of 2008/2009. This will be the first time that either Fire District has faced a budget deficit prior to their merger and/or after their merger.

My plan would be to find how and why this deficit materialized. Then we would have to inaugurate a plan to curtail this problem. The days of doing business as usual has to be reigned in and cuts in programs have to be instituted and people held accountable for their particular programs. I would find it prudent to ask the rank and file employees for their ideas to help formulate this plan of action.

Fred Weil

Incumbent Weil has served on the Fire District Board since 2003 and is currently the Board president. A community volunteer for over 35 years, he has served on both the Moraga School District and Acalanes Union School District Governing Boards and the Campolindo Homeowners' Association Board. He was a founder of the Moraga Educational Foundation. Weil has worked as a tax and corporate attorney for 39 years.

Weil's response: The Fire District's challenges over the next four years are to (1) Maintain high quality service despite stagnant property tax revenues, recent stock market losses that will impact our pension costs, and impending population growth; and (2) Control pension and post-retirement health costs while maintaining fair and competitive employee compensation. If re-elected, I will work to maintain tight budget controls. Require developers to pay for additional capital, operating and other costs required for their developments. Existing fire and rescue services must not be degraded by new developments. Move the administration of our District's pension plan from the County retirement system to the better-managed, State-run CalPERS system. And, explore ways to control future post-retirement health care costs without degrading retiree medical coverage.

MOFD Division 5, North Orinda

Eugene L. Gottfried, M.D.

Incumbent Gottfried has served as a Director since 2002 and Board President in 2003-2004. He was named Volunteer of the Year in 2007. He is the Director of the Rescue One Foundation, a member of the

Orinda Public Safety Advisory Commission, and a Community Emergency Response Team Instructor. Following a career in academic medicine, Gottfried maintains an appointment as Professor Emeritus at UCSF.

Gottfried's response: MOFD has achieved many of its original goals—paramedics on every ambulance and engine, upgraded apparatus and equipment, replacement of two obsolete fire stations, and full-time ambulance crews in downtown Orinda. Some critical problems remain, however. The cost of retiree benefits continues to rise. Two fire stations require seismic upgrades to protect personnel and equipment. A proposed multimillion-dollar regional communications system may render our existing radios obsolete. New residential developments will require expanded service. We will have to make some difficult decisions to establish priorities, seek cost-effective solutions, and stay within our allocated budget.

Brook Mancinelli

A native of Orinda and a Miramonte graduate, Mancinelli has been a firefighter for almost fourteen years. He was a firefighter with the Moraga-Orinda Fire District before transferring to work in San Francisco. Mancinelli has served in some of the busiest fire stations in the nation as a firefighter/paramedic and as a member of Hazardous Materials teams, Technical Rescue teams, and wild land fire response crews.

Mancinelli's response: As a candidate I feel one of the most critical issues facing our fire district is ensuring that we maintain a fiscal balance, safeguarding the long-term financial health of the district, while protecting the ability of our firefighters to respond to emergencies. Managing these issues includes controlling pension and healthcare costs, while maintaining competitive working conditions to limit attrition and preserve experience within the district. Fire stations 41 on Moraga Way and 43 on Charles Hill Road are in need of seismic retrofit to protect the response capabilities in those neighborhoods in the event of a major earthquake.

Sharp Bicycle



40% - 50% off
All Spring and Summer Riding Apparel
969 Moraga Rd. Lafayette in La Fiesta Square
284-9616 • M-F 10-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 12-5
www.sharpbicycle.com

Quality Paving for Today's Economy!

Driveways - Walkways
Retaining Walls
Pool Decks
Drainage & Patios

Call now for a Free Estimate!
925-550-0525

Viking Paving Systems
Lic. #783563
LAFAYETTE, CA

ALAIN PINEL REALTORS

Alain Pinel Realtors revolutionized Bay Area real estate practices in 1990.

Nearly two decades later, we still are.

We are proud to call Lamorinda our neighborhood. After all, we're neighbors, too.

ORINDA | 2 Theatre Square, Suite 215 925.258.1111

The Pet Nanny
Since 1994
Pets are happier at home
Multiple Daily Visits - Overnights
Daily Dog Walks - Plant & Home Care
1 FREE VISIT with 4 day min*
*Overnights not included, new clients only
925-932-5833
Bonded & Insured-References-Veterinary Approved
Member of Pet Sitters International
www.petnannymarlene.com • petnannymarlene@aol.com

Janice KOLBE
Moraga Town Council
www.JaniceKolbe.com
©2008 Committee to Elect Janice Kolbe ID#1309964



Fellow Moragan,

I moved to Moraga nine years ago with my husband and two children for the same reasons you did: the natural beauty, excellent schools and safety of a small town.

Our quality of life is now in jeopardy. If elected, you can count on me in two major ways:

- 1. I understand the value of compromise and mutual problem-solving.** I represent none of the "extremist" groups that have polarized and paralyzed our town. I have no personal agenda of my own...other than to make sound decisions for all of Moraga.
- 2. I want our Town Council to quit the bickering and games and focus instead on the essential tasks that must be addressed: BUDGET, POLICE, ROADS.** We need to begin addressing these issues immediately if our town is going to weather this economic storm.

I have managed a \$6 million budget (almost the same size as Moraga's) and have ensured financial stability with a healthy reserve. I have the experience and know what it means to work as part of a team to find solutions.

Please join me in getting Moraga back on track and protect this beautiful place we call home. I would appreciate your support on November 4th.

Janice Kolbe – Moraga Town Council Candidate
To learn more about Janice, please visit her website.
www.janicekolbe.com
Committee to Elect Janice Kolbe ID #1309964

Not to be missed

Not to be missed

Saint Mary's College

Please submit events to:

calendar@lamorindaweekly.com



RHEEM THEATER
350 Park Street
Moraga
988-3411
Coming Soon

Oct 17
MAX PAYNE
with Mark Wahlberg
Oct 24
SAW V
Oct 31
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3
CHANGELING

Please give us your thoughts and ideas as we spruce up and refurbish our RHEEM THEATRE. Email us at js@earthlink.net. Jim Sheehan and Tom Peterson

MUSIC-THEATER

Lafayette Community Center will host portrayer of flamboyant Quentin Crisp. "The trouble with children is that they're not returnable." This is one of many pithy quotes of the late Quentin Crisp, an English writer, actor and raconteur, who will be portrayed by Richard James at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17. The performance is sponsored by Emeritus College, a Diablo Valley College program. Tickets are \$15 (\$13 for Emeritus members). For reservations, visit www.dvc.edu/emertus or call (925) 906-9105. The Community Center is at 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette.

On Friday, Oct. 24, Saul Williams and his live band take over the Shattuck Downlow. Decked out in feathers, sporting faux fur, body paint and a Mohawk, Williams' high-intensity stage show is savage, eloquent and a force to be reckoned with. Tickets are \$20 in advance at www.inticketing.com or \$25 at the door. Doors are at 9pm and show at 10pm. 21+ w/ID. Shattuck Downlow 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Chevalier Restaurant Offers Live Music. Every Wednesday night, the recently opened French restaurant invites patrons to come and enjoy French/American jazz music by local group "Duo Gadjo" 7 to 10 p.m. 960 Moraga Road, Lafayette. www.chevalierrestaurant.com (925) 385-0793.

The **Orinda House** presentation "A Touch of Vegas" cabaret show brings a touch of glitz and glamour to Orinda on Oct. 24th & 31st. The 11-member cast of vocalists, dancers, and band members transcends the entire restaurant into a staged 1930's Cotton-Club era as performers entertain from one table to the next throughout the event. Reliving the tunes from the 1930's to today, the

"Touch of Vegas" musical creates an unforgettable dining experience. The Orinda House, 65 Moraga Way, Orinda.

ART

Moraga Art Gallery Show through Oct. 26th. "Summer of Decision" by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St., Rheem Valley Shopping Center/ next to Longs Drugs Moraga. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm, 925.376.5407.



Renie Herrera-McDonough

"A Novel Idea," is the new show featured at the **Lafayette Gallery** through Oct. 25th. The four featured artists have incorporated references from both prose and poetry into their art. The Lafayette Gallery is located at 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayettegallery.net.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum -Vanishing Wildlife- through Nov. 16. Watercolor and mixed-media by Rita Sklar Vanishing Wildlife depicts American, European, Latin American and African wildlife. Critics describe her paintings as a mix of abstraction and realism, giving the paintings a feeling of movement and immediacy and praise them as capturing the subtle mood of the mystery of nature. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Avenue, Walnut Creek. www.wildlife-museum.org.

Exhibit: Balancing Perspectives East Asian Influences in Contemporary Art. Nov. 1 - 22. Presented in association with the de Young Museum College Advisory Committee. The exhibit will be featuring works by renowned contemporary Bay Area artists like William T. Wiley, Ming Ren and Gigi Janchang. Complementing the de Young exhibit, the works will be in a variety of media and reflect East Asian artistic and philosophical influences and stylistic techniques. Free. JFK University Arts & Consciousness Gallery, 2956 San Pablo Avenue, 2nd Floor, Berkeley.(enter at Ashby Ave.) For more information call 510-649-0499, or visit www.jfku.edu/asian

LECTURES & LITERATURE

On Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, the Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda Libraries launch the second-annual Three Communities, One Book program, "Lamorinda Reads!"

See story page 5

Finding Gifted Children: Gifted Behaviors In and Out of the Classroom-Book Signing After the Free Event - Open to the Public- presented by Saklan Valley School and its Parent Association. James T. Webb, Ph.D., ABPP-CL, has been recognized as one of the 25 most influential psychologists nationally on gifted education and he is the lead author of five books and several DVDs about gifted children, four of which have won "Best Book" awards. Thursday, Oct. 23rd 7pm - 9pm. Oakwood Athletic Club, Lafayette. Please RSVP at www.saklan.org, or call at 925-376-7900

Oct. 23 at 7:30pm, Kathleen McCleary will discuss her bestselling book, House and Home, at the Lafayette Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. 20% of the proceeds go to the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center. For more information, call (925) 283-3872 or go to lafayettelib.com.

Book readings: Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4pm Julia Glass will sign copies of her new novel I See You Everywhere. 5:15 pm., Joan Taylor Cehn, Risa Nye, and Julie Renalds will read from Writin' on

Empty: Parents Reveal the Upside Downside and Everything in Between When Children Leave the Nest. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda. 925/254-7606.

The Role of the California National Guard: Protecting the U.S. at Home or Abroad? Thursday, Oct 16th, Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Rd, Lafayette. Critics say that if a larger portion of The Guard were protecting the home front rather than serving abroad in Iraq, the recent California wildfires could have been more easily contained. As head of the California National Guard, General Wade offers a unique perspective on the role of our reservist force. 6 p.m. check-in, 6:30 p.m. program. Cost: \$15 members and, \$30 non-members Visit commonwealthclub.org for more information or call 415-597-6705 to make a reservation.

Writin' On Empty: Parents Reveal the Upside, Downside, and Everything In Between When Children Leave the Nest. Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:30 pm, Lafayette Library. Hear authors Linda Peterson, Taylor Cehn, Risa Nye, and Julie Renalds reading from their tales and essays.

OTHER

Free Seminar-Pain Management by Anne Randolph, Physical Therapist, Thursday, Oct 16th, Aegis of Moraga, 6:30pm to 7:30pm. RSVP to: Candice Moses, 925-377-7900

Las Trampas Celebrates 50 years- Thursday Oct. 16 11am to 2pm The special event is open to the public and features an open house with tours of our campus, client art display, live music and refreshments and raffle prizes. Las Trampas is a non-profit organization dedicated since 1958 to enhancing the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. Las Trampas' campus (3460 Lana Lane, Lafayette). For more information, please call Bonnie Peacock at (925) 284-1462 ext. 239. See also: <http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0215/Las-Trampas-Inc-Celebrates-50-Years-of-Service-to-the-Developmentally-Disabled.html>

Widowed Persons Support group will have a luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. at Back Forty Texas B.B.Q., 100 Coggins Drive, Pleasant Hill. Cost: \$16. Reservation required by Thursday, Oct. 14. Call Molly Rummion (925)283-1119 or Millie Weisberg (925)906-9483. Widows and widowers are invited.

Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Keith Ellison (D - MN 5) Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 am. Congressman Ellison will address the current situations of war and peace around the world and social and economic injustice in our country, including the economy, credit card interest rates and health care. Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Co-Sponsors: Northern California Peace Alliance, Social Action Committee of Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, Lamorinda Peace and Justice Group and Rossmoor Grandparents for Peace.

Open House-Hacienda de las Flores - Sunday, Oct 19th from 2 to 5 p.m. 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga. This romantic Spanish-style estate features a patio with central fountain, large lawn and beautifully landscaped gardens. Discover the beautiful historical buildings and share your views of what the Hacienda should become to better serve the community. Tours for all ages, Treasure Hunt for the younger crowd, refreshments and informal discussion with the Foundation members at 4:30 p.m.



The Peripheral Neuropathy Group will meet on Friday, Oct. 24 10 to 11:30am in the Vista Room of the Hillside Clubhouse, Rossmoor. Dr. Steven J. Holtz M.D. will be the guest speaker and will give a presentation on his work in peripheral neuropathy. It is estimated that 20 million persons in the United States are living with this condition. Most common symptoms are pain, tingling, burning or numbness of feet, and/or hands extending up legs or arms. The meeting is open to all persons interested. There is no cost to attend. For questions of any kind please contact Nancy Ostrander at 930-9524 or Carolyn Cash at 254-8195

Emergency Preparedness: Victims Wanted! CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is calling on the Lamorinda community to come and be rescued on Saturday Oct. 25th, during the 3-city drill that will be conducted by the CERT team in conjunction with the fire and police departments. You will need to meet at 7 am at the Moraga

Campus Happenings



Photo by Ken C. Young, Moraga; www.kcyoungfineartimages.com

Theater

"Abundance" -- a Play by Beth Henley. Directed by Rebecca Engle, the play is a quirky comedy about mail-order brides, by the Pulitzer-winning author of "Crimes of the Heart." Thurs-Sun, Nov. 13-22, 8 pm and Sun., Nov. 16, 2 p.m. LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Tickets: \$8 for SMC faculty, staff and students. \$12 for non-SMC students. \$15 general admission. Performing Arts (925) 631-4670

Art Exhibits

The Second Golden Age of Dutch Art: 19th Century Dutch Paintings from the Beekhuis Collection. Oct. 12 - Dec. 14 Paintings by more than sixty artists represent a broad range of styles and subject matter, including cityscapes, landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, portraits, and interiors. The exhibition is comprised of three main groupings: Dutch Romanticism, The Hague School and Dutch Impressionism. Exhibition Admission: \$3; Gallery Hours: Wed - Sun, 11 am - 4:30 pm, 925.631.4379, www.hearstgallery.org.



Van de Velden
Picture courtesy of Hearst Gallery

Exhibition hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 am until 4:30 pm
Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 and under free; free parking
Web site: <http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu>.
Telephone: 925-631-4379
For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/events.html>.

Creative Writing Reading Series Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Brenda Miller's book, "Season of the Body: Essays," was a finalist for the PEN American Center Book Award. She has received four Pushcart Prizes for her work in creative nonfiction, and her essays have appeared in such periodicals as The Georgia Review, Prairie Schooner, Fourth Genre, The Sun and Yoga Journal. Soda Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga Contact: MFA Program (925) 631-4457

Commons Park. Some CERT volunteers have been trained in pet rescue, so bring your four-legged friend if you have one. Please register ahead of time so the team can prepare enough lunches for all the volunteers. Call Chuck Treat @ 631-0859.

Chaparral Spring Hike Saturday Oct 25, 9am. Meet at MP 14: Three Springs Entry, 10030 Marsh Creek Rd. 2.2 miles east of Regency Dr. in Clayton. Join Bert Bassler, Save Mount Diablo Board Member, for a hike on a new trail that the East Bay Trail Dogs built at SMD's sensually beautiful Chaparral Spring property. The property is not open to the public so this is a special opportunity. Moderate hike, approx. 2-3 hours, heavy rain cancels. RSVP to Save Mount Diablo at 925 947-3535 or smdinfo@save-mountdiablo.org

Japanese Maple Pruning Workshop, Saturday, Nov. 1st from 10-12. The cost for this class is \$15 per person. Please call or email to reserve your seat. McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda, 925-254-3713 or info@mcdonnellnursery.com.

Trail Adventure Sunday Nov 2nd. The Mount Diablo Trail Adventure offers a Half-Marathon, 10K Run, and Family Hike beginning at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek, climbing the fire roads up the slopes of Mount Diablo and finishing at Castle Rock. The event includes pre and post race entertainment by a live band and lunch for all participants. Registration for all events is \$35. After Oct. 22 the fee increases to \$40 for all events. Day of registrations open at 7 am all events start at 9 am.

Home Composting for Busy People workshop on the Saturday, Nov 8th from 1-2:30. If you are interested in attending, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you rsvp with the Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority at 925-906-1806. McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda, 925-254-3713

The 5th Annual St. Perpetua Wine Festival is Sat., Nov. 8, 6:30 - 10:30PM at the War Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette. This is a wonderful event to attend with friends and taste some hard to find wines. The event will include an extensive selection of wines to taste, learn about and buy; thanks to Wine Thieves, local Lafayette Wine Merchants. There will be a professional three-piece jazz band along with a delicious catered buffet dinner. Tickets are \$55 each and include the wine tasting, entertainment and delicious food. You can purchase tickets on-line at www.stperpetua.org Call St. Perpetua School for more information 925-284-1640.

CARE Parent Network- a workshop for parents of children with special needs in Contra Costa SELPA, which includes the Acalanes, Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda school districts - Saturday, Nov 8 from 9 am - 3 pm. The 'Parent Academy' is a wonderful opportunity for parents to attend up to four workshop sessions presented by an outstanding group of educators on some of the most

requested topics in special education. Marchus School, 2900 Avon Avenue, Concord. Contra Costa SELPA parents: \$25, other parents: \$35, Other professionals: \$50. Deadline to register is Oct. 31. Pre-registration is required. Questions? Call Cathy Nicoll, SELPA Coordinator at 925-827-0949 x13 Visit our website: www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/selpa/ccselpa.htm

Volunteers Needed: Tax-Aide Counselors, Computer Techies, and Greeters. Help low to moderate-income tax-payers of all ages - focusing on those over age 60. Provide free tax return preparation and electronic filing service. To learn about the non-profit all-volunteer program, attend a half-day orientation meeting in Nov. (Orientation not required to volunteer) Classes to become IRS Certified Counselor in January 2009. You will learn much more about helping people through Tax-Aide when you call LaVerne Gordon, District Coordinator, at 925/335-8749 or 925/256-6807 or email laverneg1@juno.com,

HALLOWEEN

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Pumpkin Patch- 20 Washington Lane, Orinda. Saturday, Oct. 18th from 11am-3pm. Bring your child to Sleep Hollow School for games, food and fun at our annual fund raising carnival.

Orinda Glorietta School's Annual Halloween Funfest- 15 Martha Rd, Orinda Saturday, Oct. 18th from 10am-3pm. Spooktacular fun for the whole family: freaky fun carnival games; haunted obstacle Course, Black cat cakewalk, giant slike, pumpkin decorating and lots of prizes.

The Moraga Juniors annual Halloween Carnival will take place on Sunday Oct. 26, from 10-2 at Campplindo High School at 300 Moraga Road in Moraga. It is a fun and fanciful event perfect for children ages 2 to 8 years, and attracts over 500 children each year. Participants will be able to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, enjoy carnival games with prizes for all and a festive art center with trick or treat bags and face painting. Admission is \$3 per child, plus a small charge for game tickets and food. All children are encouraged to come in costume.

Halloween masquerade ball Friday, Oct. 24th with live music, dancing, cash bar and a special planetarium show experience. The kids can trick or treat at Chabot on Saturday, Oct. 25 in their costumes and have a family fun day. Call the Box Office at 510-336-7373 to register. Box Office (510) 336-7373, Online tickets www.chabotspace.org

Please submit events to:

calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

~ When the mind is clear, stress is reduced
~ When the body is clear, confidence boosts
~ When the spirit is clear, joy is achieved
~ When all are clear **together**, miracles happen

Wholistic Arts Festival Sunday 10/19/08 10am - 6pm

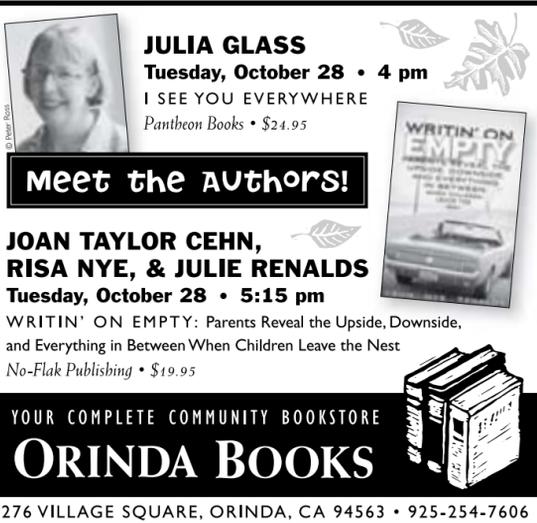
Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill

Alternative Practitioners • Bodyworkers
Readers • Coaches • Labyrinth • Skin Products
Spa Products • Jewelry • Books • Music
More!

