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The Longest Married Couple: Aileen and Tom Deahl. He's 96; they've been married 70 years. She says the secret to their happy marriage is same as the song: Accentuate the Positive  
Photo Doug Kohlen

## Lunch of the (Three-Quarter) Century

By Cathy Dausman

**R**on Loos, the "Baby of the Year" turned 75 in May. Tom Deahl and Molly Gravelle, the club's new King and Queen, are both 96. And the Longest-Married Couple, Deahl and his wife Aileen, has been married 70 years. Welcome to the Three-Quarter Century Club luncheon, held June 15 at Orinda Community Church. The free lunch celebrated Orinda residents

who've reached their seventy-fifth birthday milestone, and keep on going. It is only the second Three-Quarter Century Club in the U.S.

The Orinda luncheon originated in 2000, when Rotary member John Fazel borrowed the idea from his hometown of Perry, Iowa. ... continued on page A10

### Quote of the Week:

"It's ironic that Lafayette is celebrating the public opening and purchase of open space (Acalanes Ridge) while Moraga is selling open space it already owns."

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## Developing Open Space Along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail?

By Sophie Braccini



A portion of the Town's acreage near Rheem Blvd. and St. Mary's Rd; the Rheem crossing is near the top of the trail, on the right. Photo Andy Scheck

**T**here's a new battle brewing in Moraga. The bone of contention is a large parcel of land, owned by the Town of Moraga, along the popular Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. The Town, which needs cash for infrastructure and capital improvements, would like to develop the land—

nearby residents and defenders of open space would prefer the Town leave the land alone.

In the middle of the dispute is the Planning Commission, which must eventually render a decision. The property, currently zoned as Open Space, is located across from Saint Mary's College

near the corner of Rheem Blvd and St. Mary's Rd. The Town would like to sell it as a property of between one and five lots that could be built on. On June 6 the Council, playing the role of the property owner in this story, asked the Planning Commission for advice on how the land should be divided.

Jim Townsend, Trails Development Program Manager for the East Bay Regional Park District that maintains and operates the Lafayette Moraga Regional Trail (Trail), told the Council that there should be no development on the land in question. "It is important for the community to recognize that this parcel is open space; we have a limited amount of it and when it is gone, it is gone for ever," he said.

Roger Poynts, a civil engineer and land surveyor, presented a plan for five small lots. His proposal considers all Town-owned land along Saint Mary's Road, including the Moraga Commons Park, as a single open space parcel of 40.8 acres. Open space density is one home for every five acres; he said that the Town could develop up to eight homes and recommended building five on a total of 1.7 acres. He suggested that in a time of need, this solution would be better than raising taxes. ... continued on page A8

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#### Count Reading In:

How to Build Reading into Your Child's Summer



By Diana LaScala-Gruenewald

After a long and rainy winter, the sun has finally decided to bless Lamorinda with its first radiant week. In every neighborhood kids are basking in their sudden freedom...

read on page C10

### Life in Lamorinda C1-C7

#### Lafayette Locals Contribute to New Book



By Cathy Dausman

Cailin Mirabella is just 10-years old, but she's already designed winning artwork. Twice. A poster she designed while living in Arkansas in 2009 took first place in the second grade category in a statewide Smokey Bear contest. Now this self-possessed ... read on page C1

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#### Orinda's Windsor Chair Guy—George Lucido



By Andrea A. Firth

George Lucido was destined to work with wood. One of the first things he did when he moved to Orinda in 1984 was build a workshop out back, a small space of his own where he taught himself to carve wood. The walls of the workshop .... read on page D1





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**City Council**

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Lafayette City Council Lafayette School District Governing Board  
Thursday, June 23, 6:00 pm  
Lafayette Elementary - School Library 950 Moraga Road

**City Council**

Monday, June 27, 7:00 pm  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

**Planning Commission**

Monday, July 5, 7:00 pm  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

**Design Review**

Monday, June 27, 7:00 pm  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center in the Arts & Science Discovery Center at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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www.ci.lafayette.ca.us

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## Police Report

**Gone Missing**

Someone lifted the words right off the pages of the Lafayette Police Incident Summary Report. The report, which used to include a paragraph or two outlining information from each call (on which we built our police blotter columns) has been streamlined to include only a time, call number, location and two-word incident description. Those wishing to investigate matters further must now file a Public Records Request, include their name and birth date, submit proof of ID (business card, California driver's license, letter of authorization) and declare ("under penalty of perjury") that this request is for scholarly, journalistic, political, governmental or private investigator purposes.

