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**business briefs**



Loard's Ice Cream ribbon-cutting: Brooks and Brad Stubblefield (Loard's) hold the scissors with Edy Schwartz (left) Photo Sophie Braccini

Of Loard's and Lori's  
 Moraga Center

Loard's Ice Cream & Candy and Lori's Swim and Sun celebrated their Grand Openings on April 24th. The line was long in front of Loard's new location in the Moraga Center. For a few hours, the store offered free ice cream to patrons to celebrate its new home. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place with the Chamber of Commerce and Council Member Dave Trotter. Chamber president Edy Schwartz then stepped a few yards away to cut the ribbon of Lori's Swim and Sun which also recently relocated from the Rheem Center to the Moraga Center.

Moraga's Juice Box Heroes now in 50 States

The children's music artists Juice Box Heroes hit an all time high as their first CD has officially been distributed to all 50 U.S. states. They launched their first series of kids' songs, No Sugar Added, about six months ago. "We're more than excited about how quickly our music has reached young families," says Scott Coane, one of the two brothers who created Juice Box Heroes. Now the brothers are on Facebook and Twitter. The Coane brothers promise that a live performance in the Bay Area and a second album will be

coming soon. [www.juiceboxheroes.com](http://www.juiceboxheroes.com)

Shanghai Show and Go!

A New Guide for English Speakers traveling to Shanghai, China, by Lafayette couple Song and Adam White.

Shanghai Show and Go, the 2nd in the collection of Show and Go!(tm) travel guides for China, is a handy pocketbook presenting a new idea in travel guides for people who don't know the local language. Each page shows a phrase that visitors want to communicate, and the book contains a small city map for quick reference and the basic words for a traveler to get around from day to day. Other pages include information on how to use Shanghai transportation (bus, subway, train, taxi), the local phone, and favorite Shanghai dishes. Song White is a language and cultural consultant. She came up with the idea for this book after having seen many travelers suffer and miss out on many fun activities due to the language barrier. Adam is an IT consultant and a frequent traveler. With the Shanghai World Expo 2010 just around the corner in May, this will be an indispensable travel companion for a trip to China. The book can be ordered from [www.whitesongbooks.com](http://www.whitesongbooks.com).

Get Your Starter Plants at the Community Faire

Moraga Farm and Sustainable Moraga partner to sell organic starter plants.

Heirloom tomatoes, herbs, peppers, eggplant, and flowers starter plants all coming from the Moraga Farm and community garden will be on sale at the annual Moraga Community Faire on Saturday, May 8th at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center.

Homebuyers/Homesellers Gift Program

J. Rockliff Realtor Lily Wescott's educational gift program offers \$1,000, bestowed upon closing, to a homebuyer or home seller's school of choice. Contributions will be made in the name of the buyer or seller to help support their favorite school. Wescott has lived in Lamorinda since 1989 and is a mother of two children currently enrolled in the Moraga School District. As a local realtor and businesswoman, she believes that property values are closely linked to the fine schools that make Lamorinda enviable. "School Booster" is Wescott's way of investing in the community. "It's a win-win proposition," Wescott explains, "by supporting local schools with this special homebuyer/homeseller incentive, everyone in the community benefits! It's my way of making a small yet big difference and giving our schools the added boost they deserve beyond Measure A." Tel 330-6108, email [lily@LamorindaHome.com](mailto:lily@LamorindaHome.com) or visit [www.LamorindaHome.com](http://www.LamorindaHome.com).

Lark Creek Restaurants Celebrate Teachers

Third annual "Teacher Appreciation Month" in May

To honor San Francisco Bay Area teachers, Lark Creek Restaurant Group will celebrate the third annual "Teacher Appreciation Month" throughout the month of May in nine Bay Area restaurants. Every teacher or school employee who presents their teacher or school employment identification at a participating restaurant will receive \$10 off their bill, excluding alcohol and gratuity. The participating restaurant in Lamorinda is Yankee Pier, 3593 Mount Diablo Blvd. in the Lafayette Mercantile Building.

### Healthcare Reform

A seminar presented by Colleen Callahan. Come learn what the health care reform will mean for your business. The meeting will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at La Finestra Restaurant, 100 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Continental breakfast will be served, \$5 to cover cost will be asked, registration required, call the Lafayette Chamber at 284-7404.

### News from the three Chambers of Commerce Lafayette

- Tuesday May 11 Lafayette Committee meeting at 12:30 in the Chamber conference room.
  - Tuesday May 11 Green Business Open House at 5:30 p.m. in the Chamber Conference Room, for any business in Lafayette seeking green business certification. Resources and experts on the issue will be available on site. The format will be informal and everyone can get the information they need. "We had a first meeting with that format a few weeks ago," said Sustainable Lafayette's Steve Richards, "and it worked quite well. We hope to be able to have these sessions regularly, maybe quarterly."
  - Wednesday May 12 Mixer with Pleasant Hill Chamber, Chateaus of Pleasant Hill, 2770 Pleasant Hill rd., from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- ### Moraga
- Fri. May 21 General meeting at the Hacienda de las Flores, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- ### Orinda
- Monday May 3rd Grand Opening and Mixer from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Cloud 9 Organic Hand & Foot Therapy, 1 Orinda Way, #3 (building behind the Shell Station). Cindy Nguyen is inviting everyone to visit her beautiful new shop.
  - Friday May 14th Chamber Luncheon from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante. Guest Speaker: Gus Kramer, County Assessor will present: "Discover what is involved in assessing our property." Cost: \$30.00. Please call 925-254-3909 for reservations.

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