General Admission \$7
\$2 discount through Website

www.WholisticArtsFestival.com

* proceeds go to Bret C. Harte Fund



JULIA GLASS
Tuesday, October 28 • 4 pm
I SEE YOU EVERYWHERE
Pantheon Books • \$24.95

Meet the Authors!

JOAN TAYLOR CEHN, RISA NYE, & JULIE RENALDS
Tuesday, October 28 • 5:15 pm
WRITIN' ON EMPTY: Parents Reveal the Upside, Downside, and Everything in Between When Children Leave the Nest
No-Flak Publishing • \$19.95

YOUR COMPLETE COMMUNITY BOOKSTORE
ORINDA BOOKS
276 VILLAGE SQUARE, ORINDA, CA 94563 • 925-254-7606



MUSIC LESSONS
www.musicandart.org
Lamorinda Academy of Music and Art
Private and group lessons
Piano, string instruments, voice
Competitions, Tests, Fun
All Ages & All Levels
925-299-1240

Life in LAMORINDA

St. Mary's Students Speak Out

... continued from page 1



Brian Long



Doug Milliman



Eric Ha



Erin McCabe



Kevin O'Neill



Nakita Thomas



Scott Maurer



Skye Price

Photos Toby Wendtland

Other students, such as senior Doug Milliman, believe, "There has to be a balance between expansion and keeping a mindful watch on their impact on the community." Even though graduate student Skye Price is registered to vote elsewhere, she says, "To be a real global citizen I'd be interested in [MOSO], even though it's not where I live."

Because many of the students surveyed were registered to vote in other parts of California, many of them listed state and national issues as what mattered most to them in the election. While none of the students were familiar with all of California's twelve propositions on this year's ballot, many, like senior Nakita Thomas, were familiar with a few.

Thomas says that she will be voting for Proposition 2 (standards for confining farms animals) and against Proposition 8 (eliminates right of same sex couples to marry). Several students polled said they were still waiting to do research on the propositions or else they would decide in the voting booth. Graduate student Kevin O'Neill says that he will carefully review the propositions and how they affect California and the politics of the Bay area. He says, "I'd rather have no law than some bad law that we have to deal with down the road."

Another common concern among Saint Mary's students is the war in Iraq. Junior Brian Long points out that, "The president we elect will be a wartime president." Long is planning to vote for John McCain because, "McCain has the demeanor and the resilience to fight the agents and the spread of [terrorism]." Milliman, a former staff sergeant with the Air Force, is concerned with the negative spin put on the war by the

media. He says of those who are watching the media coverage, "They don't see the impact and the benefits of the war for those in Iraq, the freedoms that women have there now." Graduate student Eric Ha, who was born in South Korea and became an American Citizen this September 11th, says, "It's not easy to finish the war at this point, there are still many political issues that exist in Iraq."

The worsening economy is another issue that has students concerned and Ha lists the economy as his greatest concern. He says that, "The most important issue for me is the economic problem because it affects everything in this country and it will affect my career in the future." Graduate student Erin McCabe voiced a common opinion in that she's worried, "We're going to end up in a depression-like situation."

Students on the Saint Mary's campus were also divided as to who, McCain or Barack Obama, would be able to lead America out of the current economic crisis. Maurer, who supported the economic bailout plan, wants to see McCain implement a positive national savings rate and not, "reenact the policies of Roosevelt." Ha counters those who support McCain by saying, "The economic crisis we are facing now is the result of misleading and wrong decisions by George Bush over the last 8 years." Ha plans to vote for Obama because, "I agree with his idea of change."

The latest (10/7/08) SurveyUSA poll has Obama leading McCain by a margin of 55-39% in the state of California, but the conservative Saint Mary's campus is bucking the statewide trend and McCain and Obama appear to be running even on campus despite California being a traditionally Democratic state.

Burger King • Child Day Schools of Moraga • CA Academy of Performing Arts • Fudge Alley • China Moon Restaurant • Gourmet Bistro Cafe • K9 Klipper • Nation's Giant Hamburger • Little Hearty Noodle • Longs Drugs • Magic Cuts • Reflexions Skin Care and Hair Salon • Rheem Valley One Hour Cleaners • Sixto's Style Cuts • Subway • Teddy Bear Wash & Dry • TJ Maxx • Blockbuster • Anna Nails • B.A. Parsons, CPA • Curves For Women • Dahn Yoga Center • Dominion Insurance Services • Goodwill • Lamoreen Classic Gymnasitcs • Lamorinda Ballet Center • Lamorinda Pizza • Loard's Ice Cream • Lori's Perfect Tan • Magic Cuts • Moraga Jeweler & Cellular • Mountain Mikes Pizza • Moraga Optometry • Subway • Taco Bell • Teddy Bear Wash & Dry • Tuesday Morning • United States Postal Service • Royal Siam • Starbucks • Sun Builders • Huntington Learning Center • Mountain Cascade • Roy W... Indep... Cour... Moraga Art Gallery • Rheem Valley Pet Shoppe • ... Design • Tuesday Morn... • Moraga Optometry • Burger King • Child... CA Academy of P... • Fudge Alley • Ching... • K9 Klipper • Nation's Giant Hamburger • Little Hearty Noodle • Longs Drugs • Magic Cuts • Reflexions Skin Care and Hair Salon • Rheem Valley One Hour Cleaners • Sixto's Style Cuts • Subway • Teddy Bear Wash & Dry • TJ Maxx • P... • Parsons, C... • Dahn Yoga Ce... • Loard's Ice Cream • Lori's Perfect Tan • Magic Cuts • Mor... Mountain Mikes Pizza • Moraga Optometry • Subway • Taco Bell... Tuesday Morning • United States Postal Service • Royal S... Sun Builders • Huntington Learning Center • Mountain C... ent Legal Counsel • Moraga Art Gallery • Rheem Valley P... Tuesday Morning • Moraga Optometry • Burger King • ... Academy of Performing Arts • Fudge

Nuttin To Do For Halloween?

Trick or Treat at
Rheem Valley Shopping Center
Halloween, October 31st
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Free! Trick or Treat Bags

Rheem Valley
Shopping Center
...a Moraga tradition



Rheem Blvd. at Moraga Rd.

Costumed children must be accompanied by an adult. See stores for details. While supplies last

Visit our website for more event information
www.rheemvalley.net

SMC Launches Great Book Series

By Andrea A. Firth

Who doesn't love a great book? Saint Mary's College recently launched their great book seminar series, The Great Conversation, and they invite members of the community to attend one, two, or all of the Tuesday evening sessions. An SMC faculty member leads each seminar, and the format is designed to encourage the participants to share and exchange their views on the great book of the night. Some of the works chosen for the series are short stories and novellas to make it even more reader-friendly for busy Lamorindans.

ersen. "It's very exciting. The professor learns new things each time he or she teaches the text."

Next up on the reading is list is Bartleby the Scrivner, a novella by Herman Melville. For readers who have never been able to conquer Moby Dick, this may be just the right dose of Melville. The seminar series will conclude with the classic tale of unresolved passion between Heathcliff and Catherine from Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte. Readers with kids of high school age might be able to share a copy.

... continued on page 11

The Great Books Seminar has been ongoing at the College for thirty years in one form or another according to the seminar coordinator, Grete Stenersen, the Director of the Weekend College. "SMC has been a Great Books College since the 1940's," states Stenersen.

"All undergraduates are required to take four Great Books courses." Established by Christian Brother and former faculty member, Brother O. DeSales Perez, the seminar serves as an extension of that undergraduate experience for alumni and friends in the community.

Willa Cather's short story Paul's Case was the focus of the first seminar. "Everyone brings their own perspective and questions to the discussion," states Sten-

1031 EXCHANGES...

TENANT-IN-COMMON SPECIALISTS

Presidio Exchange Advisors, a branch office of Omni Brokerage, Inc

- Over the past five years, more than one out of every ten dollars invested in real estate 1031 TIC securities offerings have been transacted through OMNI Brokerage.
- Since 1995 OMNI Brokerage has completed over 3,000 TIC securities transactions.
- OMNI Brokerage is the largest broker-dealer in the 1031 TIC securities industry, based on equity raised.
- Clients have invested into real estate valued at over \$3.0 Billion through OMNI Brokerage.

OMNI Brokerage
SECURITIES OFFERED THROUGH OMNI BROKERAGE, INC. • MEMBER FINRA/SIPC

DAVID WAAL
PRINCIPAL

2950 BUSKIRK AVE., STE 300
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(925) 407-4747

PRESIDIO EXCHANGE ADVISORS
1031 Replacement Property Solutions

ENTOURAGE INC.

Day NIGHT Spa, Salon & Café

Theatre Square • Orinda

Serving the Community & Giving to Local Schools since 2003

Entourage Presents:

Spa Party for Six
Includes:

- ~ 6 pedicures ~
- ~ 6-50 min. Swedish Massages ~
- ~ 2 bottles of Kenwood chardonnay, cabernet or sparkling wine ~
- ~ Your choice of sushi or fine cheese ~
- ~ An assortment of chocolates ~

\$150 per person
(includes tax and tip)

www.entouragespa.com

925-254-9721

Lamorinda's Religious Services



Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Orinda, 254-3422

8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
 9:40 a.m. Education for all ages
 10:45 a.m. Celebrations Worship Service
 Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

Our Savior's Lutheran (ELCA)
 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette
 283-3722 • www.oslc.net
Sunday mornings at OSLC:
 Classic Worship, 8:15 am
 Education Hour, 9:30-10:20 am
 Contemporary Worship, 10:30 am

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church
 A Loving Community
Sunday Services: 8 and 10 AM
 Active Youth Program, Childcare
 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 284-7420, www.stanselms.ws

St. Giles Episcopal Church of Moraga
 Worshipping at St. Mary's College Chapel. All are welcome at our services.
9 a.m. Sunday Service: Holy Communion - with St. Giles' Choir.
 Child care is available all year.
 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. 925-376-5770

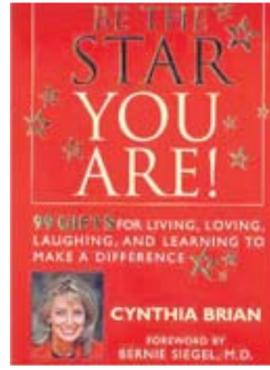
Temple Isaiah welcomes you to worship with us on Shabbat.
 For specific questions, call the Temple office at 925-283-8575 or visit our website: temple-isaiah.org.
 1st and 4th Friday evening - 6:30 PM
 2nd and 3rd Friday evening - 8:00 PM
 Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM

If you would like your services listed, please email to info@lamorindaweekly.com or call 925-377-0977. A one inch listing will cost \$20.

Life in LAMORINDA

Local Dynamo Woman: Cynthia Brian

By Moya Stone



Cynthia Brian is one busy bee. In addition to her regular gardening column for the Lamorinda Weekly, she is a bestselling published author, a life empowerment coach, a radio host, a professional speaker, and the founder of the local non-profit group, Be The Star That You Are. And all this is after making strides as a Hollywood actress, model, and journalist. She speaks four languages, and is a wife and mother. Cynthia has accomplished enough for many lifetimes, but she is in no way finished. With a genuine interest in people, Cynthia has made it her mission to help individuals, especially youth, discover their passion and then go out and live it.

Born and raised on a farm in Napa Valley, Cynthia grew up driving tractors, planting and picking vegetables, fruits, and flowers in the family garden, and raising chickens and goats. The family had little money for extras, so Cynthia, the eldest of five children, learned early on a strong work ethic, sewing her own clothes and selling chicken eggs for fifty cents a dozen. She

earned her own money for college, eventually attending UCLA and UC Berkeley. "I grew up with my hands in the dirt," says Cynthia. "I was always taught to dig deep." Cynthia makes a philosophical connection between life and what she learned on the farm, believing that you have to dig deep to find out who you are. After she was voted Outstanding Teenager of California she was named teenage ambassador to Holland and served as foreign correspondent for several newspapers. It was this experience that laid the foundation for her media savvy.

Early in her adult life Cynthia carved out a career for herself as an actress working with such stars as Charles Bronson and Don Johnson. But she realized that the Hollywood celebrity lifestyle wasn't for her and decided to take what she'd learned in the business and become an acting coach. Since then she's coached hundreds of aspiring young actors, teaching them the ropes on everything from how to audition to getting headshots, and most importantly helping them connect to their star within. "Everyone is a star," says Cynthia. "We are all destined to live in star style. But what's important is to find out what makes us unique and special." Cynthia teaches that we have to be, before we can do. "Be who you are and everything else will follow," she says.

It is this philosophy that Cynthia imparts in her speaking engagements and to her clients. In her 2001 book, Be The Star That You Are: 99 Gifts for Living, Loving, Laughing, and Learning to Make a Difference, she says: "No one has

ever walked the earth with your exact combination of inborn and acquired strengths, weaknesses, skills, foibles, talents, frailties, and experiences. The synergy of all these forces is what makes you strictly one of a kind ... this mixture is the source if your power, providing all the raw materials you need to become a star."

Cynthia and her husband settled in the Lamorinda area 28 years ago, first living in Orinda and now Moraga. They have a daughter, Heather Brittany, who just graduated from San Diego State. On World Talk Radio, Heather and Cynthia co-host a weekly radio show on which they interview authors and conduct a little mother/daughter chat they call, Tea for Two.

In 1999, Cynthia founded Be the Star You Are, a non-profit all volunteer organization that collects books and other resources

and distributes to hospitals, juvenile halls, and other designated charities. In addition, the organization offers the opportunity for local teens to volunteer reviewing books, managing the incoming stock of books, and fundraising. Currently Cynthia has 25 active teens and in keeping with her philosophy the kids decide for themselves how they want to help, "I don't tell them what to do," says Cynthia, "I give them the opportunity to discover their own interests and then watch them shine."

Next up for Cynthia as she continues to sparkle her own star, is the publication of her second book in the Be The Star That You Are series; this one is for teens. She is currently seeking submissions, particularly from teens. For more information about Cynthia and all her work, go to the website, <http://www.bethestaryouare.org/index.html>.



Cynthia Brian

Photo provided

MEF at the Moraga Farmer's Market



Pictured are Shari Simon, Kathy Ranstrom, Jessalyn Simon-Parker, and Erika Riepe at work on behalf of the Moraga Education Foundation (MEF) at the Farmer's Market on Sunday. MEF Donation Day will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at area schools and the Rheem Starbucks.

Seasons Interior Design

Is this the *Season* for change? We combine creative ideas with budget-friendly solutions to restyle the rooms you live and work in.

Selling a home? At Seasons Interior Design our goal is to make your home "show" ready, for greatest first impression to homebuyers.

call: Shannon Boehme at (925) 385-0293, or email: shanbo78@gmail.com, P.O.Box 1835, Lafayette



Bay Area Drainage, Inc.

"For All Your Drainage Needs"

- French Drains
- Underfloor Drains
- Downspout Systems
- Subdrain Systems
- Sump Pumps
- Retaining Walls



General Engineering Contractor
 Locally owned and Operated
 Contractor LIC # 762208

925-377-9209

visit our website

www.bayareadrainage.com

All Upstairs Units at 5A
 25% OFF on any size
 For 4 months only! *

Take a Tour & get a Free Terzetto's Coffee Card



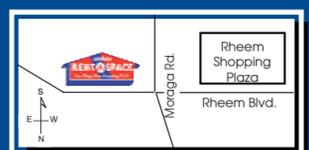
Use our FREE Truck to help you move in!

* 25% Off on any size Upstairs unit, on new rentals only. Expires 10/31/08. Ask about details on "Free Truck" or rental truck rebate.



925-631-7000
 455 Moraga Road Suite F
www.5Aspace.com

MORAGA



Life in LAMORINDA

St Mary's Professors: The Bail-Out Was Needed But Won't Be Enough

By Sophie Braccini



St Mary's professors, led by Dean Allen, discuss the economy

Photo Sophie Braccini

The School of Economics and Business Administration professors led by Roy Allen, Dean of the School at Saint Mary's, conducted a very informative and animated debate about the current state of the economy and how the Bail-Out Package (BOP) would affect us and our wallets.

This breakfast event was part of the Alumni Conference series that the College has now opened to the public. Experts present a topic and answer questions from the audience.

On October 1st the subject was the State of the Economy and the analysis went deep into the roots of the situ-

ation. "Financial liberalization, deregulation, technological change and globalization have played a role in increasing the speed and risk of financial cycles," Allen told an audience of close to eighty 80 people. He pointed out that recent events, such as the housing price collapse that has affected the East Bay Area so drastically, is not, in his opinion, the only cause of the crisis.

Allen explained that the United States is the only country that contracts debt in its own currency. Without getting back to the collapse of the Bretton Woods Agreement in

1971, it is clear that having the dollar being the currency of reference has allowed us to draw deeply from our neighbors pockets. As foreign money flew into the country the American people saved less and less.

"This is a classic debt driven crisis," said adjunct professor Jack Rasmus, who predicted that this country's \$21 trillion debt will trigger more collapses in the months to come. He believes that adding liquidity is not the solution, but working on the demand side of the equation is more likely to help.

Rasmus was not the only

Keynesian in attendance. St Mary's Professor Andy Williams does not see the situation as a liquidity problem either: "The Fed is good at spending money, but we have plenty of liquidity, it is just not flowing." Williams believes that restoring confidence will be key, and assuring that the people see the measures adopted as fair and equitable. He warned that a higher saving rate in the country could trigger a further reduction in economic activity and lead to a recession.

Global business professor Thomas Gomez-Arias reminded the audience that the situation is also complicated by the spread of uncertainty throughout the global economy. The bank failures in Europe or the collapse of the Shanghai housing market are signs that the financial crisis is worldwide.

The public was eager to hear the solutions that the faculty proposed, both at a global level and for managing their own wealth.

Associate Dean and business and economics professor Shyam Kamath, who diagnosed the situation as a fundamental knowledge problem, said that education, informa-

Support Lamorinda Weekly by shopping with our advertisers and telling them you saw their ad! Your local free Newspaper for Lamorinda

tion and transparency were key elements for the long-term recovery.

When asked how they themselves were investing their assets to minimize losses, the professors all answered that diversification was the only solution and hoped that the individuals in attendance had already done so.

Professor Phil Perry recommended the use of TIPS (Treasury Inflation-Protected

Securities) that have been issued by the US treasury since 1997. Professor Williams recommended Sovereign Wealth Funds that are state-owned investment funds.

To end the meeting, the group was asked if they saw a silver lining to the current situation. "Yes," said Professor Williams, "We'll see more PhD studies in the years to come!"

VERONICAS HOUSE CLEANERS

Free Estimates Referrals Available

925 458 6386 home
925 639 2393 cell



ALL FUR LOVE PET CARE

- Daily Pet Visits while You're away
- Mid-Day Dog Walks
- Barb Pensky, Orinda owner

(925) 212-7422

One FREE Visit with 3 day booking, new clients only

www.AllFurLovePetCare.com

bonded & insured

SMC Launches Great Book Series

... continued from page 9



Grete Stenersen enjoys reading a great book as Brother Perez, who started SMC's Great Books Seminar Series, looks on approvingly Photo A. Firth

Seminars are held on selected Tuesday evenings in Dante 203 at SMC. The cost is \$12 per session; text is not included. To register, contact Grete Stenersen at (925) 631-4162 or email her at gsteners@stmarys-ca.edu.

Date	Book/Author
11/18/08	Bartleby the Scrivner/Melville
12/9/08	A Pair of Silk Stockings/Chopin
1/20/09	The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness/Wiesenthal
2/24/09	A White Heron/Jewett
3/24/09	Only the Lover Sings: Art and Contemplation/Pieper
4/21/09	Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind/Foster
5/19/09	Wuthering Heights/Bronte



NEW CENTURY Kitchen & Bath

One source, One commitment
Specialists of stone & tile installation.
Custom natural & engineering stone countertops,
Cabinetry & High-End Fixtures.

Also servicing tear out & preparation.
Your expert source in customizing your remodeling needs.

Showroom hours: Mon-Fri 8:00- 5:00, Sat 10:00-4:00
2500 Teagarden St. Suite B
San Leandro CA 94577
T: 510-347-1818
www.nckb.com

Shop locally whenever you can. Only your support of our local businesses will keep them open!

16th Annual
LAFAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
presents
LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR RUN

October 26th 2008
8:30 am
Downtown Lafayette

5K (8:30 AM)
10K (8:45 AM)
2 MILE run/walk (9:00 AM)

Parking available at BART

PUT REAL ESTATE IN YOUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO.



Invest in individual properties, such as apartment communities, regional shopping centers, and Class "A" office buildings, or diversify with investments in specialized real estate funds or Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Investments from \$25,000 to over \$1 million, acquired through direct investment, IRA/qualified plans, or 1031 exchanges.

CALL US TODAY FOR A COMPLIMENTARY CONSULTATION.



Mark Johanson
Vice President



Tomas Velken
Director of Real Estate

Headquartered in Walnut Creek, with over 20 years of assisting clients with their real estate investments...