Battling deadlines for this issue, we can only tell you that during the week of June 5 to 11, there were 30 alarm responses (4 silent), 18 "suspicious" calls, 69 traffic stops (including 8 suspicious vehicles), 11 "disturbances" (including 4 verbal altercations, and 2 calls from the same block of Rahara Dr. about loud music), 4 welfare checks, a dozen instances of service to citizens, 1 grand theft, 1 reported battery, and a few reports of vandalism, identity theft, suspicious persons, and parked cars blocking drive-ways, among other things. There was one incident, which took place late in the evening of June 10 (the last school day of the year), listed only as "Shooting - Promiscuous" ...intriguing, however in this usage it means firing a gun randomly or indiscriminately.

## EBMUD Proposes Land Swap for Pumping Plant

By Cathy Tyson

The City Council took a preliminary step on Monday night agreeing in concept to a land swap for a new water pumping plant on the east end of Mt. Diablo Boulevard. Several important considerations will need to be ironed out before a final deal is approved.

It's easy to miss the vintage 1954 non-descript Diablo Vista Pumping Plant wedged between Ace Hardware and Svensson Automotive. The unremarkable, oversized shed is owned by the East Bay Municipal Utility

District (EBMUD) and houses pumping equipment that moves millions of gallons of water every day. The pumping plant was built when Dwight Eisenhower was president and has serious mechanical and electrical issues along with seismically unsafe construction. "We need to completely rehabilitate that site," said EBMUD representative Bill Kirkpatrick. "We can't spend time and money without an approval in concept, then we can go forward with a collaborative effort."

EBMUD has asked if Lafayette would consider a land swap to get the job done. Just down the street, near Diablo Court and adjacent to the cemetery, is a parcel of city-owned vacant land that could be used to construct a new and vastly improved, energy efficient pumping plant. When the new facility is operational, the tentative plan is demolish the old one and possibly turn it into a parking lot.

Building on this site offers a number of benefits to the city, moving it

outside the center of town is more cost effective, and easy accessibility means faster construction. Details like sidewalk improvements, the ultimate design of the exterior and screening from the street are all issues that will need to be addressed.

It's estimated the entire process may take up to three years. EBMUD wants to move quickly to avoid an incident like the fire and explosion that occurred at a pumping plant of about the same age on Geary Road in Walnut Creek.

## Commission Recommends Banning Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

By Cathy Tyson

While Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley and other municipalities have chosen to allow medical marijuana dispensaries (MMDs), Lafayette prefers to decline. Because a temporary moratorium is set to expire on July 27, 2011, the Planning Commission recently approved a recommendation to alter the Municipal Code to ban the MMDs along with the cultivation of pot. Their recommendation will go to the City Council for final approval at the end of the month.

Although California voters approved Proposition 215 "The Compassionate Use Act of 1996" the U.S. Supreme Court, via the Controlled Substances Act, has ruled that possession and use of

marijuana is a crime. At the moment however, there seems to be a tepid truce. Just recently U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder suggested that the Justice Department will work with governors to reach a resolution. No word on exactly what that entails or when it will be addressed.

Lafayette Police Chief Mike Hubbard fully supports making the temporary moratorium permanent, "While not wanting to get into a debate with anyone regarding the medicinal uses for marijuana, there are certainly issues with regard to the dispensaries." He cites numerous cases in which an 18-year-old high school student obtains a medical marijuana card and ends up selling pot to younger students.

In the meantime, because the Lafayette Municipal Code doesn't have specific regulations on medical marijuana dispensaries, "The City has taken the position of prohibiting medical marijuana dispensaries due to the violation of federal law," said a recent staff report.

Since July 27, 2009 a moratorium on the establishment of MMDs has been in effect and was extended twice by Urgency Ordinance, reaching its maximum number. Lafayette isn't alone in its stance; Moraga and Orinda also adopted rules prohibiting the establishment of MMDs—their research found that MMDs have resulted in negative and harmful secondary effects such as an increase in crime

and an increase in driving while under the influence of marijuana.

Lafayette Planning Services staff analyzed sixteen local jurisdictions, looking at their land use regulations and likely impacts of MMDs. Staff recommends the adoption of regulations prohibiting dispensaries based upon the negative health, safety and general welfare impacts.