INVERNESS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS

National: 800.675.2424 | Local: 925.942.1031

www.invernessrei.com

(Corporate Office) INVERNESS Real Estate Investments - The Gateway Centre, 1850 Mt. Diablo Blvd., 5th Floor, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 | This is neither an offer to sell nor an offer to buy real estate or securities. There are material risks associated with the ownership of any real estate, including but not limited to, potential for property value decrease, illiquidity, change of tax status, the impact of fees/expenses which potentially may outweigh tax benefits of the real estate, and loss of direct control of real estate. Securities offered through Sigma Financial Corporation, Member FINRA/SIPC.

To register - go to
www.lafayettechamber.org or www.active.com
or call: 925-284-7404

Thank You To Our Sponsors:

- City of Lafayette, Oakwood Athletic Club, Forward Motion, EBMUD, Lafayette Pet Shoppe, Contra Costa Times, 92.1 KKDV, Allegro Copy & Print, Minuteman Press of Lafayette, BMW Concord, Shops at Plaza Center & Pacific National Bank

Your "Rock Solid" Realtors

Lafayette's Prudential Team presents:



Prudential California Realty
925-283-7000

Your Professional Lamorinda Team is located at:
 999 Oak Hill Road
 Lafayette



\$ 2,495,000
32 Sanford Lane
 Located in Lafayette's premier new home community of Hidden Oaks, this elegant single level home has all the features that discriminating buyers are looking for. With 3478 sq. ft. of living space, it has 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, **backyard pool and spa** and is richly appointed.



\$1,650,000
108 Oak Road
 A kitchen designed to delight any chef and a yard for sophisticated entertaining, this Castle Gate home has all the features Orinda buyers are looking for. A great opportunity. **Call Lisa Hctor at 925 698-5752 for more information**



\$1,750,000
3600 Powell Drive
 Coveted Lafayette Woodlands Home! Amazing 4 Bdr, 3.5 Bath 3,513 s.f. home on .87 acres of land with sport-court, level yard, and swimming pool with hot tub and cabana! Great property and near downtown! **Call James Collins or Jim Colhoun 925-640-8818.**



\$ 359,000
1613 Shirley Drive
 Fabulously priced Pleasant Hill home near shops, restaurants, transportation, & schools has 3 bed, 2 ba, dual pane windows, updated kitchen w/granite counters, expanded to include a family room, separate cottage in the back yard for studio, office or guests.



\$ 1,095,000
1347 El Curtola Blvd.
 Coming soon! Updated 5 bedroom 4 bath, 2,482 square foot home on .18 acres of meticulously maintained lot. Top Lafayette schools, dual pane windows & so much more. **www.1347ElCurtolaBoulevard.com CALL JAMES COLLINS 925-640-8818.**



\$889,000
3256 Sugarberry Lane
 Gorgeous Woodland's Rancher captures the essence of Walnut Creek. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths completely remodeled. Granite counters, hardwood flooring, huge yard with pool, lush landscaping and lawn. No rear neighbors. **Call Lisa Hctor at 925 698-5752 for more information.**



Meet Jan Maddock Realtor
 Jan is a Certified Home Marketing Specialist and offers a complete real estate service program providing **knowledge** of procedures, **skills** of negotiation and **respect** for the needs and desires of her clients. She is Chairman of the Grievance Committee for the Contra Costa Association of Realtors and past tour director for Contra Costa Realtors In Motion (CCRIM). If you want your home marketed professionally and thoroughly, Jan is the realtor for you! She is a long time resident of the bay area active in church and community. Jan can be reached at 925 212-2882.

Lamorinda Avoids Foreclosure Spike

By Cathy Tyson

Given the current financial meltdown, it's surprising that Lamorinda is actually in a better situation than the majority of other Contra Costa communities with regard to the number of home foreclosures in the area and the relative stability of home prices.

While it's not uncommon to hear of the shocking number of foreclosed homes in Antioch, Brentwood and Pittsburgh, it's still a rarity in Lamorinda.

A recent report produced by Paragon, a real estate solution software company, documented the percentage of short sales - homes that sold for less than their previous price and REO - bank owned/foreclosed homes of all pending properties on October 6 of this year.

Antioch with 622 pending sales has the highest percentage of short sales and REO properties at 557 or

89.55% of the total on that date. Brentwood was a close second at 239 homes pending and 208 or 87.3% either foreclosed or selling short. Lafayette had 27 pending sales, only 3 of which were REO and another 3 were short sales giving it a combined percentage of 22.22%. Orinda has 24 pending sales with just one in foreclosure and two short sales for 12.5% - the lowest of any of the 21 cities in this analysis covering Newark to Richmond to San Ramon. Moraga was not included in the available data.

There are a number of reasons why this foreclosure trend has not hit Lamorinda according to Prudential Realtor, Maria Eberle, who lives in Orinda. In fact she sees it as, "an incredible opportunity."

One of the key distinctions she cited between Lamorinda and other Contra Costa neighborhoods is the fixed number of homes in this com-

munity; in most cases the price tag requires a jumbo loan with tougher qualifying restrictions, unlike the sub-prime markets. Most families buying a home in Lamorinda can generally afford it.

Rather than speculators hoping to buy a home and rent it out, the majority of buyers in Lamorinda intend to live in these residences because of the desirability of the area - great schools, proximity to San Francisco and relatively little crime. Less than 1% of the market is new construction. Areas that have foreclosures and price declines have a substantial amount of new construction. Home builders gave liberal financing terms in order to move inventory, according to Eberle.

According to DataQuick.com median home prices here compared to other nearby communities are holding fairly steady. The median price of a home sold in Lafayette this August is only 0.6% lower than it was last August. Their September numbers haven't been released as of press time.

In fact, North American Title Company just came out with their September price report, analyzing average home sale prices from the same month last year. Amid a sea of negatives for other communities, the average sale price actually increased in Moraga 18.08% from September 2007 to September 2008; from \$996,000 to \$1,176,000.

JV LUCAS PAVING

QUALITY • INTEGRITY • EXPERT WORKMANSHIP
 THIRD GENERATION PAVING COMPANY

It's Time to Seal Coat!

- Driveways
- Private Roads
- Tennis & Sports Courts
- Parking Lots
- Subdivisions
- Seal Coating

925-283-8027

City Council Plays it Safe

"I encourage us to move forward expeditiously and to come back with a comprehensive solution," stated Mayor Pro Tem Sue Severson, who sits on the TSAC, "Speed cushions, although not perfect, have been the best solution [considered]...these neighbors are living with this situation everyday," she added.

Update on the City of Orinda's Long-term Investments

Rob Garner, who has served as Treasurer for the City of Orinda in a volunteer capacity since 2000, provided the Council with a brief update on the City's long-term investments, which are held, in part, in U.S. Treasury notes and corporate bonds, and answered questions regarding the

impact of the economic downturn on the safety of these assets. Garner explained that the City only purchases bonds with a rating of A or better, and no more than 30% of the total investment pie is kept in corporate bonds at anytime. The majority of the bonds held have consistently maintained ratings of A or better, however, Garner noted that a holding with CIT Group had recently been downgraded to an A- rating. Although CIT Group is a commercial financial operation, Garner noted that the company is not involved with risky financial instruments (credit default swaps, collateralizing debt); and the downgrade was not reflective of the company's stability but was more likely a result of the

... continued from page 4 nervousness in the marketplace.

Councilmember Amy Worth pointed out that Orinda has only invested in fixed interest bonds. "We are not involved in variable interest bonds," noted Worth. "So we are not facing the problems some other agencies in the area are having to deal with." Garner concurred noting that Orinda will receive the full value of the bonds if held to maturity.

Councilmember Steve Glazer proposed that they consider setting a higher safety standard for bond purchases within their investment policy. Both Glazer and Mayor Pro Tem Sue Severson recommended greater diversification by industry sector for the corporate bonds purchased.

Beware the Right-of-Way

Most properties have ROW that extends into what many assume is their property. Since Camino Pablo was originally expected to become a major route, the ROW on the Thomas property reaches in to nine feet. In Moraga, no permanent structure can be erected in the ROW.

Finding out where the ROW is a whole process. "Each property description explains the property boundaries in complicated surveying terms," clarifies Jill Mercurio, Public Works Director. "The exact location of the ROW vs. private property line can only be determined by a surveyor."

The Thomas' had many good reasons to want that extra front lawn protection. There is a permanent lane divider situated in front of their property that restricts space that could be utilized for evasive action, should a deer cross or other emergency. The wall they constructed is esthetically pleasing, reaches only to 31 inches and is not different from other such structures along Camino Pablo.

Non-compliant structures

exist all over town. "We cannot be everywhere," said Public Works Director Jill Mercurio, "we try to catch violations before they happen but have not asked owners of existing infringing structures to remove them."

That's one of the reasons the Thomas' feel the treatment they've received was unfair; they got the "order to stop work" after all of the structural work was completed. They argue as well that they complied with the rule that says that no fence or wall be erected higher than three feet without approval.

For all the sympathy the Thomas' immediately gained with the Council, the vote against their wall was unanimous (Council Member Bird recused herself from the decision on the grounds that she knows the Thomas'), due primarily to legal concerns.

Council Member Mike Metcalf said he had learned while sitting on the Planning Commission that the Town would be liable if damage resulted from a wall located on the

... continued from page 3

Town's ROW. He was supported by Vice-Mayor Dave Trotter and the Town's legal counsel who was present at the meeting.

Now Sydney and Taylor Thomas are waiting to see what the town will do after the Council voted to declare their wall a nuisance. The nuisance abatement process gives them 30 days after they receive the official notice to remove the object. The Thomas' will consider their options, when and if they receive the notification.

"The best advice to homeowners is to come in and talk to the Town staff before beginning ANY project," says Mercurio, "It is virtually impossible for every person to keep up on all building code/municipal code/general plan restriction or any other issues that may provide guidance throughout their project. It is so much better to realize BEFORE starting a project that there may be some restriction of which they are not aware. Town staff will be happy to help answer their questions."

Lamorinda Home Sales continued

	LAFAYETTE	Last reported: 4
	LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$742,000
	HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$2,325,000
	MORAGA	Last reported: 10
	LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$337,000
	HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,525,000
	ORINDA	Last reported: 5
	LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$799,000
	HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$2,100,000

Home sales are compiled by Cal REsource, an Oakland real estate information company. Sale prices are computed from the county transfer tax information shown on the deeds that record at close of escrow and are published five to eight weeks after such recording. This information is obtained from public county records and is provided to us by California REsource. Neither Cal REsource nor this publication are liable for errors or omissions.

LAFAYETTE	3292 Glenside Drive, \$742,000, 4 Bdrms, 2147 SqFt, 1938 YrBlT, 9-16-08
	3918 Los Arabis Drive, \$2,325,000, 4 Bdrms, 3697 SqFt, 2000 YrBlT, 9-17-08
	1079 Sunrise Ridge Drive, \$1,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 2531 SqFt, 1997 YrBlT, 9-19-08
	1167 Upper Happy Valley Road, \$900,000, 1 Bdrms, 1876 SqFt, 1930 YrBlT, 9-11-08
MORAGA	2083 Ascot Drive #232, \$369,000, 3 Bdrms, 1491 SqFt, 1971 YrBlT, 9-17-08
	621 Augusta Drive, \$810,000, 2 Bdrms, 2142 SqFt, 1977 YrBlT, 9-17-08
	628 Augusta Drive, \$1,105,000, 3 Bdrms, 2430 SqFt, 1976 YrBlT, 9-8-08
	381 Birchwood Drive, \$944,500, 5 Bdrms, 3135 SqFt, 1969 YrBlT, 9-12-08
	21 Brandt Drive, \$1,525,000, 4 Bdrms, 3630 SqFt, 1993 YrBlT, 9-19-08
	171 Cypress Point Way, \$925,000, 4 Bdrms, 2680 SqFt, 1973 YrBlT, 9-9-08
	32 Kazar Court, \$750,000, 3 Bdrms, 1885 SqFt, 1963 YrBlT, 9-17-08
	89 Miramonte Drive, \$337,000, 2 Bdrms, 1742 SqFt, 1965 YrBlT, 9-10-08
	56 Sullivan Drive, \$1,355,000, 4 Bdrms, 1926 SqFt, 1964 YrBlT, 9-12-08
ORINDA	12 Daisy Lane, \$861,000, 3 Bdrms, 1699 SqFt, 1970 YrBlT, 9-9-08
	43 Donald Drive, \$2,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 3732 SqFt, 1960 YrBlT, 9-11-08
	17 Muth Drive, \$799,000, 4 Bdrms, 1284 SqFt, 1964 YrBlT, 9-19-08
	11 Orchard Road, \$975,000, 4 Bdrms, 2428 SqFt, 1940 YrBlT, 9-8-08
	25 Zander Drive, \$1,060,000, 4 Bdrms, 2387 SqFt, 1962 YrBlT, 9-9-08



Rosewood House

FINE ASIAN FURNITURE & ANTIQUES • SINCE 1969

(925) 827-9588 CONCORD
 (510) 451-7373 OAKLAND

ROSEWOODHOUSE.COM



MVCRemodeling.com

MICHAEL VERBRUGGE CONSTRUCTION INC.

"RESIDING AND SERVING LAMORINDA"

RESIDENTIAL REMODELING

- ✓ Baths
- ✓ Kitchens
- ✓ Room Additions
- ✓ Finish Carpentry
- ✓ Repairs - dry rot, water and fire damage

925.631.1055

Lic# 681593



SB Painting

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

- Exterior / Interior
- Exceptional prep. work
- Fully insured and bonded

925-932-3193

CA Lic. 555600

UPHOLSTERY SPECIALIST

REFINISHING AND RESTORATION

- Slipcovers • Pillows • Window Cushions
- Custom Upholstery • Design Consulting
- Marine - Commercial - Residential

Pickup & Delivery Available • Free Estimates By Phone



M.R.S.
 Fine Old World Craftsmanship
 Family Owned And Operated For Over 55 yrs.

3418 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

Mon.-Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-2
(925) 962-0579

business briefs

Lamorinda Curves Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month

3534 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette, - 962-0206
384 Park St, Moraga, - 376-0110
2 Theatre Sq # 140, Orinda, - 254-4199

All 3 Curves are offering a breast cancer self-exam kit designed by Olivia Newton-John (a breast cancer survivor) to women who sign up during the month of October to encourage early detection. The "Liv Aid" is a patented, FDA-cleared medical device designed to assist women in performing breast self-examinations. The product was developed by Deerfield Urethane, Inc. (Deerfield), a subsidiary of Bayer Material Science LLC (BMS) in collaboration with BHS International (BHS), a breast health company co-founded by Olivia Newton-John, in the development and production of the Liv(R) Aid breast self-exam aid.



Hudson & Axelrod Orthodontics

1016 Country Club Drive, Moraga, (925) 376-2800, www.hudsonandaxelrodeortho.com



On Thursday October 2nd Hudson & Axelrod Orthodontics and their patients celebrated the annual "fall feast." A good time was had by all.

Canine Teeth Cleaning at Lafayette Pet Shoppe

3517 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, 284-5212

The store will offer anesthesia-free dog teeth cleaning performed by Canine Care, Inc. on Saturday, October 25th, and every 4 weeks. For an appointment call 284-5212. The Pet Shoppe also proposes rabbit adoptions every third Saturday from 11am-3pm.

Teacake Bake Shop Bakes Cupcakes for a Cause

5 Lafayette Cir, Lafayette, www.teacakebakeshop.com - 283-9900

The Lafayette store is joining forces with leading bakeries nationwide with Cupcakes for a Cause. The week long event, running from October 20 - 26, 2008, supports children affected by cancer, with bakeries donating the proceeds of their cupcake of choice bearing a candy version of the smiling-face logo for the CancerCare for Kids program. Teacake plans to decorate and donate the proceeds of a customer favorite, their Pink Velvet cupcake. All three Teacake Bake Shop locations will be participating in the event.

Mountain Mike's Celebrates Veteran's Day, 3614 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette

Mountain Mike's Pizza in Lafayette offers free lunch buffet to ALL active duty and retired members of the United States Armed Forces on Monday, November 10 in honor of Veterans Day. For more information call Ben at 283-6363.

Star Pilates

1460 Moraga Road Suite F, Moraga, 925-376-7500, www.starpilates.com



After expanding the site with more space for mat-classes, Star Pilates in Moraga had a Grand opening Party on Saturday October 4th in the Moraga Center.

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

- Fourteen candidates filed petitions for the upcoming board election. The 10 elected members will serve for a two-year term starting January 1st 2009.
- 16th Annual Lafayette Reservoir Run - October 26th Race times begin at 8:30am and "day of" registration begins at 6:30am. Pre-registration can be done by visiting the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce website, www.lafayettechamber.org or www.active.com.

Moraga Chamber of Commerce

- Chamber Mixer, Tuesday, October 28 at 6 p.m. at the Hacienda de las Flores, Fireside Room. The Chamber has invited speakers from St Mary's College to come and discuss ways to reinforce cooperation and synergies in the area of business.
- Save the date: December 6th will be the third Season of Lights celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at both shopping centers. The Chamber would like to encourage the retail businesses to decorate their windows to celebrate this ecumenical celebration of families, joy and giving.

Orinda Chamber of Commerce

- Orinda Chamber Luncheon, Orinda Country Club, Tuesday - October 28, Noon to 1:30 p.m. "Downtown Commercial Development Planning Forum" - new plan revealed. Please join us for a lively panel discussion and Q&A on the work product generated by the "commercial committee" of the Orinda Planning Task Force (PPRTF). City Council members Tom McCormick and Amy Worth will present the Task Force's work and introduce committee members Clark Wallace and Bruce Burrow. The new plan encourages commercial growth in Orinda by improving the commercial planning, permitting process and zoning code. Luncheon cost: \$30.00. Reserve your seat(s) online on the Chamber's web site.

Rising Food Costs and Money Conscious Customers:

A Challenging Situation For the Local Food Industry

By Sophie Braccini



Diablo Foods' hundreds of labels have to be changed all the time

Photo Sophie Braccini

According to the American Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the price of food has increased by 9.6% over the last year. That fact compounded with the rising cost of energy (a 32.9% increase over the same period) puts a lot of pressure at the end of the food chain industry: the stores and restaurants from whom we purchase our food. In our area, in spite of a difficult economic situation, restaurant and store owners have tried to somewhat mitigate the cost increase, reducing their margins and/or improving their business practices.

Diablo Foods in Lafayette experiences the change in prices every day. "We have an employee who manages the price changes," says Dan Stokes, who manages the day to day operations, "her role is to update the prices in our database as we receive them, adjust the sales price and then make sure that all our labels in the store are kept up to date." The prices are changing so rapidly that this person is working full time to keep up.

For example, prices for bakery and cereal products have been trending upward since late 2007 and posted the largest increase since September 1981 in the 12 months to August. The reports show a 14.9% increase in the prices for bakery and

cereal products. "We try not to pass on all of the price increases for the first necessity items," explains Stokes, "we have been stunned by some of the raises."

This approach has been the same in the local restaurants.

Michele Lavecchia, of Amoroma, explains, "We've tried to keep our entry prices low, for example we haven't increase the price of our kids' pasta." The restaurant that serves Italian cuisine was hit as well with the rising cost of imported

goods such as Italian wine, due to the fall of the dollar. Buying locally is not always the solution. Philippe Chevalier, who recently opened a French restaurant in Lafayette, works only with local organic products. "Over the last three months the price of organics has risen by 20%; we cannot pass such a raise to our customers." At Chevalier, that has meant less people hired and the owner working twelve hours shifts to stabilize his margins. "This is the dream of my life," says the young entrepreneur, "I will do whatever it takes to make it work."

Carlos Rangel at Shelby's in Orinda confesses working up to fifteen hours a day and catching up with short afternoon naps when possible. He confirms that rising costs are a difficult challenge.

"The prices have increased pretty substantially," says the business owner, "it's all around and now we are even charged extra for delivery because of the price of gas."

... continued on page 17

techmommy

"A High-tech Brain with the Patience of a Mother"

10% Off
Any Job with This Ad!

Fast Expert Computer Help from techmommy!

- Troubleshoot any PC problem.
- Help in plain English, not tech talk.
- Personal training in your home, at your pace.

925-377-7711
www.techmommy.com

Serving the Bay Area's Technology Needs Since 1985

"Over the years techmommy has been our computer savior and guru, untangling our hardware and software problems with remarkable ease. Thank goodness for techmommy. We would be lost without her!"
- Dan & Colleen, Moraga

Create **BIG** art with your photos
Canvas • Fine Art Papers • Photo Papers

It's Simple

That's all we do

Pixel Outpost
331 Rheem Blvd. • Moraga • 376-7216

Clean up your yard with these budget-saving deals.

7.5-amp motor generates 110mph air speed

Lightweight — weighs just 5.1 lbs.

WEED EATER

SuperBuy!

save \$8

19⁹⁹

reg. 27.99

7.5-Amp Electric Leaf Blower
Lightweight for easy handling. 110mph air velocity, 280 CFM. T 104 038 1 While supplies last.

8⁹⁹

50', 16/3 Extension Cord
13-amp cord. Indoor/outdoor use. High-visibility orange. E 753 475 B12

FREE KEY

Buy one regular or premium house key and receive a second copy free. With coupon. Coupon expiration date 10/31/08

If you have a business brief to share, please contact **Sophie Braccini** at sophie@lamorindaweekly.com or call our office at 925-377-0977.

Distinctive Home Theatre & Stereo

Boston acoustics

marantz

SOUNDWORKS

Offering Complete Systems, Upgrades & Universal Remote Solutions
Proudly Serving The Lamorinda Community Since 2002

Free-In-Home Estimates
925-209-7001

P.O. Box 365
Moraga, CA 94556

ORINDA HARDWARE & RENTAL

56 Moraga Way, Orinda • 925-254-5429

Just down from the Orinda Theater
Screen Repairs - 48 hr service
Sale ends 10/31/08

True Value

START RIGHT. START HERE.
© 2008 by True Value® Company, Chicago, IL 60631

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Governing Board Meetings

Acalanes Union

High School District
Board Room AUHSD Office
1212 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette
Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 pm
- Special Session

Lafayette School District

LAFSD Office
3477 School Street, Lafayette
Monday, Nov. 17 at 7:00 pm

Orinda Union School District

OUSD Office
8 Altarinda Road, Orinda
Monday, Nov. 3 at 4:00 pm

Moraga School District

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate
School Auditorium
1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga

Not to be missed - Teens & Parents

Time Management & Organization - for Families with Middle Schoolers Thursday, October 16, 2008, noon - 1:30pm, school library Walnut Creek Intermediate School, 2425 Walnut Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA 94597 no fee, register on-line at <http://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/adulted/html/peelementarymiddleschool.htm> Questions & Comments? Vera Babor at vbabor@acalanes.k12.ca.us.

How to Help Your Middle School Daughter Build a Firm Foundation for Relationships. Please join us for a Parent Emergency Response Training on Wednesday, October 22nd 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Orinda Intermediate School. (See story page 17)

Acalanes High School Parents Club presents: Your Teen and the Law: What Every Parent Should Know. Mary P. Carey, juvenile defense attorney,

will present a lively, informative view of current laws that affect our teens including: Drinking and Driving, Drugs, Parties, Consensual Sex, and more....Wednesday, Oct 29th, 7:00 pm, Acalanes High School Theatre, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette, CA

The Moraga Asian American Club hosts Michael F. Dang, Associate Director, Undergraduate Admissions at UC Davis, "Presenting the Total Student in the UC Admission Application Process". Learn how to build your statement to include essential elements to distinguish yourself from others in the application process. This is a unique opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the complex UC admissions process! There will be time reserved for questions from students and parents following the presentation. Thursday, October 30, 2008, 7:00

p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Moraga Public Library. Space is limited. Come early for best seating! This evening is sponsored by MAAC and is open to all.

Smart Money: Using the Bank Instead of Mom and Dad

Thursday, November 20th, 7-9pm, in the Las Lomas Theater. Learn how to make smart credit choices, apply for auto loans including the hidden expenses involved, and keeping your identity safe. Parents are welcome to attend. This series is brought to you by the Las Lomas PTSA's Parent Ed and Healthy Choices Committees and is free of charge. Hand outs will be available at all sessions. Questions? Contact Karen Schroter. (schroter5@astound.net). RSVP/register through our new online registration site: <http://adulted.acalanes.k12.ca.us/online/reg/>, enter course #056216.

Exchange Student visits the Orinda City Council



Exchange student Daniel Buzu (great shirt) is pictured with host Bobbi Landers and City Councilmembers displaying gifts from Orinda's sister city Tabor in the Czech Republic. Photo A. Firth

Rheem Elementary School Hosts Native American Days

By Jean Follmer



Rheem Elementary School Native American Day Photo provided

Rheem Elementary School recently hosted its long-standing Native American Days. As part of Moraga School District's Living History program, the annual event enables all Moraga 3rd graders to learn about Native Americans and

participate in related activities. The program is run completely by parent volunteers and was coordinated by Rheem parent Sharon Gilbanks. Rheem Elementary teacher Lee Culver said they focus on teaching the students about the community

aspects of the tribe that once lived in the Moraga area. Culver said it's debatable whether or not the Moraga Native Americans were "Saklans who spoke Sakla" or were "Saklas who spoke Saklan."

Upon arrival at Native American Days, each class is divided into three "tribes." Each tribe rotates through four activities: a hike, games, home-building and crafts. During the hour-long hike, students listen to Native American stories while looking for bones and snake skins that were planted by parent volunteers. They also look for significant plants like poison oak and bay leaves. They learn a modern version of a Native American game that trained older children to accurately throw spears. Bark houses were built using redwood and rocks and the kids played floor games inside. The crafts included basket weaving and making prayer sticks. To make the prayer (or wish) sticks, the children wrote their wish on a piece of paper and then wrapped the wish to a stick using yarn, plants and beads. The idea of the prayer stick is to make positive wishes for good health or prosperity and give the completed stick to someone else. Culver said the Native Americans would continue to pass the prayer stick from person to person with the thought that it would eventually return to its maker. "This is the origin of the term Indian Giver. Its origin is really a positive term," said Culver.

Culver said the other components of the Living History program include a focus on early California for 4th graders and early America for 5th graders.

Lamorinda Schools

The College Essay

By Elizabeth LaScala, Ph.D.

Seniors all over the country are busy writing their college application essays. Juniors will be doing the same task next year. Students applying to the University of California (UC) are required to write two personal statements (essays) that respond to what are called the "UC Prompts." As a college admissions advisor, I offer my clients guidance in the selection of essay topics, recommendations about how to personalize essays, and editorial assistance. Here are some tips and strategies that work well for all students applying to the UC campuses.

■ Do understand the purpose of the UC personal statement. The UC does not ask for letters of recommendation. Therefore, each campus relies on the personal statement to add clarity, depth and meaning to the student's application. Put simply, the essays help the university to know and understand you better.

■ Do fill out a hard copy of the UC application. Then review it critically. Pretend to be an admissions officer. What questions may come up in the reader's mind? Have you attended different high schools? Have you been employed many hours a week? Did your grades fluctuate? For example, if a student's grades dipped during junior year and she worked many hours

during the same time period, a reader might reasonably wonder: "Why did the student work so many hours at the expense of grades?" A student may work to supplement family income because a parent has lost a job. That is something an admissions reader needs to understand, and you can find a way to weave this information into your essay.

■ Do be yourself and use your own voice. Choose a topic that highlights your strengths. This is not the time to be modest about your accomplishments. On the other hand, if you have had some problems that affected academics, you may be able to craft a personal statement to tell what you have learned and how you have grown from your experiences.

■ Do be certain your essay clearly responds to the question being asked. Get feedback, revise your work and ask someone (a trusted advisor or English teacher) to proof read. Submit work that is free of spelling and grammatical errors, and uses good writing conventions.

A key component of success in college is your ability to write. For this reason, colleges want to know you as a writer. Colleges assess your writing in several ways—for example they look at your course-

work and grades, especially in subjects that require a good deal of writing. If you are a senior, you probably have already taken the SAT or the ACT. The essay section of these standardized tests represents another way colleges evaluate your writing skills. However, the essay section of these tests is time and topic limited. In contrast, the UC personal statement provides an opportunity to compose a personal narrative on a topic of your choosing. It is well worth the time and effort to develop essays that you are proud to submit with your application.

Elizabeth LaScala, Ph.D. works as an independent college advisor in Lafayette. Dr. LaScala draws on 20 years of experience in higher education and research to customize the college search and admission process for students and their families. She has 3 daughters—one a graduate of Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo), one a sophomore at MIT and the youngest, a junior in high school. Dr. LaScala can be contacted at elizabeth@doingcollege.com or (925) 891-4491.

Contra Costa County Teachers of the Year (TOY)

Submitted by the Contra Costa County Office of Education



Three Lamorinda school district teachers were recently honored as Contra Costa County Teachers of the Year (TOY). The Lamorinda teachers gathered with with other 2008-09 Contra Costa County Teachers of the Year (TOY) at the Concord Hilton Hotel. Pictured from left to right are: Janet Howard, Wagner Ranch Elementary (Orinda Union School District); Diane Wong, Los Perales Elementary (Moraga School District); Erin Caldwell, Springhill Elementary (Lafayette School District) Photo Jonathan Lance, Contra Costa County Office of Education

Dictionary Delivery

Submitted by Dick Burkhalter, Orinda Rotary



Orinda Rotary Club recently delivered dictionaries to all 3rd graders in the Orinda Union School District. The Orinda Rotary Club has delivered 2,700 such dictionaries over the last 10 years. The 95 member organization's motto is "Service Above Self" and the members enjoy giving back to their community. Pictured is Susan Chase's third grade class at Orinda's Wagner Ranch School. Back row: Marshall Johnson, Club President, Dr. Richard Marchick, Susan Chase. Photo submitted by Orinda Rotary Club.

Décor Consultant & Faux/Interior Painter
Nancy Blue
925.849.4799

- Color Consultation • Art & Furniture Placement
- Fabric, Accessories, Lighting, etc.

"I lost 30 pounds without drugs!"

AIMC Berkeley's holistic weight management program gives you the support and skills you need to lose weight and keep it off.

- 4 visits with an MD specializing in weight loss
- 4 fitness evaluations
- 12 weekly group acupuncture treatments
- weekly training in cognitive behavioral therapy, exercise & nutrition
- friendly, supportive staff



Enroll now and pay only \$1500 for the 12-week program (a \$1900 value).



ACUPUNCTURE & INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE COLLEGE, BERKELEY

Contact Jason Beito at 510-666-8248 x 118, jbeito@aimc.edu.
2550 Shattuck at Blake | Berkeley CA
Find out more at www.aimc.edu/

PAPYRUS

greeting cards • stationery
custom printing invitations

3645-C Mt. Diablo Boulevard
Lafayette, CA
925.283.2391

Get Clean.

TOTAL CLEAN
HOUSE CLEANING SERVICE
925.376.1004

Acalanes High School • Bentley School • Burton Valley • Camino Pablo Campolindo • Contra Costa Jewish Day School • Del Rey Donald L. Rheem • Glorietta • Happy Valley • Joaquin Moraga

Lamorinda Schools

Lafayette Elementary • Los Perales • Miramonte • Orinda Academy Orinda Intermediate • Saklan Valley School • Sleepy Hollow Springhill • Stanley Middle • St. Perpetua School • Wagner Ranch

The CIZ Newsletter—A Student Produced News Source in Lamorinda

By Andrea A. Firth



The CIZ staff: Standing (L to R) Marshall Danese, Sidney Liu, Austin Chiao; Seated (L to R) Kyle Chan, Kelly Zhang, and Steven Zhou Photo A. Firth

Steven Zhou's friends describe him as a big idea man. But Zhou is not all talk—he is a man of action. As a ninth grader at Campolindo High School, Zhou has already had more success in the publishing world of the world wide web than many twice his age, and his success has nothing to do with a Facebook page or a social networking site. Zhou is a legitimate news publisher having launched the Congregation of Intelligenz (the CIZ newsletter), a weekly student-produced newsletter in Lamorinda.

What motivates Zhou and his staff to work on the CIZ newsletter in addition to the academic demands of middle school and high school? "I guess I'm having a lot of fun," states Zhou, who as editor of the newsletter and the reporter for Campolindo spends about three to four hours each week on the newsletter. He then quickly segues to plans for more special editions, further evidence of his boundless ideas and energy. "I went along with this because Steven has crazy ideas but they work out," adds Austin Chiao who also attends Campolindo and helps with IT support.

Culled from a variety of sources, the goal of the CIZ newsletter is to communicate news from all the schools in the area and to help students keep current with important events and happenings. "I think it is cool to see what is going on at the schools," states Kelly Zhang, an eighth grader and the CIZ reporter for OIS. "My parents are kind of relying on me for news now," adds Marshall Danese, the CIZ Artistic Designer and Acalanes reporter.

All of the CIZ newsletters are posted at the CIZ website, also created by Zhou and his CIZ team. The website has recently launched a new and unique feature, the CIZ Homework Organizer. According to Zhou, the Organizer is designed to help students by taking the webpages of each of their teachers and putting them on one single page to access and view. Using the Organizer is free. Once a student registers, they can log in at anytime to view their customized master teacher webpage.

Although Zhou believes that he has become more informed through the process of generating the newsletter, he does not see the venture as a purely right-brain activity. "It's a creative outlet. We are doing something different," states Zhou. To check out past issues or subscribe to receive the newsletter go to www.freewebs.com/ciznewsletters/index.htm

Download "Your" story from www.lamorindaweekly.com



Terry Riggins

PHOTOGRAPHY
The art of capturing a moment

HOLIDAY CARD MINI PORTRAIT SESSIONS

Quick, Easy and at a Great Price!

Terry's work is well known in the East Bay for her stunning natural light photography. Her clients appreciate her warm and relaxed approach and love her ability to capture the joy and spirit of each member of the family. Visit www.terryrigginsphotography.com to view Terry's extensive portfolio and maybe see some familiar faces.

Session fee: \$175 and includes a 15 minute professional portrait session and fifty 4x6 or 4x5 prints for your holiday cards. Also included: Private online gallery to view all your images and share with family.

Sessions available every Sunday (all day) and Monday (afternoons) through November 10th.

Spaces are limited, reserve your sessions now! Contact our offices at 925.253.1658 or by email at terry@terryrigginsphotography.com

21st Century Teens Need 21st Century Parents

By Jean Follmer



Annie Fox Photo provided

Parents throughout the 20th century held numerous goals and concerns for their children. Some of them included establishing monetary self-reliance, finding a good job, having respect for elders and authority figures, acting responsibly and not having sex before marriage. This list is a sampling of responses offered by parents of teenagers during a recent presentation at Miramonte High School.

"21st Century Teens Need 21st Century Parents" was presented by Annie Fox, M. Ed., and was co-sponsored by the Miramonte Parents Club and the Acalanes Union High School District. Annie was sought out by Miramonte Parent Education Coordinators Sherri Williams and Carol Lettko. They had both heard Fox speak on prior occasions. "I heard her several years ago and she just really connects with parents and helps them connect with their kids," said Lettko. Fox led the audience through an evening of learning, questions, and introspection.

Fox asked the audience how they thought parenting concerns have changed in the 21st century. In addition to 20th century issues, the rapid advancement of technology was a major concern. Technology-related answers included "exposure to inappropriate media content," "TV shows that are disrespectful and mean-spirited," the fact that "texting lacks a personal relation" and on-line social networking sites like MySpace. The parents felt these stimuli have resulted in a general disrespect for parents and authority.

Fox asked the audience if they've ever been at a meal with their teenager and the teen was either talking on the phone or texting. Nearly every hand went up. One parent mentioned her son curses at her and another talked of her son's friend who she witnessed sending twenty text messages in the span of an hour. "What has given teens the license to do this? Are your expectations clear in your kids' minds?" asked Fox.

"I think it's easy to say it's a technology gap. It's a parenting issue. If it's family time that should mean something," said Fox. Many of today's parents have not communicated clear expectations to their

children. Even when expectations are communicated, they're not consistently enforced. Fox offered the idea of leaning on a wall that sometimes supports you and other times lets you fall. In the case of the mom and the son's text-messaging friend, that mom removed the texting service from her son's phone and now asks visiting teens to leave their phones on the entrance table during their visit.

Today's teens are living in a fast-paced world that is filled with academic and parental pressures and they are stressed-out. They have difficulty managing that stress so it plays out in ways that are sometimes unacceptable. For many teens, "there is a sense of urgency these days," said Fox.

Fox maintains a website that enables teens and parents to e-mail her questions about virtually anything. Before the presentation, Fox received an e-mail at "Hey Terra!" from a teenage girl saying she really likes a boy and thinks the boy likes her too and what should she do? Fox replied that she shouldn't feel like she has to do anything, to let things evolve naturally and discover if they have shared interests, compatible personalities and comparable values.

She also receives e-mails from teens asking advice about purely online relationships. Fox said the teens in those relationships have trouble distinguishing online relationships from personal ones that may involve actually dating. They don't have the ability to reason through it because they "don't have full faculty of their brains until they're in their mid-20's," said Fox. These problems lead to more stress and further inability to manage it.

"We tried to become our kids' friends and we may be paying the

price for it. Kids are unhappy when they don't know where the boundaries are. We have to take a leadership role in our families," said Fox. It's normal for teens to attempt to distance themselves from their parents and it's not personal. "The fundamental task of adolescence is to move from the home to the school and peer group," said Fox.

However, "there has been a blurring of the parent/child line" and kids often view parents as equals or peers. "Teenagers don't enjoy feeling out of control. It embarrasses them. If you model for your kids that you know how to calm down, think and problem solve, you're showing them how to do it," said Fox. She led the audience in a breathing relaxation exercise and the resulting calm and silence in the room was deafening.

"You are your child's teacher. What are your parenting objectives for them? You have a chance to give them what they need to pass your exit exam (when they leave home)," said Fox. Fox suggested calling a family meeting to communicate those objectives and lay the ground rules. She said each family member should be given uninterrupted time to respectfully voice their likes, their dislikes and their desire for change within the family unit. She stressed the need to always be consistent and encouraged the idea of having regular family meetings.

Annie Fox is an author, educational consultant and former teacher. She also creates, designs, consults and scripts CD-ROM based educational/entertainment products for kids. She has recently published her newest book titled "Middle School Confidential" and has been invited to speak at the National Middle School Conference in Denver next month. "Middle School Confi-

dential: Be Confident in Who You Are" is the first in a series of books for middle-school aged children. Other teen books include "Too Stressed to Think: a Teen Guide to Staying Sane When Life Makes You Crazy" and "The Teen Survival Guide to Dating and Relating". To e-mail Annie Fox or find her presentation schedule, go to www.anniefox.com.

Walk to School Day

By Jean Follmer



Lafayette Elementary School students walked to school in honor of National Walk to School Day. Principal Mary Maddux was joined by 35 Lafayette Elementary students for the walk.

They met at Leigh Park and walked to school along Moraga Boulevard. After arriving at school, they enjoyed at PTA sponsored breakfast of bagels, hot chocolate and coffee.



saklan | valley | school

Engaging Minds

Inspiring Creativity

Enriching Lives

PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
Limited Openings for 2008-09

WEEKLY TOURS - 8:30am - 10:00am
October 3, 10, 17, November 21
November 7 - Middle School Tour
November 14 - Kindergarten Tour
Please register online at www.saklan.org

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, November 9, 2008, 2 - 4 pm
Parents & students are both welcome to attend.

Admissions Contact:
925-376-7900 x16 or
admissions@saklan.org



Saklan Valley School & its Parent Association are proud to present

James T. Webb Ph.D., ABPP-CL

Finding Gifted Children: Gifted Behaviors In and Out of the Classroom

October 23rd 7pm - 9pm
Oakwood Athletic Club,
Lafayette, CA

Book Signing After the Event
Free Event
Open to the Public

Dr. Webb is the lead author of five books and several DVDs about gifted children, four of which have won "Best Book" awards.

- Guiding the Gifted Child: A Practical Source for Parents and Teachers
- Grandparents' Guide to Gifted Children
- Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults: ADHD, Bipolar, OCD, Asperger's, Depression, and Other Disorders
- Gifted Parent Groups: The SENG Model, 2nd Edition (New)
- A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children (New)

James T. Webb, Ph.D., ABPP-CL, has been recognized as one of the 25 most influential psychologists nationally on gifted education.

He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Sunday Morning, The Phil Donabue Show, CNN, and National Public Radio.

RSVP at www.saklan.org, or call at 925-376-7900

925.376.7900 | www.saklan.org | 1678 School Street | Moraga, CA 94556

Acalanes High School • Bentley School • Burton Valley • Camino Pablo Campolindo • Contra Costa Jewish Day School • Del Rey Donald L. Rheem • Glorietta • Happy Valley • Joaquin Moraga

Lafayette Elementary • Los Perales • Miramonte • Orinda Academy Orinda Intermediate • Saklan Valley School • Sleepy Hollow Springhill • Stanley Middle • St. Perpetua School • Wagner Ranch

Lamorinda Schools

Friendship Fault Lines – How to Help Your Middle School Daughter Build a Firm Foundation for Relationships

By Sophie Braccini



Middle school girls having fun at the Sister to Sister Summit

Picture courtesy of AAUW

It has a name. And let's not kid ourselves, it's insidious, destructive, pervasive and life altering. It happens in schools, communities, via cyberspace and cell phones every day, and it is primarily inflicted on girls, by girls.

What is it? Relational Aggression, or as it is becoming more commonly known, RA.

RA is female bullying and includes behaviors such as spreading rumors, refusing to talk to someone, or excluding them from the group. It can be done in deeply hurtful ways,

and can leave a girl devastated and fearful of returning to school, often interfering with her health and academic achievement.

It is not just a painful experience for the girl, it is also a challenge to her parents. Often their first impulse, to come to a daughter's aid, is an action that will backfire, causing more harm than good. That's why,

on October 22nd, the American Association of University Women, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch, sponsors of the annual Sister-to-Sister Summit each March, is offer-

ing a workshop to give parents a toolkit for coping with RA.

"In the ten years I have been working with girls through the Sister-to-Sister this issue has continually come up," says Valarie Burgess, one of the presenters, "I remember how helpless I felt with my own daughters, experiencing vicariously their anguish."

Speaking to school administrators, Burgess became aware of how overwhelmed they felt in the face of girls' meanness. She was very relieved when someone finally

came up with a name for it so it could be addressed head on. Now strategies are being developed that can give parents tools to change what has been an entrenched problem. "We would like to share some of these with parents to not only empower them and their daughters, but to create a healthier, more supportive environment in our schools and communities," adds Burgess.