The recommendation will be sent to the City Council for approval on June 27. Because prior measures have been approved, it's expected that these proposed amendments that would prohibit cultivation or production along with establishing or operating of a medical marijuana dispensary will be approved.

## Meet the New Senior Services Coordinator

By Cathy Tyson



New Senior Services Coordinator Maureen Neumann in her office at the Lafayette Community Center. Photo C. Tyson

Seeking to enrich the lives of what she calls "seasoned" citizens, Maureen Neumann is the new Senior Services Coordinator for the City of Lafayette. In the job for just two months, she's had her hands full putting together the fall programming and running events. Neumann became involved with seniors during the many years she cared for her own aging parents and in her prior position working as the Community Relations Representative and

Wellness Coordinator at Diablo Lodge in Danville—an independent and assisted living facility. Neumann found she missed the seniors and "the joy that came from serving."

Just two people staff the entire Senior Services Department: Neumann, who logs 30 paid hours per week, and Molly Cohen at 19 hours per week. The pair do everything from field phone calls, assist seniors who walk in with questions and may need a refer-

ral, set up classrooms for a variety of workshops and weekly Tea Dancing. Although it's only June, Neumann is swamped putting together programs and confirming instructors for the fall guide; the deadline for publication is rapidly approaching. Look for similar class and workshop offerings this autumn, but when the dust settles she's interested in adding a variety of new events.

"We're always looking for volunteer presenters to speak about what they are knowledgeable and passionate about—someone who wants to share their expertise and give back to the community," she said.

With the goal of increasing participation in their programs, Neumann will be reaching out to Lamorinda churches to promote classes, hoping to connect with individuals who might not otherwise be familiar with all that's offered at the Senior Center.

Popular workshops this summer include "Making Friends with your Digital Camera" by photographer and graphic designer Rajshree and "The World Wide Web—Practical Knowledge for Today" by Nerd4Rent proprietor Edward Zeidan. Space is still available for these July work-

shops, call or visit the Senior Center to sign up.

Family has always been important to Neumann. She was born and raised in San Francisco, "the daughter of an Irish born father and a first generation Irish-American mother." It's no surprise that a favorite hobby was Irish step dancing, think "Riverdance," starting with lessons at five years old. She recently hung up her dancing shoes, but stays quite busy gardening, skiing, cooking and more.

Neumann's daughter, 26, is getting married in July; as the mother of the bride there's been no shortage of wedding related tasks to accomplish before the big day. She also has two sons, a 24-year-old who lives and works in Santa Rosa and the baby of the family, now 18, who lives at home and is attending Diablo Valley College. She adds that husband Dirk is "just the best guy—he has a great sense of humor and is the life of the party."

For more information on the Senior Center or to sign up for classes, call (925) 284-5050 or stop by Neumann's office at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road.

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## Who Knows Them?



This photo sits on the desk at the Lafayette Historical Society. The vintage 1950's photo, of four children in front of a penny collection barrel, was taken locally. Nobody seems to know who the children are. Do you know? Email cathy.d@lamorindaweekly.com!

## Motorama was the Place to be on Father's Day



George DeLuca with his 1961 red Corvette

Photos Ohlen Alexander

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club hosted Motorama – World of Wheels car show that featured sunshine, cars and barbeque, a trifecta for any dad on Father's Day. Although the event is free, proceeds from food sales and exhibitors support Rotary's community service programs.

George DeLuca displayed his very stylish 1961 red Corvette. He explained it has a brand new 350 engine with two four barrel carburetors and American racing wheels – the license plate says it all: "Bella 61" tucked below the distinctive ducktail rear end.

From muscle cars to sports cars to a variety of motorcycles along with road signs and license plates for sale there was something for everyone to enjoy at the well-attended show. Lafayette resident Winslow Moore brought his 1957 convertible Oldsmobile Super 88, that he spent 14 years restoring – doing all the work except the upholstery himself. He bought the car in 1962 in Florida and it's been part of the family ever since.

The very retro red 1966 Chevy One Ton Panel Truck, with unique signage, "Cruizin the Mendocino coast with Len and the Red Sled" was completely decked out with fast food drive-in trays on both the front and passenger side windows. Proud owner Len Trimlett explained that it's long and low, a former carpet delivery truck, so the red sled moniker fit.