The workshop on the 22nd will be held at the Orinda Intermediate School. The presenters will address the everyday issues of relational aggression among girls and provide parents with a chest of tools to respond appropriately and give their daughters the confidence they need to deal with it in a constructive manner.

"Raising my own three daughters and working with hundreds of girls through the years, I can see how friends can make it or break it, especially in middle school," says Ksenija Soster Olmer, another of the presenters, "Having at least one trusted friend can make all the difference in the world on how happy a girls is to go to school, how she feels about her changing body or relationships with parents and siblings. Being on the outs, on the other hand, can be pure hell for her and everyone else involved in her life."

The free presentation will be held at OIS on October 22, 7-8:30 pm. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend.



Mary H. Smith, D.D.S.
Cecelia Thomas, D.D.S.
925.254.0824

General dentistry done with a cosmetic emphasis to improve and enhance natural looking smiles. Adults, Children, Nitrous Oxide, Implant Dentistry, Cosmetic Dentistry, Invisalign Certified • Complimentary Consultations

MORAGA GARDEN CENTER



Annual Fall Sale October 1st - 31st

- 50% Off 5 Gallon Roses reg. \$28 now \$14
- up to 20% Off California Natives
- up to 50% Off General Nursery Stock, selected items

Free Plants with Purchase

Moraga Garden Center located at the Moraga Shopping Center 925-376-1810

9am-5pm 7 days a week



LAMORINDA CONTRACTOR

- Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling
- Decks
- Room Additions
- Hardwood Floors
- Door & Window Replacement
- Tankless Water Heaters Installation
- And More



JAD Construction is a Lamorinda based company. Family owned and operated with over 20 years experience

Home office: (925) 254-4080 • Mobile: (925) 286-8685
Email: Lamorinda contractor @ gmail.com
Licence #598907

Burton Valley Camps Out

By Jean Follmer



Spencer Lewis

Photo Doug Kohen

Burton Valley Elementary School recently held its First Annual Family Campout. The camping logistics were coordinated by Burton Valley parents Annette Robison and Gayle Burleigh. "It was our first annual campout and we had over 100 Burton Valley families that popped up tents," said Robison. The families pitched their tents on the back field at Burton Valley Elementary, enjoyed a buffet-style cookout and watched an outdoor movie.

Robison said one of the highlights of the evening was a speech given by Burton Valley parent and Speed Climber, Hans Florine. Florine's speed climbing partner, Yuji Hirayama, was also present. "They have been after world speed climbing records and are working on El Capitan (in Yosemite National Park) right now," said Robison.

Robison said the "kids ran wild" and everyone had fun. The moms awoke early the next morning to prepare a pancake breakfast. An admission was charged to cover the costs of the social event. "When we do it in the future, we hope to do it as a fundraiser," said Robison.



The camp

Photo Doug Kohen

College Application Mania Hits Lamorinda

By Cathy Tyson

Let the nagging begin. Yes, it's that time of year again, when parents of seniors in high school begin tactfully reminding their children to wrap up those applications. With approximately 98% of area high school seniors attending either a four or two-year college, that's quite a bit of "reminding." Fear not, stressed out parents, Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte are lucky enough to each have a dedicated college and career advisor on staff with information not only about the many schools out there, but also on financial aid and scholarships to guide bewildered students through the process.

They even schedule visits from college representatives far and wide so that seniors can get a peak at a variety of schools, hear about their specialties and get a pass to miss class – not a bad deal. For example last week Campolindo hosted representatives from

Williams, Stanford, University of Portland, Bowdoin, Emory, UC Santa Barbara, Vanderbilt and more. In addition our high schools offer college application workshops, information on foreign exchange programs and SAT as well as ACT tests.

Overwhelmed, some parents go through a personal college counselor, who, for a fee, will inquire about a student's strengths and weakness, make suggestions, help figure out the best college "fit" for their child, assist with application essays, and stay on top of deadlines.

"We try not to quantify a number of applications...but beyond ten is a lot of work," said Joan Karr, Acalanes College and Career Center Advisor.

She went on to say that California State Universities will be accepting applications from October 1 through November 30. University of California applications are a little different, students can be working on them through

October, and submit them as of November 1.

The waiting is the hardest part, but some schools have a shorter review period than others. According to Karr, if an eligible student applies to Cal State Chico, notice of acceptance might come back in a couple of months. University of Oregon has rolling admission, so applications are accepted as of late August and students can hear back in six to eight weeks. University of Colorado has a new program that students applying by December 15, should hear back by February. University of California will generally notify students in March; California State Universities around February 1.

Editor's Note: Readers of the Lamorinda Weekly may also want to check out the regular column of college advisor Elizabeth LaScala (see page 14) which is chock full of great advice.

Should your family follow you to Cal?



Of course. Every time they need an eye exam. The University of California Eye Center is an integral part of the top-rated UC School of Optometry, and we're here to offer you complete vision care for your kids, for you, and for your parents. We're also the ones to see for Lasik® surgery and contact lenses. (Our Eyewear Center has all the big names in frames!) We take most insurance plans, and major credit cards. When it comes to your eyes, go blue!



Open to the Public 7 Days a week www.caleyecare.com 510.642.2020
Free parking with appointments. Walk over or use our free shuttle!

Dining • Dining • Dining • Dining •

Brussels Sprouts Are For Kids!

By Susie Iventosch

For most of us, there's at least one vegetable we'd rather shove in our pocket than down our throat! My 'pocket' vegetable is definitely beets, but for my older brother it was broccoli. The way I heard it, when he was eight years old, he actually stuffed his serving of broccoli in his bathrobe pocket, rather than suffer the pain of actually eating it. My mom says it took her a few days, but she found it in the dirty clothes basket. The smell was a dead giveaway!

Another one of my least favorite vegetables has always been Brussels sprouts. So, when my friend Carol McDonald of Orinda said she was going to make them for dinner during our Mendocino getaway, I was leery. I told her, "I'll never eat Brussels sprouts ... ever!"

"Oh, yes you will!" she said. "The way I make them, even my kids love them!"

And, she was right. I couldn't believe it, not only were they delicious, but I groveled for seconds!

Carol says her mom, Betty, used to make these and wouldn't let the kids have any.

"They were her favorite vegetable," Carol said. "She'd say, 'they're just for me' and finally we begged her to let us try them."

Now, Carol uses the same tactics on her family. Her husband refused to eat Brussels sprouts until he tried this recipe.

"And, it's so simple you can do it at the last minute," Carol added. "The longer you cook them, the better they are, because the leaves become crunchy like potato chips."

"My kids love the crunchy, crispy leaves that fall off the core as they bake."

Once I jumped on the Brussels-sprout bandwagon, I asked my friend Fran Miller of Moraga how she makes her Brussels sprouts.

"My best childhood friend Di Cardoza used to sauté Brussels sprouts in butter when we were kids and I just loved them like that," Fran recalled. "And my kids really like

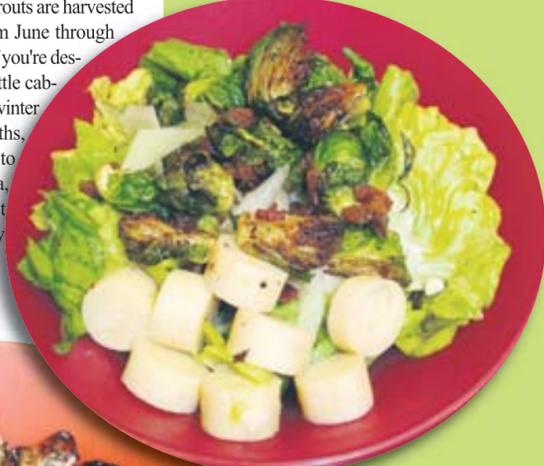
them this way, too. In fact, they won't eat them any other way."

Fran is a Brussels sprout lover and she came up with a delightful salad of Brussels sprouts and heart of palm in a simple vinaigrette dressing. Sometimes she adds pancetta and occasionally she adds cherry tomatoes, but she says the main thing is to sauté them in butter until they are crunchy and well-browned. Fran serves them warm on the salad.

Brussels sprouts are harvested in California from June through December, and, if you're desperate for these little cabbages during the winter and spring months, then head south to Baja, California, where the harvest lasts from January through June.

Frannie's Brussels sprout-heart of palm salad with vinaigrette

- 1 head butter lettuce
- 12-18 Brussels Sprouts, cut into quarters, lengthwise
- 1-2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon Lawry's garlic salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- One 14.5-ounce can or jar of hearts of palm spears, sliced into ½-inch slices
- ¼ cup crumbled blue cheese
- ¼ cup shaved Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup bacon crumbles
- 4-5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar



Carol's roasted Brussels Sprouts

- 2-3 dozen Brussels sprouts
- 2-3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- *optional: pancetta, crumbled bacon, grated Parmesan, balsamic vinegar

Wash Brussels sprouts and cut in half length-wise. Place in large Ziploc baggie and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Drizzle olive oil over Brussels sprouts and seal baggie. Knead baggie to coat each with oil and seasoning. Remove Brussels sprouts from baggie and place on a baking sheet that's been prepared with cooking spray. Bake in 400-degree oven for 20 minutes. Allow any loose leaves to roast, too, as they become very crispy and resemble potato chips by the time they're cooked. The kids love these best!

Heat butter in medium frying pan. Add quartered Brussels sprouts and season with Lawry's garlic salt and pepper. Sprinkle bacon or pancetta bits over all. Cook over medium-high heat for approximately 5 minutes. Stir Brussels sprouts to turn and continue to cook over medium heat for an additional 10 minutes or so, until sprouts are beginning to brown. Meanwhile, tear butter lettuce into bite-sized bits and place in salad bowl. Add blue cheese, Parmesan cheese and hearts of palm slices. When Brussels sprouts are cooked, place in salad bowl and toss with olive oil and vinegar. Serve at once.

This recipe is available on our web site. Go to: www.lamorindaweekly.com

Susie can be reached at suziven@gmail.com

Rising Food Cost and Money Conscious Customers:

A Challenging Situation For the Local Food Industry

... continued from page 13

Shelby's has tried not passed on the increase to customers. "We will have to share somehow in the near future," says Rangel, "maybe 20% of the increase, but not more because we know that our customers are watching their expenses, too."

As the margins are eroding, the restaurant has had to reduce the hours of its employees, trying not to make any lay-offs. Beyond the price increases, Rangel is concerned with the recent dramatic reduction of the amount of business generated. "Recently the number of our lunch customers has fallen by 70% and this week (starting October 5th) has been almost dead." He tries to keep a positive attitude and hope for a quick turn around.

Roos Pal from Terzetto Cuisine in Moraga is applying multiple strategies to cope with the changes. "We have to cut somewhere if we do not want to pass the whole price increase to our customers," says the restaurant owner, and her customers have noticed her now full time presence in the restaurant.

The difficult times have sent Pal on the route to further rationalization. "I'm taking classes in Los Angeles once a month to improve my business practices," says Pal. The tricks of the trade she has learned have allowed her to keep choosing the higher quality ingredients while optimizing her management and keeping the prices in check. She has created new menu items like an early bird dinner for a fixed \$9.95, to continue to attract customers.

CHEVALIER RESTAURANT

Live music

6:30-10:00pm
Wednesday evenings

Open 7 nights a week 5pm-10pm
960 MORAGA ROAD
LAFAYETTE
www.chevalierrestaurant.com
925-385-0793

Early Bird Dinner 5-6pm

\$9.95

Sirloin Steak
or
Pork Schnitzel
or
Blackened Salmon
or
Eggplant Parmesan
or
Lemon Chicken

1419 Moraga Way, Moraga Shopping Center
925-376-3832 - www.terzettocuisine.com
Mon: 7am - 2pm; Tues-Sun: 7am - 8:30pm

TERZETTO CUISINE

Cafe

Free Entree Special

Get a free entree with the purchase of another entree of equal or greater value. (Maximum value is \$8.95 lunch & \$14.95 dinner.)*

Peter's is open for lunch Monday through Saturday from 11:30 to 4:00 and open for dinner nightly.

Peter's RESTAURANT & PUB

925-284-7117

Peter's Restaurant is located in the heart of Lafayette at 32 Lafayette Circle.

* Regular menu only, not valid with daily board specials, early dinner menu or with any other specials or promotions. (soup & salad sides are not considered entrees) - Exp. Oct., 31, 2008 -

Public Forum JOIN IT

J is for Junk

Proponents of Moraga Measure J continue to spread the half-truths heard from the paid signature-gatherers who got it on the ballot last Spring, with odd new twists. Ignore the signs-- "J" does not help and is not endorsed by the Acalanes High School District. Neither "J" nor "K" have anything to do with low income housing requirements, which are imposed by state law. And if you are worried about proposed development at the Moraga Center, you should vote against "J," not for it.

In fact, "J" is a Trojan horse: its "gifts" are not what they seem, and may be entirely illusory. Inside "J" lurk enemies that will harm the Town.

Measure J will clog our roads. With only two narrow commuter routes out of Moraga—both of which are sporadically at a standstill during peak hours now—our infrastructure cannot sustain massive development without harm to our property values and lifestyles. The Town has recently approved 200 new houses, which will mean 2000 more daily car trips on Moraga roads, using standard planning assumptions. Around sixty more homes are in process. Through zoning, "J" creates a theoretical potential for 276 additional houses in Bollinger Canyon, and 120 in Indian Valley. ("Summary" on Town website, pp. 2-3) The Town is legally required to approve all that meet regulatory standards: probably around 300, but potentially more. "J" thus imposes 3000-3960 additional daily car trips on Moraga roads, above the 2000-2600 new development already guarantees.

In thinking about traffic, we need to consider proposed development at Moraga Center, some of which is inevitable. As currently zoned, Moraga Center development will add 3720-4600 daily car trips to our roads, based on housing alone. (Draft Moraga Specific Plan, Figure 2-7) One proposal would add a total of 720 dwelling units, for 7200 additional daily car trips. (Id. P. 35) This does not even count all the traffic that will be generated by 140,000 square feet of proposed additional retail/office space, a 75 unit hotel, 150 senior care units, a Town recreation center, and a 10 room bed and breakfast, assuming all are approved. (Id.) Add development in Orinda and Lafayette to that—something we cannot control -- and we could easily have traffic gridlock.

Passing "J" would make all this development more likely,

because the additional houses it authorizes provide a rationale for additional retail and office space. It also provides capital to the Bruzzones, who own most of the Moraga Center land and are reportedly behind the high density option.

"J" also represents a significant transfer of political power to developer(s). It prohibits changes in local building standards on "J" property for at least twenty-five years, even by initiative. (Exhibit C to the Initiative—henceforth "C"—at 1.2-3 and 2.3-4.) Lawmaking powers instead shift to the landowner(s), who can simply make a deal with the Town Council if they want changes in the development agreement, even though "J" elevates it to an ordinance. (Initiative—henceforth "I"—at Section 5; C 5.2)

And "J" freezes local developer fees—which help compensate for development costs—at December, 2007 levels for "J" property, for at least twenty-five years—a serious financial blow to our cash-strapped town. (I Sect. 8A; C 2.2, 2.6.)

When all the bad things have crawled out of the Tro"J"an horse, what is left? Supposedly, \$7 million in "gifts" to the Town—but these "gifts" are not what they seem.

Don't vote for "J" If you like the idea of a Town recreation center and athletic fields—unless you would sign a lease for a building that may never exist, without knowing what the rent will be. "J" offers only to rent 2.5 identified acres for a yet-to-be negotiated fee, sometime in the next twenty-five years. (C3.2(a).) The landowner will then spend \$2 million to build athletic fields on its own property, and \$4 million to partially fund a Town recreation center on it. (C3.2(b) and 3.3.) By definition, this so-called "gift" will eventually be recouped in rent. The \$1 million "gift" for roads is unnecessary, because Moraga Code 8.84.030 already requires developers to pay for improvements made necessary by development. And there are so many contingencies tied to these "gifts" that Moraga may never see the money at all.

Perhaps you feel the Bruzzones will make these "gifts" because they are trusted locals—even though the lawyers who drafted "J" have largely protected them from having to do so. But what if the Bruzzones sell some of this land—made enormously more valuable by "J"—in order to fund the development they are contemplating? "J" guarantees their successors the same rights and (non) obligations the Bruzzones enjoy. (C 5.8.) Mor-

agans will then have multiple developers dominating the debates in our Town Council and planning sessions, instead of just one. These new Trojan horses may have no local ties, and lawyers even more aggressive than the ones who wrote "J." Welcome to the Trojan War.

Ironically, "J" deprives town officials of leverage they could use to get a Town recreation center and athletic fields built where Moraga wants them, in a timely fashion, and at no expense to the Town. Here is why: zoning changes and accommodations are needed to allow developer(s) to build beyond current zoning at Moraga Center. Towns routinely extract concessions—such as a new Town recreation center—as the price for such changes. Voting against "J" does not guarantee a Town recreation center, of course—but then, neither does "J."

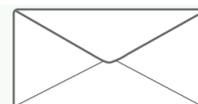
In contrast, Measure K is straightforward. It eliminates these large developments, and affects only defined ridge areas (no longer including the Country Club or St. Mary's). My guess is that "K" is the best way to minimize expensive litigation over open space. If "K" passes, the potential lawsuits will be consolidated into one that should be relatively cheap and easy to win, because "K" is so similar to the initiative in Hercules that was recently upheld without a trial. (Do you really think the Bruzzones would have funded "J" if they thought they had a viable lawsuit against "K"?) If "K" is defeated, at least four more open space developments will go through the Town process—and every time the Town grants or denies development permits, a lawsuit is possible and perhaps inevitable.

For further detail, citation to the specific section in "J" that create these problems and an abridged version of "J" that focuses on the offending language, go to moso2008.org, or DefeatJandK.com, and look for the "Trojan horse" references. If you read "J" yourself, be sure to start with the last exhibit, where most of the enemy soldiers are hiding.

The ballot is confusing, so remember this: "K" is for Kloser Kwestion. But "J" is for TroJan horse. "J" is for junk.

(Mary Ann Bernard is a Moraga resident and retired lawyer, who for 25 years advised and litigated civil cases for federal, state and local government entities. She is not working with the Town of Moraga on this or any other matter, nor is she affiliated with the MOSO initiative.)

Letters to the Editor



Share your thoughts with our community! Opinions in Letters to the Editor are the express views of the writers and not necessarily those of the Lamorinda Weekly. All published letters will include the writer's name and town (please give us your phone number for verification purposes only), and should be 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for length or legal considerations. email: letters@lamorindaweekly.com; Regular mail: Lamorinda Weekly, P.O.Box 6133, Moraga, CA 94570

Orinda

Dear Editor:

A recent letter by Clyde Vaughn attacks Steve Glazer regarding discussions by the Orinda City Council on the issue of moving the power lines that cross the village side of our downtown. This matter of the effect of the high wire lines on Orinda's downtown has been under discussion by a citizen's Task Force for the past 12 months. No recommendation whatsoever has come before the Council. Members of the Task Force wanted to understand the cost and timeline if a formal study by PG&E were to take place. City staff posed these questions to PG&E and provided the responses to the Council.

The Council heard the staff report and took no action. Any resident can review the Council minutes at <http://old.ci.orinda.ca.us/agendas/pdfs/c080318m.pdf>. The minutes of the meeting show that every Councilmember, including Mr. Glazer, spoke in opposition to moving the towers into a residential area. In fact, the minutes of the meeting say: "Councilmember Glazer received clarification that, if the Council took no action on the matter, staff would not be authorized to proceed with a study and no action would be taken." This was the exact outcome, in total contrast to the fabricated account of the meeting put forward by Mr. Vaughn. While Mr. Vaughn has the right to his opinion, misstating the facts of a public record is a disservice to all and to the democratic process. Sadly, this is a long-time pattern with Mr. Vaughn, who regularly ignores facts and puts forward erroneous opinions.

When Mr. Glazer ran four years ago for the Council, he faced the same type of smear attacks, but was elected by an overwhelming majority. I am pleased to support his bid for re-election to the Council. As our former Mayor and as a Councilmember, he has worked diligently and successfully to promote transparency in city government and consensus-based solutions to problems.

Sue Severson
Mayor Pro Tem
Orinda City Council

Dear Editors,

Victoria Robinson Smith, long time Orinda resident and lawyer, is running for reelection to the Orinda City Council. I am glad to be able to recommend her for reelection. She has been a caring and intelligent councilmember, and is now a thoroughly experienced one too. Her interest and understanding of the businesses of downtown Orinda benefits this sector, and is important to us all. I am the owner of the 32 year old Orinda Book Store, and have been impressed with Victoria Smith's appreciation of local businesses and her availability to them. I think her presence on the City Council is vital to the "heart of Orinda," and I urge you to vote to keep her in office.

Sincerely,
Janet Boreta

Dear Editor,

We are writing to urge other Orinda voters to join us in supporting the re-election of Mayor Victoria Smith to the City Council. She has been a tireless advocate of public safety, including disaster preparedness, Safe Routes to School, and overall traffic safety, and has worked diligently to find a responsible means of repairing our roads. She has also been involved in the Chamber of Commerce 'Shop Orinda' program and efforts to revitalize our business areas. Her recent work on the Pulte and former library developments will help our city meet state requirements for affordable housing, prevent our loss of Measure C funding, and, hopefully, make it possible for people who work in Orinda to live in Orinda. Victoria Smith has served the citizens of Orinda well on both the Planning Commission and the City Council. She deserves our support. We need her energy and creativity on our City Council. Let's re-elect Victoria Smith to the Orinda City Council!

Ellen and Joffa Dale
Orinda

Dear Editor,

I would like to encourage all my friends and neighbors in Orinda to re-elect Victoria Smith to the City Council. We need Victoria Smith's continued leadership. We need a city council person who understands critical infrastructure needs and is willing to work for solutions. Victoria Smith understands that infrastructure has a profound effect on our local economy and the people who live in Orinda. Among Victoria's many accomplishments are the repaving of Moraga Way and the passing of Measure E, the parcel tax that provides the extra hours so that our library stays open 60 hours a week. She created the Traffic Safety Advisory Commission to help neighborhoods manage traffic and has served for many years as a Parents Club volunteer with our schools. Please join me in voting for Orinda's future. Vote for Victoria Smith.

Pam Pulley
Orinda

Dear Editor:

As an interested resident of the City of Orinda I routinely attend city meetings whether of the City Council or one of the City's committees, taskforces or commissions. There is usually a mechanism for giving input through the public forum

component at city meetings. I certainly support having input in that fashion. I realize there are some restrictions about how meetings can be run in compliance with the Brown Act. I am supportive of the idea that city government involve its residents and obtain their input on matters of importance for governance. I am not the first resident to suggest the idea of a "citizen ombudsman" to be utilized by the City of Orinda in representing its constituents. It would be helpful if there was a designated liaison that residents could go to with the authority to look into matters beyond what other staff have time for. I conceptualize this position as a quarter to half time position. The City could partner with the local universities in sponsoring an internship which would make this a low cost endeavor. The School of Public Policy at U.C. Berkeley, the School of Business at St. Mary's College and an appropriate department at J.F.K. University would be natural potential partners. These schools of higher education have as part of their mission maintaining ties to local communities. Internship programs are promoted at these colleges as a means of giving students real life experience. Communication between City Hall and the residents of Orinda is a crucial element to effective representative government. The proposed citizen ombudsman program has the potential for helping Orindans with their concerns and complaints. We have local talent that is available to help us in developing such a program. This would be a supplement to the existing open20forum and would not undermine those important efforts.

Very truly yours,
Dr. Bob Larsen
Orinda

To the Editor:

Orinda has many qualities of which we can be proud: our schools, our climate, the beauty of our surroundings. We can also look to our leaders. One of them, Victoria Smith, has served our community with particular distinction: as a Planning Commissioner, Member of the City Council and Mayor. She has been a key figure in dealing effectively with the major issues facing our city. Victoria is now up for re-election as a member of the City Council. Those who believe in good government should support her with great enthusiasm. In these trouble times we need representatives who understand the issues and who will exercise fiscal responsibility in dealing with them. We urge our citizens to vote for Victoria Smith for re-election to the Orinda City Council.

Bea and Dick Heggie
Orinda

Dear Editor,

Victoria Smith is a keeper. She is a careful financial steward with a reasoned, analytic approach to problems. As a true advocate of Orinda's best interests, she has been a long-time Parents' Club volunteer, organized the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and has worked tirelessly to improve our public roads. Victoria's deep concern for our community's needs and her broad experience through work with the schools, the Chamber, advisory groups and the City Council combine to make her an outstanding leader in Orinda. Vote to keep Victoria Smith on the City Council.

Jean Lyford
Orinda

Editor:

We support Mayor Victoria Smith for her basic traits: integrity, intelligence, common sense, commitment to and understanding of Orinda, and a strong sense of fair play—qualities that are critical to continued excellent leadership in our community.

Chris and Anne Marie Kniel
Orinda

Dear Editor:

I had the good fortune to spend two years on the Orinda City Council with Victoria Smith and have closely followed her performance since then. Victoria gets top marks for her performance, especially this year when she has been Mayor. In fact, I don't think very many have done as good a job as she has done serving the people of Orinda. Victoria is both hard working and intelligent. She always does her homework and asks good questions. She approaches issues with lots of common sense and savvy. She uses her good judgment to make excellent decisions and always articulates her reasons in a clear and concise manner. Most importantly, Victoria's only agenda is doing what is right for Orinda and its citizens. I know Victoria will continue to be an excellent Council member and urge Orindans to vote for her on November 4th.

Bill Judge
Former Mayor of Orinda

Dear Editor,

I first met Victoria Smith in 2003 while serving as a Planning Commissioner

for the City of Orinda. I remember watching her transform from a newcomer to one the most effective Commissioners within just a few meetings. She was always well prepared, reasonable and well spoken. After serving as a Planning Commissioner, Victoria was elected to the City Council and has served as Mayor. If you go to a City Council meeting you will see what I mean about being effective. She does her homework on every item on the agenda and it shows. She makes informed decisions, speaks clearly and is to the point.

As a council member, Victoria had the foresight to spearhead the creation of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, of which I am a member. With her guidance we completed Traffic Calming guidelines for the City last year. With her strong support, we are now working on improving pedestrian and bike access in Orinda, with a focus on better walking paths to schools and the downtown area. Please vote to keep Victoria Smith on the Orinda City Council.

Tom MacKinnon
Orinda

Editor:

Please join me in voting for Victoria Smith for Orinda City Council. When I was on the original Infrastructure Committee, I learned that Victoria patiently listens to all points of view before forming her own opinion and reaching a decision. She decided to support both bond issues to fix our failing roads and drains. As Mayor, she has worked with the Council and City staff to restructure the budget to provide more money to repair our arterial and collector roads. The recent successful Moraga Way repaving project is proof that we are headed in the right direction in the use of our limited funds. Victoria is also active in improving traffic safety and implementing an emergency disaster preparedness plan. The next four years will be critical for Orinda because the State, suffering under its budget woes, will continue to look toward retaining more local funds in Sacramento.

Victoria Smith will be a vital member of the Orinda City Council during these difficult times by working to maximize these funds and make good, careful use of our City revenues. Vote for Victoria Smith; you'll be glad you did.

Bob Mills
Orinda

Dear Editor,

Please join me in voting for Victoria Smith for re-election to the Orinda City Council. I have known Victoria for over ten years, both personally and professionally as a fellow attorney. In whatever roles and responsibilities Victoria takes on, her approach is hard-working, level-headed, practical, and efficient. She has brought all of these talents and more to her seat on the City Council. One recent example of Victoria's excellent work that benefited all of us is the repaving of Moraga Way. Even though I live on the other side of town, I was dreading that project. With the brilliant planning of Victoria and the others who masterminded the timing and other crucial aspects of the project, I barely had time to become irritated with the dust and traffic delays when the repaving was finished. In addition to Victoria's highest priority of repairing Orinda streets, she has also dedicated her considerable energy toward the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee which was created at her request, and bringing a canine officer into the police force to assist in locating missing children and fragile seniors. These are only a few examples of the meaningful work Victoria has undertaken while on the City Council.

Let's enjoy at least four more years of this type of contribution to our community by re-electing Victoria Smith.

Dana Dumas Sankary
Orinda

Dear Editor,

I have been given the opportunity to endorse Measure E, a \$93 million bond measure. I have some serious concerns. Proponents are encouraging a Yes vote based upon the premise that the bond measure "does not raise tax rates." Tax rates may not go up, but this is a new tax. Seniors exempt from the existing bond will not be exempt from Measure E. This is the type of spending that has gotten individuals, corporations and our nation into serious trouble. As a fiscally prudent Democrat, I am sure my Depression era Republican parents would want me to speak out. Many voting for this bond won't be alive when it is paid off. Twenty-five million dollars for adult education is a significant portion of the bond. For these reasons I have serious concern about the wisdom of this measure. The Orinda City Council unanimously voted support for Measure E. There was no discussion about its cost nor adverse effects that its passage will have upon an infrastructure bond measure for our city. The Orinda Unified School District is considering a parcel tax. How many property tax assessments can we afford at a time when Orindans are retired, unemployed, underemployed or cutting back expenditures? Not everybody in Orinda makes over \$100,000. The City Council has again abdicated its responsibility for safeguarding the community's financial well-being. At risk of becoming a pariah in a town where I have always supported the schools, I am disappointed with the Council's fiscal irresponsibility and questionable judgment.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Larsen, M.D., M.P.H.
Orinda

Moraga

Dear Editor,

As a fourteen year Moraga resident, I want to encourage other Moragans to cast their vote for Karen Mendonca for city council. Karen brings twenty-five years experience as a senior administrator in the Cal State University system, and is already actively engaged in our community through service on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Moraga Beautification and Tree Planting Committee. Her decision to run is based on a strong desire to support a civil and constructive process in our community deliberations with a dedication to ensuring we have a sound budget and budgeting process. She is also committed to working on our town efforts to revitalize our local business offerings. Our town needs someone who has her skills in working with others to address and find solutions for complex problems. Sincerely,

Marti Roach
Moraga

Dear Editor,

I am wring this letter because of the critical times facing Moraga. We need to elect Janice Kolbe to the city council. Bring back to our local government a

Follow The Money

Taking Money from SPECIAL INTERESTS may be legal, but is it right?

Orinda City Council is an unpaid volunteer position. Why do Steve Glazer and Victoria Smith take money from the Special Interests?



Steve Glazer Victoria Smith

Orinda City Council members Steve Glazer and Victoria Smith have taken money from SPECIAL INTERESTS. They have taken money from Lobbyists, Political Action Committees, Big Business, California Real Estate PAC, and Developers to name a few.

Who do they represent? You or the Special Interests?

Vote for Change on November 4th - Vote No For Glazer and Smith

Paid for by Dr Bob - The Attentive

SPECIAL INTEREST

person that represents the best interests of all Moraga's citizens.

Her professional background, along with the experience of being President of the Homeowners Association at Moraga Country Club will prove to be a real asset for Moraga.

Our town has a financial crisis and we need leadership that will safe guard the towns future. We currently have an understaffed police department and many vacancies in our shopping centers. These are just some of the problems the next city council will face.

Some members of the current city council have divided our town and prefer to pursue their personal agendas as opposed to putting the interests of Moraga's citizens first.

I have been a resident of Moraga for 29 years and have never experienced this before. Lets return to the times when we could be proud and confident in our city government.

Please support me in electing Janice Kolbe to our city council.

Mark Solomon
Moraga

Editor:

I am writing to express how offended I am by the Bruzzone family's campaign tactics for Measure J. To imply that the measure is only supported by "extremists" from Berkeley is not only false, but denigrates all of us who want to see Moraga remain the beautiful town that it is.

In addition, to state that "developers" will sue if measure K passes is quite cynical- since the Bruzzone family is the developer they speak of. I have heard that the Bruzzones complain about how maligned they are by many Moraga residents. Is it any wonder? Their campaign is basically saying: If you pass Measure J and let us build hundreds of homes on the hills, we'll give you a Rec Center. If you pass measure K we will sue and you know you can't afford it. Where I come from, that's called blackmail.

Perhaps if the Bruzzones put their development efforts into the Specific Plan areas where Moragans want development, they would find themselves better-liked while making money at the same time. I hope all Moragans will reject their heavy-handed tactics by voting No on Measure J.

Mike Bernhardt
Moraga

Dear Editor:

After reading measures J and K in detail it appears that BOTH measures are essentially asking Moragans to sign a BLANK CHECK. In measure J the Bruzzone family is asking for money to be spent before any of the details of traffic amelioration and permitted building construction are approved. The traffic improvements required, particularly for their proposed new development area are not specified or costed in detail.

For measure K, while properties at risk from proposed environmental changes are listed, there is not even a map available to show the details to be affected because these details have to be developed by the proposers AFTER their measure would be approved.

For these reason we urge Moragans to vote against each of these measures so that each of the proposing groups can better define their proposals for our futures.

William Tyson
Moraga

Editor:

Give K the OK to preserve open space.

I support Measure K because we can't let Moraga lose hundreds of acres of open space to housing developments in the coming years. The beauty of our small town—the stunning hills and ridges with cattle grazing peacefully—are an irreplaceable asset. They bring peace and well-being to us every day and define what it means to live here.

Critics say there's no threat to open space and we should trust in the Town's regular planning process. They ignore the fact that even after 15 years of massive public opposition and over fifty public hearings, the Palos Colorados developer still ended up with an approved 123-lot subdivision. Public opposition is helpless to stop overdevelopment when the Town's laws allow it.

And now, despite five years of public opposition, our Planning Commission is about to approve the Rancho Laguna subdivision along Rheem Ridge. Additional subdivisions are planned for Rheem near the "painted rocks," Bollinger Canyon, and Indian Valley.

In 1986, Moraga voters seized the opportunity to protect Mulholland and Campolindo Ridges from proposed subdivisions by passing Moraga's first open space initiative. Now's the time to do it again for Rheem Ridge, Bollinger Canyon and Indian Valley by passing Measure K.

Teresa Onoda
Moraga

To the Editor:

On Moraga Way near the Orinda fire station, we look up and are shocked at the visible scarring on the hill from the new Gateway Valley development. Moragans must vote YES on MEASURE K to protect hillsides in our own town. Moraga passed MOSO in 1986 and prevented building on ridgelines threatened then. Measure K will protect the rest. It still allows new houses on open space lands, but limits their number and location. Measure K has Nothing to do with high density downtown development. That disinformation was even included in the voter pamphlet by developer interests.

Don't be intimidated by the litigation scares. Voters prevailed when opponents used the same tactics against MOSO 1986. Now we need to do it again. And beware of numerous other claims distorting Measure K's provisions—outright lies are being sent out in mailers and emails by the development interests sponsoring Measure J. Measure J is on the ballot to confuse voters so they'll vote no on both. Measure J is self-serving and, incredibly, imposes a freeze on the Town on developer fees, regulations, etc. for 25 YEARS! The Town Council and voters could not make Any changes. The promised \$7 million dollars for a new Town Recreation Center could be as many as 25 years away and only IF the Town approves their development projects. That "gift" rec. center also HAS to be built on their land with the Town to pay rent for that land at an as-yet undetermined rate.

MOSO 1986 helped save the safety, beauty and ambiance of our town twenty-two years ago. Moraga can continue that by passing 'K' now. If Measure K fails, Moraga's limited staff and resources will have to deal with a costly fight over each individual development currently planned. Pass Measure K to avoid that by creating a strong framework to protect Moraga's open space.

Steve and Karen Chin
Moraga

Dear Editor:

I don't know any Moraga citizens who want to substantially alter the Town's character and add thousands of new residences. Moraga is already a very, very slow growth Town. Although it sounds quite pastoral and appealing to "Save Our Small Town," Measure K goes too far. Turning Moraga into essentially a no growth town will place a financial strangle hold on the Town.

Fact #1: Without Measure K, it has taken nearly 20 years for the Palos Colorados neighborhood to receive approval to build 123 homes.

Fact #2: Without Measure K, the Town estimates the potential addition of 360

new homes. If Measure K passes, the Town estimates 46 homes could be built. Adding 360 homes in our town of 5,798 existing households is a 6% increase—and we don't know how many years it will actually take to build these homes. That's hardly an attack by "large scale developments" as the Friends of Moraga Open Space suggest.

Fact #3: Without Measure K, the Town's analysis estimates 360 new households will spend over \$5 million per year specifically in Moraga. Combined property tax, sales tax and other revenue would add \$470,000 of ANNUAL NET revenue (after the cost of incremental services used by the new residences) to the Town. If Measure K passes, the net revenue to the Town would be only \$60,167, a reduction of more than \$410,000 per year.

Our Town's current Open Space Policy, Planning Process and Design Guidelines already take years to navigate. It's hard to imagine how 6% growth over a multi-year period could "destroy Moraga's signature vistas and small-town character" as the Friends suggest.

The Town analysis states unequivocally, "[Measure K] would weaken retail and other business demand and thus weaken economic vitality of the Town." A vote for Measure K today means that fewer Moraga residents will be left holding the bag when the Town runs out of money down the road.

Eric Flett
Moraga

Dear Editor,

High Noon in Moraga.

Moraga is caught in a struggle over its future, but some folks are asking us to give up without a fight. The “no-no’s” want Moraga voters to reject both Measure K and Measure J for fear of lawsuits.

Measure K, sponsored by local residents, would preserve Moraga’s ridgelines and create permanent open space where today there are “study areas” at risk of development.

Measure J, sponsored by the Bruzzones’ development company, would lock in development rights and freeze development fees for 25 years so they can build 273 homes in those same study areas. They offer Moraga a payoff: \$4 million to build a recreation center – on their land so they can collect rent. And the Town doesn’t get the money unless the Bruzzones get to build their 273 homes. Since when do we back off from doing what is right because someone might sue us? Developers use lawsuits to gain leverage over cities that are trying to control suburban growth. Bruzzone already sued the Town once. Should we just roll over at the merest threat? Surrender to the developers?

Dan Smith
Moraga

Lafayette Council Candidates

To the Editor:

All Lafayette citizens who care about this wonderful city should consider re-electing Mike Anderson, Carl Anduri, and Carol Federighi to the Lafayette City Council. As a 47-year resident and an avid volunteer it has been my privilege to work closely with these three outstanding citizens on numerous occasions: the Advisory Committee for the Downtown Strategic Plan; the Lafayette Senior Services Commission; the Lafayette Liaison Committee; the Affordable Senior Housing project; and the Lafayette Community Needs Assessment Task Force. Each brings unique experience, special talents, and insightful perspectives to the City Council and the ability to represent the varied interests in our community.

We’ve seen many changes in Lafayette over the years and under the stewardship of these three incumbents Lafayette will continue to grow and succeed while still retaining its unique semi-rural small town ambiance. Growth is inevitable, but what is important is the consideration, experience, and guidance that these three leaders can and do bring to the City Council. They have also demonstrated great fiscal responsibility by adhering to a balanced budget.

To help assure Lafayette stays on the right track we should re-elect Mike Anderson, Carl Anduri and Carol Federighi.

Ruth D. McCahan
Lafayette

To the Editor:

THROW THE RASCAL(S) OUT !

Throw the rascals out! I agree. But which ones? Do we throw out Carol Federighi who has a demonstrated record of fiscal prudence and municipal leadership? Maybe Carl Anduri who has a long record as a Planning Commissioner and City Councilmember protecting Lafayette’s ridgelines and small town feel ? Or Mike Anderson, who has led the campaign to fix our roads and encourage a healthy downtown?

Or is it Gabriel Froymovich, a neophyte who rails against a proposal already rejected by the City Council, whose comments about downtown growth show a complete lack of understanding of basic land use principles and disregard of vested property rights and whose superficially attractive call for city belt-tightening is the rhetorical equivalent of jousting at windmills for the city that has

the lowest per capita municipal expenditure of any in Contra Costa County.

I applaud Gabriel’s interest in the community. But first, try to learn how government works and get your basic facts straight. Then maybe I’ll support you. In the meantime, don’t replace incumbency with ignorance.

Ivor Samson
Former Mayor
Lafayette

MOFD Fireboard, State and National Issues

Dear Editor:

As parents of a lesbian daughter who was finally able to be legally married to her partner of fourteen years, we feel compelled to speak out against Proposition 8. Proposition 8 would ban gays and lesbians from getting married - denying them the dignity and respect that marriage conveys to everyone else. We feel that all couples who choose to make a lifelong commitment to each other deserve to be allowed to do so under law. And we believe that our society and families can only benefit and be made more stable when such commitments are recognized and supported. We urge a NO vote on Proposition 8. It’s the fair thing to do.

Jeff and Barbara Beck
Orinda

Editor:

As we approach the coming election, I’d like to comment on an important race that may easily get insufficient attention among the many issues on the ballot. I refer to the race for Division 2 of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board.

I want to voice support for Fred Weil. Fred and I worked together as young lawyers in San Francisco 40 years ago. We both ended up moving to Moraga, worked together on Moraga incorporation, and then as Board members of the Moraga School District. Fred later served on the board of the Acalanes School District. After consolidation of the Orinda and Moraga fire districts, Fred was first appointed, and then elected, to the Fire District Board. He is now president of the Board seeking re-election.

Fred is not a politician (which I view as a good thing). He is sincerely interested in giving back to our community. He has excellent judgment, common sense, and the ability to analyze complex problems to find the correct solution. He is responsive to citizens, takes time to investigate before reaching conclusions, and never hesitates to make decisions. I am confident Fred will represent Moraga well and urge a vote for him.

Bob Merritt
Moraga

Dear Editor,

Congress and the White House have come to an agreement on the largest governmental bailout in the history of our country----\$700,000,000,000. For most of us this difficult number to get our minds around. if you had \$700,000,000,000, you could give away \$1000 a second for the next 21 years before you ran dry. ----Now that’s real money.

Last week, the CEO of Lehman Bros. admitted in a congressional hearing that he was doling out 23.2 million dollars to his cronies 5 days before the company collapsed. While investors were losing their life’s savings, executives of the company were raking in millions in “golden parachutes”.

That’s real chutzpah!

To assure us that this money will be spent wisely, the White House has changed its position from demanding a blank check with no accountability to agreeing to “strict Congressional oversight”. The abysmal lack of Congressional oversight during these last 8 years has left me uneasy about this agreement with the White House.

For openers, we should be sure the plan has been vetted by qualified economists, not the same politicians that have gotten us into this mess.

We must be certain that the Committee entrusted with this enormous responsibility of oversight is being fully staffed and fully funded. ---no excuses for not carrying out their mandate.

Rather than a Congressional Committee I would prefer a committee of financial experts from the private sector headed by a respected financial genius like Warren Buffet. Such a committee would be less likely to be corrupted by greed, and cronyism.

The agreement with the White House must be devoid of signing statements that exempt the White House from living up to the agreement.

It must guard against “stone walling” and have consequences for refusing to testify under oath. In recent months Karl Rove and Todd Palin have made a mockery out of our judicial system, thumbing their nose at subpoenas and getting away with it.

Finally the committee must have the political will to re-regulate and indict. No longer can we afford to turn a blind eye to flagrant violations of the law.

Forrest Cioppa
Moraga CA

Public Forum

JOIN IT

Earlier this year I took a careful look at Measure K. I decided to vote for Measure K for three reasons. First, Measure K will preserve key features of Moraga and further goals that I think most Moragans support today and will support in the years ahead. Second, Measure K will allow reasonable development on the parcels to which it applies. Third, Measure K neither bars nor dictates development elsewhere in Moraga.

Measure K is the voters’ chance to set clear ground rules that will protect the small-town qualities that Moragans value today and will value in the years to come. It is clear that most Moragans do not favor now, and will not favor in the future, development on ridgelines, new tracts of hundreds of homes at a time, or letting developers use leeway in existing development rules to tie up Town staff and the Council for years. We should address these clear priorities now, not put them off to another day. Voters have the experience and foresight to conclude that adopting Measure K is a much better course than counting on Councils of the future to take timely and clear action.

Measure K protects ridgelines and promotes other sound development principles, while allowing its fiercest opponent to reap millions of dollars (even by its own calculations). This is not “condemnation.” As for litigation threats, remember that Moraga has been there, done that, and has a Court of Appeal decision upholding MOSO 1986 to show for it.

Some opponents of Measure K are taking the “kitchen sink” approach in attacking Measure K. The voters who approved MOSO 1986 faced similar political tactics. Those voters, thankfully, stayed focused on the merits, and put on the books a set of much-needed rules that we now take for granted. But MOSO 1986, widely admired though it is today, gives only “Swiss cheese” protection to ridgelines around town, and no protection to other areas of concern. It is time to fill those holes.

To be clear, however, I support controls, not flat-out bars. Measure K’s rules, including its provision that authorizes some flexibility on a case-by-case basis, set controls, not bars. I would not support Measure K if I thought it were a “no-growth” initiative. I want Moraga to keep its small-town feel, but I do not want it to stagnate.

It also is important to note that Measure K does not, in letter or spirit, force adoption of the draft specific plan for the Moraga Center. That proposal has no link to Measure K, and will rise or fall on its own merits.

Measure K will secure the best of Moraga – its open hills and ridgelines, and its small-town character – while keeping the door open for careful, modest, growth. Measure K will not stop Moraga from taking the important steps necessary to provide more opportunities for residents, a bigger pool of customers for businesses, and a boost to Town revenues. Measure K gives voters the chance to create fair and clear rules that will preserve key features of life in Moraga, while providing fair opportunity and reward to those who wish to develop their land. This is why I am voting Yes on Measure K.

Tony Rodriguez
Moraga

LAMORINDA Seniors

Grapes, Wine, and Friends—A Perfect Mix

... continued from page 1



Left to right: Jon Leuteneker, Reg Whittington, Dick Reuther, and John Reed setting up the press Photo Andy Schreck

For two decades Reising has labored and cared for his vines with more than a little help from his friends. In the early days of the vineyard, friends were part of a co-op where they exchanged their time on Reising's hillside for wine produced from the year's harvest. In recent years, Reising has enticed his friends and their wives to assist in the bottling, corking and labeling process with a morning spiked with Bloody Mary's. "That's the carrot," smiles Reising.

Reising admits that it has gotten more difficult for many of his friends to climb up and down the steep hillside, and the wine-making process has become more arduous for him to manage. He has moved much of his wine-making equipment to the garage of a younger neighbor, fellow winemaker Jon Leuteneker as he gradually and happily retires from a life of winemaking to one confined to wine tasting. Over the years, Reising has acquired a vast knowledge of oenology, but he what he likes best to share with his friends is the experience of tasting it together.



Paul Reising measuring sugar for the 2008 Chardonnay

The Reising's friends were invited to join the WCTU—the Wine Connoisseurs Tasting Union—an adaptation of the acronym for the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which spearheaded the Prohibition movement. The idea behind the WCTU was to provide Reising and friends the opportunity to try some new wines, eat a casual meal, and enjoy each

other's company. The group, whose members' now range in age between 65 and 80 years, has met almost every six weeks and tasted countless wines for over 30 years. "We have fun at it," adds Reising. "If the wine is good, it's a bonus."

Twenty years ago, Reising planted 50 vines—one variety, pinot noir—on a south-facing hillside in his backyard. He took classes in oenology at UC Extension and UC Davis and tracked the temperatures in Moraga. "The folks at Davis recommended pinot noir grapes. I like red wine. So that is what I planted," states Reising.

The fact that pinot noir grapes are more difficult to grow and the wine is more difficult to make seemed like just the right challenge for Reising, who could wage this battle on his own land, in his own time, although not completely on his own terms. "Every eighth or ninth batch of wine, I make a real stinker. I really do," admits Reising,

who has won Best of Show for his homegrown wine at tastings in more favorable years.



Gennie Whittington, Phyllis Reed, Anne Dunn hand crushing Paul's pinot noir grapes Photo Andy Schreck

THERE'S A NEW NEIGHBOR
in your neighborhood.
Call or visit me today.

Mike Rosa State Farm Agent,
1042 Country Club Dr Suite 2D • Moraga
license # 0F45583 • 925-376-2244 • Mike@MikeRosa.org

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR STATE FARM IS THERE.®

Providing Insurance and Financial Services

802606 11/04 State Farm Insurance Companies • Home Offices: Bloomington, IL • statefarm.com

Companion Care / ResCare Home Care

- Consultation with a professional Geriatric Care Manager
- High quality in-home assistance for older adults
- Personalized matching of client and companion
- Transportation for appointments, shopping and events
- Hourly, live-in, short-term and respite care available

"Enriching Life's Journey" (925) 283-5076

www.CompanionsCare.com www.ResCare.com

3730 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 320, Lafayette • Est. 1997. Bonded and Insured.

October at The Stratford

October 8: Flu Clinic & Health Fair
10am - 2pm
Flu shots, health tips, winter safety tips

October 11 & 18: College Planning Days
9am - 1pm
Counseling, Financial Aid Info. Refreshments

October 19: Oktoberfest Brews & Bottles Festival
2 - 5pm
Beers, Wines, Food Pairings, Music

October 28: Moving for Seniors
2pm
Downsizing Planning, Resources & more

October 31: Trick or Treat!
3 - 5pm
Stop by for food & fun

Call 925-932-9910 for Reservations

1545 Pleasant Hill Road
Lafayette CA 94549
www.stratfordseniorliving.com
Lic # 075601323

THE STRATFORD
A Development of Home Group

All events take place at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Rd. A minimum \$1 donation at the door would be appreciated.

Lafayette Senior Services Events RSVP (925) 284-5050

Anne Randolph Workshop: Opposing Osteoporosis Friday, 10/24 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Sequoia room. Learn how to maintain or possibly increase your bone mass. What are the risk factors for developing osteoporosis; what are some treatments? Get tips on how you can take control and keep your bones in the best shape possible. Call :284-5050 to register.

Following the Anne Randolph Workshop: Free Blood Pressure Screening - John Muir Senior Services At 12:30 pm, No appointments are required. Free Memory Screening (by appointment) - Caring Solutions. Call 284-5050 for an appointment at 12:30, 12:50, or 1:10 pm.

Flu, Pneumonia, Tetanus/Diphtheria Shots Wednesday 10/29, 2:00-3:30pm Live Oak Room. Vaccinations provided by the Contra Costa Communicable Disease Control Staff at our Lafayette Community Center. Cost of a Flu Shot is \$15, Pneumonia shot is \$40 and Tetanus/Diphtheria is \$15. *No one will be turned away for inability to pay. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept Medicare.

The Cemetery Club (a VERY funny play) Performed by the Vagabond Players Friday 11/7 1:30 - 3:00 PM Sweet Ida, feisty Lucille, and priggish Doris have been meeting monthly for tea before visiting their husbands' graves but single fellow Sam the butcher has ideas. The Cemetery Club is a hilarious play by Ivan Menchell.

Exploring Your Sensual Self After the Age of 50 Thurs 11/20 1:30 - 3:00 PM Eileen Zagelow, Geriatric Care Manager, Eldercare Services, will help us explore some of the facts and myths of the aging process and the influence it has on our physical and psychological selves, how our life experiences affect our sensual natures, and how we can overcome societal barriers to gain the confidence to be more expressive sensually.

Positive Living Forum Open Lecture and Discussion Series Thursday, Nov 13 10:30 - noon Moderated by Dr. Bob Nozik, MD, Prof. Emeritus UCSF and Author of "Happy 4 Life: Here's How to Do It." Drop-ins are welcome.

Bi-Monthly Caregiver Support Group By Carol Shenson, Companion Care Mondays 10/20; 11/3, 11/17. Licensed geriatric care manager Carol Shenson, M.A., CMC, offers a bi-monthly support group for family members who are considering or currently involved with the direct care of an older relative. To sign up, call 284-5050. Drop-ins welcome.

Luk Tung Kwen and Yuan Ji Wu Classes. Luk Tung Kwen exercise program and Yuan Ji Wu Dance Exercise program on an every other Friday afternoon basis. Yuanji dance is a mixture of martial art, physical therapy dance and the chi exercise. Luk Tung Kwen - Fridays 1 - 1:50pm. Yuan Ji Wu - Fridays 2pm-2:50pm, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14.

ROSSMOOR - THE BAY AREA'S BEST KEPT REAL ESTATE SECRET

Rossmoor is a nationally recognized senior adult community, for age 55+. Located on 2200 acres in a picturesque valley in Walnut Creek, this gated community offers excellent recreational facilities, including 27 holes of NCGA-rated golf, 3 swimming facilities, a fitness center, 8 outdoor tennis courts, lawn bowling and miles of beautiful hiking trails.

For over 40 years Rossmoor Realty has marketed & sold exclusively in Rossmoor, becoming the most successful real estate office serving this unique community.

Rossmoor Realty has the best and most professional agents, and since we work solely in Rossmoor, we have unmatched market expertise.

Talk to the Rossmoor Experts Today.
(925) 932-1162
www.rossmoorrealty.com

Rossmoor Realty
1641 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94595
Rossmoor Realty is a Division of Rossmoor Properties Inc.

2032 Golden Rain Road #5 \$279,000
Sweeping views of Mt. Diablo and the eastern hills accentuate the quality of this thoughtfully remodeled and upgraded property! Smashing kitchen, granite counters, maple cabinets, G.E. Profile appliances & much more!
Call Dee Littrell at (925) 212-2418.

4412 Terra Granada Drive #2A \$599,000
Scenic Deer Highlands area with panoramic views. 2 BR, 2 BA, den plus additional bonus room. Hardwood floors throughout. Lovely garden setting at front entry. 1660 sq.ft. of living space.
Call Thea Archuletta at (925) 287-3325.

A Postcard From Bob Frick:



Bob with news friends at the the Alamo Village Movie location 35 miles outside Del Rio, TX Photo provided

As Lafayette septuagenarian Bob Frick (he's 71 years old), cycles through Texas on his bike journey across the lower United States to raise \$71,000 for Habitat for Humanity, he provided an update with a few highlights from his blog...

We are enjoying the ride so far, and Barbara has not tried to run me over with the car for being a pain... We have visited 3 Habitat cities, Phoenix, El Paso and Austin and have 7 more to go. These stops have been the real highpoints of my trip (and emotional) as Barbara and I get to see the money and volunteer work in action assisting real people in need of housing.

Day 31—I had my sixth flat tire today. On the brighter side... We also met three brothers from the L.A. and Phoenix area who were visiting Texas...and they donated to Cycle of Hope in cash on the spot!

Day 33 (Half Way)—It was another great day in the Texas Hills Country riding the rolling hills and enjoying the great scenery. But there were a lot of intermittent winds too! I sometimes wish I had eyelids like a camel to keep the dust out when the wind is blowing. Also do not open your mouth to breath in as you may get some surprises...instead you need to use your teeth as a filter.

Bob's final destination is St. Augustine, FL. To check out his progress and read his blog, go to <http://www.habitatcycleofhope.com>.

47 year Orinda Residents

Finally, someone who will represent our interests!

DR. BOB LARSEN
ORINDA CITY COUNCIL
Paid For By: Dr. Bob The - Alternative

WHAT ABOUT US? Phone me at: (925)254-1917 or Visit my blog at: drbobthealternative.com

THE ALTERNATIVE
DR. BOB LARSEN
ORINDA CITY COUNCIL
Paid For By: Dr. Bob The - Alternative

LAMORINDA Seniors

Still Ranching at 95 Years Old

Submitted by Joan Frazell Marable



Gordon Frazell purchased Moraga land in 1944

Photo provided

Gordon Frazell was born in the family home on Oct. 13, 1913 in the little town of San Felipe in a fertile valley near Hollister. A descendant of a Gold Rush family, he was reared on the family dairy farm and cheese factory which was a principal industry in San Benito County. In 1935 Frazell moved to Oakland with highschool sweetheart Ynez Coulter, where they married and soon

started their family in Alameda. He worked as a steamfitter leader man in the Alameda shipyards during World War II. He is a World War II Honoree on the Home Front and is listed in the new World War II monument in Washington D.C. Frazell combined both ranching and a contracting business until his retirement in 1978 when he turned his full attention to ranching.

In 1944 Frazell bought an 80 acre ranch, which is over 150 years old, in the hills just south-east of Saint Mary's College. He remembers that in 1944 there was very little in the town. At the Moraga Barn ranchers gathered and dusted off after a days work. If ranchers wanted to communicate with each other, they left notes on the bulletin board for the itinerate ferrier or vet, "Need the horse shoer next week," "looking for a good stead," etc. Of course there was the school and the Northern Pacific Railroad Station which housed the U.S. Post Office consisting of 25 family post boxes. There were very few scattered houses. There was also the walnut huller and the Moraga Ranch Land Company whose red buildings still stand, one of which housed the only fire engine.

When Frazell began ranching off Bollinger Canyon Rd., just south of the peaceful Lake La Salle alongside of St. Mary's College, there were only two other families on the dirt and gravel road which crossed Las Trampas Creek. They had to drive over a small, narrow, wooden bridge which frequently washed out in stormy weather. The road had no name, so Ynez Frazell named it "Valley Hill Drive" as it was the driveway to the three families who lived there: George Greenwood family, John Sanders family and Gordon Frazell family. It was Greenwood and Frazell who first improved and paved Valley Hill Drive. Sanders had the valley planted in oats and wheat while his cattle roamed the hills. Frazell cleared off brush and trees on his place in order to plant oats which grew to the height of the horse's stomach.

Frazell says that in 1952 Moraga began to change dramatically and lose its rural character. The Utah Land Company began building housing developments which flooded the flat lands around the town center. Rheem developed with the first Safeway store in the area at one end of the mall and the theater at the other end. Rheem Blvd. was constructed over the hills to connect St. Mary's Rd. to Moraga Rd. and traffic increased dramatically.

In 1952 Frazell designed and built his family home on his ranch. He continued in the building trades for Lincoln Construction Company which also developed new homes at the Moraga/Orinda border and on the flat lands of Pleasant Hill Rd. and Olympic Blvd. Later, Frazell developed his own construction company until he retired when he put his full attention to ranching his grass fed Black Angus herd. On the ranch he has always been assisted by his two daughters, Susan and Joan, who began working with their father at seven years of age.

In addition to his construction business and ranching, Gordon found time to help build a new home for his parents in Lake County, his sister in Mendocino County and two homes on the ranch for his daughter's families, the Johnson-Sperry home and the Marable home in 2005 when he was 90 years old.

When asked how he does all of this and how he stays so youthful looking at his age, he replies that he is an active "can do" man and that he likes to work and keep busy. This keeping busy includes a creative streak. He often invents and makes many of the parts and machines for use on the ranch. He has been honored by The Farm Journal magazine for some of his inventions.

Frazell will celebrate his 95th birthday with five generations of his family on his ranch, El Rancho Ynez, at the family's favorite old picnic area by his 150 year old barn.

IN-HOME CAREGIVING THAT EXCEEDS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND BENEFITS THE WHOLE FAMILY

Why do medical professionals and families turn to Home Companion Plus for mom and dad's in-home care, more than any other group?

HERE ARE SOME REASONS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS CHOOSE US

Medical professionals and families want to trust that their loved ones are being cared for according to their own high, personal standards. That's a tough assignment, but our unique companion caregivers allow them to do just that. The systems of care developed by the medical staff of Home Companion Plus provides professional clients with more *time* and *energy* to devote to their careers, *enjoy* stress-free rest and relaxation, *enjoy* a robust social life and to *really enjoy* their precious family relationships.

LOWEST COST CARE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT FOCUSES ON THE WHOLE FAMILY

Call now for a **FREE** in-home assessment
(925) 803-0725

home companion plus
CARE AT ITS BEST, RIGHT IN YOUR HOME



Young Gordon Frazell walking his ranch

Photo provided

A Neighbor You Can Trust...

Lamorinda Home Loan Specialist

Lamorinda Resident since 1990



"This was the smoothest Real Estate transaction we have ever had Stephen. We are happy with the results."
John and Catherine Lafayette, CA

Steve Snyder
Mortgage Consultant

284-7255

CA Dept. of Real Estate Broker # 01370755

C · M · G
MORTGAGE SERVICES

1575 Treat Blvd., Ste 100 - Walnut Creek

T & T PAINTING

Steve Thaw, LICENSED CONTRACTOR Lic #616357 Bonded

Our Workmanship & Referrals Speak for Themselves

39% Kelly-Moore Paint Discount

*** FREE Estimates ***
25 Years Experience • Located in Moraga

(925) 376-3380

Come on in, the Water's Fine!



Our Pool is Open All the Time

- Fine dining: Your choice of one, two or three meals a day
- Free transportation to shopping, doctor appointments, trips and outings
- Weekly housekeeping included
- Kitchens in every apartment
- Free linen service
- Month-to-month rentals
- Assisted Living Program available if you need additional services

McDonnell Nursery

October Sale

- 25% off of 1-gallon to 15-gallon perennials, trees and shrubs (in-stock items only, no special orders)
- Fruit Trees 1/2 off.
- Tree roses and shrub roses 1/2 off !! (except carpet roses)

196 Moraga Way
Orinda

254-3713

- Open Daily -

www.mcdonnellnursery.com



Retirement Residence

Please call for more information, brochure or tour

925.937.1700

800.937.7974

www.byronpark.com

"An AF Evans Senior Community"
Lic. #071440784



1700 Tice Valley Blvd. ♦ Walnut Creek, CA 94595

SPORTS

LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

Gaels Keep Winning Steak In Overtime

By Mikaela Cowles



Yousef Samy (8, right) passing on to Kyle Ciliento (9, in the middle)

Photo Tod Fierner

From half to half the game changed wildly, but the Saint Mary's men's soccer team did not let Santa Clara bring their winning streak to a close. Coming off of a 3-1 win over the University of San Francisco on October 10, the Gaels tied 1-1 with Santa Clara moving them to a 3-6-2 overall record and a 2-1-1 record in West Coast Conference play. The Broncos now sit at 2-6-3 overall and 0-2-1 in WCC play.

Santa Clara came out strong in the first half attacking the goal with 7 shots, 4 of which made Saint Mary's keeper Jason Badger have to hustle. Badger has really picked up his play in the latter half of the season, lowering his on goal average to 1.34 and accumulating 34 saves.

Despite Badger's heightened

performance, with 16:20 off the clock in the first half, Jalil Anibab got the best of him. From 35 yards out directly in front of the goal, Anibab's strong left foot booted the ball past Badger with force into the upper left corner of the net for his first goal of the season.

The Gaels continued to prove themselves a second half team. In their last two games Saint Mary's took 17 second half shots, compared to 9 in the first half. Sunday wasn't any different as they took 4 shots in the first half and 7 in the second.

Thirteen minutes into the second half, freshman defender Justin Grider won a header over the Broncos and sent the ball up to fellow freshman forward Malcolm Alugas. Clearing out space with some fancy footwork, Alugas slipped it past the

Santa Clara keeper Kevin Klasila with his left foot from 15 yards out.

The Gaels and Broncos fought hard for the remainder of regulation play, but neither team could gain an advantage on the scoreboard, sending them into an uneventful overtime. Saint Mary's tallied 3 shots in the second overtime to Santa Clara's 1, but the action was still not enough for either team as they tied 1-1.

The Gaels will try to keep their winning streak alive as they play their next game at Gonzaga on Friday, October 17th.

Saint Mary's Grabs An Earlier Win

By Mikaela Cowles

It looked like the Saint Mary's College and Loyola Marymount University men's soccer teams were headed into overtime on Sunday, October 5, until Gael freshman midfielder Emmanuel Sarabina earned his first collegiate goal as he sent a header past keeper Patrick Sampson with 58 seconds left in regulation play. The goal cinched the 2-1 win, giving the Gaels a 2-6-1 record overall and a 1-1-0 record in the West Coast Conference.

Loyola attempted more than 20 shots, 9 of which were on goal, but Saint Mary's keeper Jason Badger held them to only one goal with a strong performance, earning a season high of 8 saves.

It was late in the first half when Saint Mary's Mark Araujo tied the score. Araujo headed Justin Kims' long throw-in into the left corner of the net. It was both Araujo's first goal of the season and Kims' first assist. The goal sent the Gaels into half time with a lot of momentum, which they used coming out in the second half attempting 6 straight shots on goal.

The heated rivalry will continue on October 31st at Loyola Marymount as the two teams meet for their second game of conference play.

Nied and Co. on a Roll: Win WCC Opener

By Kevin D. Shallat



Daniella Spann (19) and Alex Ciliento (3)

Photo Tod Fierner

The Saint Mary's women's soccer team got off to a good start to begin league play, hosting a mid-day match against the University of San Francisco Dons on Sunday, Oct. 12.

The Gaels came into this game with a 7-4-1 overall record, while the Dons carried a record of 5-5-2. This was a pivotal game for the Gaels, as they have two road games next week against their archrival Santa Clara and 20th ranked San Diego.

After a scoreless first period, the Gaels were able to pour it on in the second half and walk away with a 2-0 victory.

Neither team scored in the first half, but the Gaels were able to dominate the time of possession and shots on goal. The conservative

play would pan out for the Gaels in the long run. Instead of going for risky steals, Saint Mary's kept the ball handler in front of them all day long, which forced the Dons to make bad passes throughout the match.

The Gaels effectively shut down USF's Nicole Moore, who had tallied four of the team's nine goals so far this season.

Daniella Spann and Ashley Nied picked right up where they left off last week, having garnered the hot player of the week honors on the SMC website. Both players scored game-winning overtime goals in the week prior to this game. Spann scored the game-winner in double overtime in a 2-1 win at Nevada, and Nied scored the game-winner in a 1-0 win over San Jose

State.

The two players stood out again in this game against USF. Nied scored the go-ahead goal with 14:30 to go in the second half. Nied timed a beautiful lob pass from Spann, and headed the ball over the San Francisco goalkeeper to give the Gaels a 1-0 lead. Once again Nied was in the right place at the right time for the Gaels, as she converted her sixth goal in 13 games.

In her first two years, she tallied only four shots on goal, but now the junior forward is enjoying a breakout year for the Gaels. When asked about her knack for finding the goal, Nied said, "It's a dream come true ... it's been nice to finally help the team out with that."

Spann has been a big part of the early success for the Gaels this season. She was able to record her second assist of the day after she teed up a perfect pass on the ground to give Mercede Koning her first goal of the season. Spann could have attempted the shot herself but instead elected to pass to her teammate, who was able to get open on the fast break.

Koning was having a stellar day for the Gaels even before she slid on the grass to kick the second goal of the game with 11:40 to play. The 2-0 lead with just over 10 minutes to play was more than enough to give the Gaels their fourth shutout of the season.



Erik Rivas,(7)

Photo Tod Fierner



SMC Gaels Home and Local Games

Thu, Oct 16 7:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
San Francisco Moraga, CA

Sat, Oct 18 1:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
San Diego Moraga, CA

Fri, Oct 24 3:00 PM
Women's Soccer
Gonzaga Saint Mary's Stadium

Fri, Oct 24 7:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
Santa Clara Moraga, CA

Sun, Oct 26 1:00 PM
Women's Soccer
Portland Saint Mary's Stadium

Fri, Oct 31 All Day
Men's Tennis
Gael Classic Moraga, CA

Sat, Nov 1 All Day
Men's Tennis
Gael Classic Moraga, CA

Sun, Nov 2 All Day
Men's Tennis
Gael Classic Moraga, CA

Sun, Nov 2 1:00 PM
Women's Soccer
Pepperdine Saint Mary's Stadium

Thu, Nov 6 7:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
Portland Moraga, CA

Fri, Nov 7 7:05
Women's Basketball
Showtime Basketball Moraga, CA

Sat, Nov 8 1:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
Gonzaga Moraga, CA

Sun, Nov 9 2:00 PM
Men's Soccer
San Francisco Saint Mary's Stadium

Sun, Nov 9 4:00 PM
Women's Basketball
San Francisco State Moraga, CA

Fri, Nov 14 2:00 PM
Men's Soccer
Portland Saint Mary's Stadium

Sun, Nov 16 1:00 PM
Men's Soccer
Gonzaga Saint Mary's Stadium

Super Karate Mom Scores Big Time at Tournament in L.A

Submitted by Thomas Westernoff



Taking first place in the Kata (Forms) Division in the adult age group from the Fiestas International Karate Championships held in Los Angeles, Orinda's Julie Luckenbach returns home with a six-foot trophy bigger than herself. Her hard work and desire to keep competing has paid off. She enjoys doing karate with her children as a great family activity and to keep fit, and is now even more confident in being able to defend herself. Karate classes are something people of all ages can enjoy.

Julie Luckenbach Photo submitted



Goal Keeper Tara Larson (1)

Photo Tod Fierner

Lamorinda Weekly is an independent publication, produced by and for the residents of Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda, CA

Lamorinda Weekly, P.O. Box 6133, Moraga, CA 94570-6133
Phone: 925-377-0977; Fax: 1-800-690-8136; email: info@lamorindaweekly.com

We're a community newspaper, and we welcome your input:
Letters to the editor (max 350 words): letters@lamorindaweekly.com
Sport events/stories/pictures: sportsdesk@lamorindaweekly.com
Art, theater, community events: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com
Business news or business press releases: business@lamorindaweekly.com
School stories/events: schooldesk@lamorindaweekly.com
General interest stories: storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com

Publisher: Andy Scheck; andy@lamorindaweekly.com, phone 925-330-7916
Associate Publisher: Wendy Wuerth-Scheck; wendy@lamorindaweekly.com
Editor: Lee Borrowman; lee@lamorindaweekly.com
Advertising: Wendy Wuerth-Scheck; 925-377-0977, wendy@lamorindaweekly.com

25,500 printed copies; 24,000 mailed to homes and businesses in Lamorinda. 1,400 delivered to pick up locations. Layout Andy Scheck, Moraga. Printed in California.

Staff Writers:
Jennifer Wake; jennifer@lamorindaweekly.com
Sophie Braccini; sophie@lamorindaweekly.com
Cathy Tyson; cathy@lamorindaweekly.com
Andrea A. Firth; andrea@lamorindaweekly.com
Jean Follmer; jean@lamorindaweekly.com
Contributing Writers: Linda U. Foley, Conrad Bassett, Susie Iventosch, Mikaela Cowles, Guy Dotan, Toby Wendtland, Alex Crook
Story Editor, Sports: Jessica Laverson
Photos: Tod Fierner, Doug Kohen, Robert Johnson, Sheryl Cardiff

• Classified • Classified • Classified • Classified • Classified • Classified •

Classes Offered

Contra Costa Adventure Boot Camp
Get fit in these Fun, Fast Paced, One hour, Outdoor Classes for Adults. All fitness levels. Early morning classes available. You know you want it! 925-457-4587, www.ContraCostaBootCamp.com

Help wanted

JANITORIAL/SECURITY PERSON
For Self-Storage Company, full time. Must have related experience, clean DMV & clean record. Must be honest, dependable, w/ excellent work ethic & good people skills. 925-631-7000 or apply at 455 Moraga Road, Ste. F, Moraga.

Music lessons

Flute & Piano teacher
All levels - Classical - jazz
Nika Rejto 284-7797

Piano lessons

Piano Lessons in Lafayette with professional instructor MTAC member. Competition, CM exam Preparation. Rita Yegiazaryan 283-7601

Vacation Rentals

Westshore Lake Tahoe Cabin
3Bd/2Ba sleeps 8 or 2 families great location, peek-lake view HomeAtTahoma.com 925-253-3115

Great Beach House - Santa Cruz

4 Bedrooms, 3 Bath, 2900SqFt, 1 House To Beach. Views, Bikes, Great Location, 925-408-8399, www.agbh.biz

Services

Computer

Having Problems with your Computer?
Previous IBM Helpdesk Experience
software, hardware, internet
\$60 per Hour
call Joey 925 286 0347

Windows washing

Reliable Window Cleaning
Friendly service & remarkable results! (Gutter & Pressure Washing) www.ReliableWindowService.com (925) 254-7622

WINDOW WASHING
Flawless results guaranteed!
Prompt/Friendly/Reliable
Lafayette Resident Joe Ryan
210-7400

House cleaning

Housecleaning

With references, **925-640-6311**

Services

Painting

T & T PAINTING CO
27 Years Experience Int & Ext Our Workmanship & References Speak for Themselves
FREE Estimates
39% OFF on Kelly-Moore Paint
CA Lic # 616357 BONDED
Steve Thaw 376-3380 Moraga

Terry's Painting Co.

CA Lic. # 851058 Inside & outside, professional & reliable. 925-788-1663

Handyman

Your project needs help? Paint, fix, build, pressure wash, decks, electrical, plumbing, concrete & more. Inside & outside jobs. Professional and Reliable. Call Terry: 925-788-1663

PROFESSIONAL QUALITY WORK

All types of repairs done. Woodworking, Electrical, Audio, Leak repair, Drywall, Painting and more. Clean neat & on time!
No job to small, Senior Discount.
708-6053/283-3240 (925)
E-mail: mlou812@pacbell.net

Submit online: <http://www.lamorindaweekly.com>

\$3 per line in bold, \$2 per regular line, 3 lines minimum (max 30 Characters per line)



SPORTS

LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

Dons Fall to Seemingly Unbeatable Matadors

By Kaity Ferretti



Photo Sheryl Cardiff

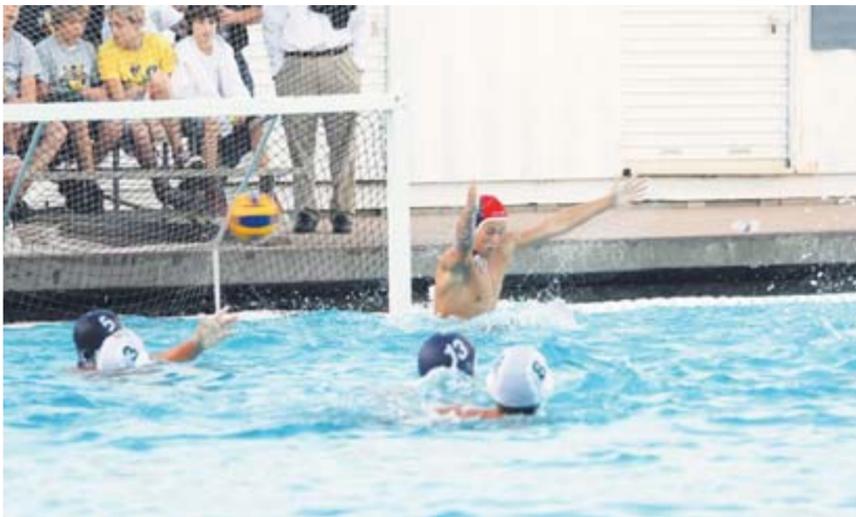


Photo Sheryl Cardiff

The Acalanes men's varsity water polo team suffered a hard loss against long-reigning champions Miramonte on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

The Dons got off to a promising start against the Matadors. As the game began, Acalanes took first possession of the ball but had their first goal shot blocked. Acalanes persevered, and junior captain Nick Hoversten shot and scored against Miramonte with 4:17 left in the first period.

The ball then turned over to Miramonte, but the Dons held strong, preventing the Matadors from taking the lead. After a couple of good blocks things picked up for the Dons, as Acalanes shot and scored while Hoversten drew a foul resulting in a Miramonte ejection. The first period ended with Acalanes in the lead 2-0.

As the Mats dominated as the second period began. Within the first two minutes, Miramonte took four shots re-

sulting in two goals for James Perry.

Acalanes then got possession of the ball and tried for a shot twice. Mike Kimble tipped the ball off the left goal post, then Hoversten went high. The Matadors took advantage of the rebound and gained possession, scoring with 3:39 left in the second period.

Hill then made two great blocks, preventing the Matadors from scoring again. Recognizing an open hole in his defense, he came out of the goal to prevent another shot from going in, and later took a hard hit to the stomach during a block. The second period ended with Miramonte in the lead 2-3.

The third period began with Acalanes' Joe Deitrich gaining possession of the ball, then passing to Kimble, who was shortly intercepted. Miramonte scored on a subsequent interception with 5:33 remaining in the third period.

Miramonte came back again to score on the Dons 30 seconds later. Acalanes got in two more attempted shots before the Matadors intercepted the ball and scored once more with 4:21 left in the third period. In the last two and a half minutes, Hill blocked three consecutive Miramonte shots on goal, ending the period with the Matadors leading 7-3.

The game ended in a 4th period shot-fest, with Miramonte scoring 3 times and Acalanes coming back to score 4 more in an energetic catch-up attempt. The Mats prevailed, soundly defeating the Dons 10-7. Perry and Stephen Siri scored three goals apiece for Miramonte.

The Miramonte Matadors are currently 12-0 on the season, and with only a handful of games remaining before NCS competition begins in early November, look to be cruising towards yet another championship season.

Coming Soon: Miramonte vs Campolindo

By Alex Crook



What: Miramonte vs Campolindo Varsity Football
When: Friday, October 17, Time: 7:00pm

Team Info

Campolindo
 Coach: Kevin Macy
 Record: 4-1
 Last game: L, 28-21 vs. Deer Valley

Miramonte
 Coach: John Wade
 Record: 4-1
 Last game: W, 52-14 vs. Stagg

Be Sure 2 Watch:

Campo Defense: The Cougar defense has been known to be very fast and aggressive. Campo has some pretty hard hitters in the secondary and can make a play when needed. Anthony Fadelli is explosive on kick returns and as a safety. As a unit, this defense has the gifted ability for everyone to read the play and know exactly what's going on offensively. This defense can fly all over the place and can follow the ball extremely well. In their first four games, they surrendered an average of just 10.75 points per game.

Miramonte Offense: The Matadors will make your head spin with their quick speed and amazing agility. In their three-game win streak to open the season, the Mats put up an average of 37 points per game. Trevor Boswell has a powerful arm and can execute at just the right time with his talented group of receivers. This Cougar defense is their first test, and just the test they need.

Overall

This rivalry has had its ups and down for both teams. If you flash back to two years ago, Miramonte hadn't lost to Campo in 15 years and stormed into Cougar Stadium looking to make it 16. But as time expired, Scott Scharff hit Luke Crossley in the back of the end zone, and Jimmy Adranly added the PAT to end the 15-year drought for the Cougars. The next year, Campo went into Orinda and literally stomped the Mats 30-7. This year, however, is different. Both teams are desperate, and both teams really want this kind of win to show up on their schedule. With College Park out of DFAL this year, the only team standing in anyone's way is Las Lomas. In rivalry games, anything can happen, and anything will happen.

Women's Water Polo Campolindo vs. Miramonte



Photo Doug Kohlen



Photo Doug Kohlen

The Campolindo Cougars women's water polo team triumphed over the Miramonte Matadors 8-6 in an exciting match on October 1 that ended in a pair of overtime goals by Campo junior Alex Toohey. Gracie Fowler, Campo's freshman goalkeeper, had eleven saves to help the Cougars take the day

Send sports stories and ideas to:

sportsdesk@lamorindaweekly.com
 or call 925-377-0977

Patricia Battersby, Ashley Battersby, Joan Cleveland, Joan Eggers, Joan Evans, Linda Friedman, Marianne Greene, Pamela Halloran, Dexter Honens II, Debbie Johnston, Hal Kaufman

Lamorinda's Leading Independent Real Estate Firm



93 Moraga Road, Suite #103
 Orinda, CA 94563
 925•254•0505

To learn more about Village Associates or to preview our listings please visit:

www.villageassociates.com

Clark Thompson, Ignacio Vega, Ann H. Ward, Dan Weil, Margaret Weil Zucker

Margot Kaufman, Sue Layng, Art Lehman, Charles Levine, April Matthews

I. Bruce Maxon, Loretta Mullins, Karen Murphy, Sue Olsen, Ben Olsen, Lara Olsen Williamson, Kurt Piper, Tara Rochlin, Judy Schoenrock, Ann Sharf, Steve Smith, Lynda Snell, Jeff Snell




SCOTT McCUE
PHOTOGRAPHY
www.scottmccue.com • 83 Orinda Way • Orinda
925.253.1719

Shop locally whenever you can.
Only your support of our local businesses will keep them open!

Treible Stationers, Inc.
10% OFF Coupon
exp. 11/15/08 • present coupon or tell us about it.
19 Orinda Way, Orinda CA 94563
Phone (925) 254-3643 • email: treibleinc@msn.com
20579 Santa Maria Avenue • Castro Valley, CA 94546 • (510) 537-3600
• Commercial Discounts • On-Line Ordering Available **Free Delivery**

YOUR INDEPENDENT USED BOOKSTORE
CANETTI'S BOOKSHOP
We sell & trade gently read books
ALL BOOKS ON SALE!
39 Moraga Way • Orinda • 925.258.9076
OPEN 10am-8pm EVERY DAY!



Park Place WEALTH ADVISORS, INC.
• Retirement and Income Planning
• Estate Planning
• Charitable Planning
• Educational Funding
• Insurance for Long Term Care, Disability and Life
Jean C. Gannett, CFP®
CA Ins. Lic. 0829277
Daniel J Gannett
CA Ins. Lic. 0F27019
18 Orinda Way, Orinda • 925-254-7766
www.thegannetts.com
Registered Principals with and Securities offered through Foothill Securities
Investing in your future since 1962, Member FINRA, SIPC

25% off of 1-gallon to 15-gallon perennials, trees and shrubs •
McDonnell Nursery
October Sale
196 Moraga Way, Orinda
www.mcdonnellnursery.com
254-3713
• Fruit trees 1/2 off • Tree roses and shrub roses 1/2 off!! • (except carpet roses)

The Bookstore in village square!
276 Village Square, Orinda, CA 94563
925-254-7606
www.orindabooks.com
ORINDA BOOKS
YOUR COMPLETE COMMUNITY BOOKSTORE

ORINDA TAXI
(925) 482-7112
24/7 Airports & Local • Hybrid Vehicle
www.orindataxi.com

Kasper's Hot Dogs
A Bay Area Tradition
Mon-Sat 11-8, Sun 11-7
Theatre Square, Orinda (next to the Orinda Theater)



Curves
Theater Square, Orinda
925-254-4199
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month - receive a FREE breast self exam kit when you join!

Exceptional Dentistry
Exceptional Service
-No waiting, by appointment
-Full dental care, general, cosmetic
-Dental implants including dentures
-Porcelain veneers
-Whitening treatments
LA BEAUTE
Angela Reyes DDS
To make an appointment, 925.254.0084



JAMIE WESTDAL PHOTOGRAPHY
232 Brookwood Rd, Orinda
next to Lords Ice Cream
(925) 254-9689
www.jamiewestdal.com



Ceppetto's of Orinda
Espresso • Coffee Beans • Desserts
Sandwiches • Soups • Salads
Open Mon-Fri 6am-5pm • Sat 7am-3:30pm
87 Orinda Way **253-9894**



The Medicine Shoppe PHARMACY
We're more than a dependable health professional.
We're also your personal health advisor.
Caring beyond prescriptions.
Alan Wong, R.Ph.
282 Village Square, Orinda
(925) 254-1211
The Pharmacy That's All About Your HealthSM

hediyeH
Gift Boutique
Storewide Sale
10%-50% OFF
*Except for arthur court, Franz
Theatre Square, Orinda
(925) 254-2594



Orinda PET Food & Supply
Offering Low Prices On a Full Line of Pet Supplies.
• Special Orders Welcome
• 28 years of experience
925.254.8282
152 Village Square, Orinda (Behind Safeway)
10am - 6pm Mon-Fri • 10am-5pm Sat • 11am-3pm Sun



Looking for **SIXTO**
Has relocated in Orinda
Available Wed, Fri, Sat 10⁰⁰ - 5⁰⁰
For Appointments **925-254-6911**
now at **Village Barbers**
122 Village Square, Lower Level



Wonderful Spa Center
Full Body Massage • Foot Reflexology
925-258-1888
Hours: 10 am to 9:30 pm
23 Orinda Way, Ste N • Orinda
*exp. 10-30



SCREENS made and repaired
• Lowest prices • 48 hr turnaround **925-254-5429**
Orinda Hardware and Rentals, 56 Moraga Way

McCaulou's
Save Gas
Save Money
Save Time
Shop your local McCaulou's

Breedlove
Health, Life, Long-Term Care
Businesses, Families, Individuals
925-254-6262 • sue@breedloveinsurance.com
Insurance Services

b.b. gear
new Arrival
theatre square • orinda **925-254-6111**



Orinda Village Antiques
Taking Tea in the English Manner
by Susan Lamb
Mon. - Sat. 11 to 6 or by appointment
107 Orinda Way • Orinda • 925.254.2206



ENTOURAGE INC.
Day NIGHT Spa, Salon & Café
2 Theatre Square, Suite 148 • Orinda
925-254-9721
www.entouragespa.com