C. Tyson



Winslow Moore with his 1957 convertible Oldsmobile Super 88

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#### Town Council

Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 pm  
 Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,  
 1010 Camino Pablo

#### Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 5, 7:30 pm  
 Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd

#### Design Review

Monday, June 27, 7:00 pm  
 Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd

#### Liaison

Friday, July 8, 8:00 am  
 Fire Station, 1280 Moraga Way

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

#### Town of Moraga:

www.moraga.ca.us

#### Chamber of Commerce:

www.moragachamber.org

#### Moraga Citizens' Network:

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## Police Report

**Scary fellow, 6/16/11** A Paseo Del Rio resident noticed a man walking on the sidewalk pushing a lawnmower, allegedly staring. The subject may have noticed that he was being watched because he left the mower on the lawn and walked away. The concerned woman called police because the vintage fellow hadn't returned to retrieve the lawnmower. Officers were unable to locate the lawnmower owner.

**Hit and run, 6/13/11** An unknown woman was driving a tan or gold Honda and caused moderate damage to a parked Ford Explorer on Ascot Drive. Fender bender become hit and run – not much of a good neighbor. Witnesses were unable to provide any further information.

**Dude, where's my car? 6/06/11** A Larch Avenue woman reported that she is the owner of a business with employees that use company vehicles. After firing an employee, the boss requested her car back. Disgruntled ex-employee hung onto the car for a couple of days and said he was owed money and going to place a lien on the car until he's paid. When the police got involved, the ex-employee decided he'd return the car asap.

**Stolen car found, 6/09/11** Moraga police officers were contacted by the Oakland Police Department about a Buick Century that was stopped for traffic violations. Turns out the vehicle was stolen from a Camino Peral resident. The driver was arrested and the car was returned to its rightful owner.

**Checking up, 6/10/11** Police went to check on an elderly Ashbrook Place resident. The 87-year-old woman appeared lost and disoriented while driving in the Orinda area earlier in the day. Someone gave her directions back home, but was concerned to see if she made it. Although she did make it back – she didn't have a driver's license, cops attempted to contact family members with an update.

**Pranksters, 6/03/11** Several 13 and 14-year-olds were attempting to mix Mentos candy with soda pop behind Safeway. The kids admitted they were attempting to create a chemical reaction, but denied making an explosive device. They were given a presumably stern talking to on the explosive properties of mixing these ingredients and were later released to a parent.

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# New Rheem Theatre Anniversary Celebration

## Festivities to be held this Saturday

By Sophie Braccini

The New Rheem Theater will celebrate its first anniversary on June 25th with a party that will include food, celebrities and, of course, movies. The event will crown a full year of endless activities that have marked the renaissance of a theater that, a year ago, was closed with not much hope of ever reopening. The transformation is due to a new business model – a community-supported theater – and the very hard work of the team behind it all. Attendance is up, but renovating a theater is costly; the ongoing support of the community will be the key to success.

When the theater closed in early 2010, who would have guessed that Moraga could become a local cultural and entertainment center? Although many interested organizations rallied to save the theater, no one could come up with a way to salvage and reinvest in a movie theater plagued by old equipment and declining attendance.

Since the theater was reopened by the California Independent Film Festival Association (CAIFFA) the theater has become an integral part of

Moraga's cultural and recreational landscape; quite the makeover for a location that could have become a parking garage.

"The Theatre has done more to bring people together in this community for something positive than anything else," says long-time Moraga resident and Theater supporter Caroline Wood. "People here used to get together only to fight over land issues. Here we have something positive we can all embrace and that has created a whole new cultural environment for the town."

What makes CAIFFA different than previous operators? CAIFFA is a non-profit association, supported by members, which in addition to screening movies also presents events that serve the entire community. Beau Behan and Derek Zemrak have been the increasingly familiar faces of the New Rheem Theatre this past year. "I would like to thank the Moraga community for embracing and welcoming both the California Independent Film Festival and New Rheem Theatre to this wonderful

town," said Zemrak, "A neighborhood theatre needs the support of the community to succeed and grow. So much has happened in one year, including but not limited to a successful 13th California Independent Film Festival, four new 35MM projectors, new seating (sofa, love seats and theater-seating rockers), new paint, new lobby counters and so much more." One of the movies that will be

shown at the anniversary celebration is The Majestic, a film about a community coming together to reopen their local movie palace. "Sounds like Moraga and the New Rheem Theatre!" notes Zemrak.

The anniversary event will pull double-duty as a fundraiser for a new sound system and renovations to the elevator.

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## New Rheem Theater Supports Fireworks Fundraising Effort

The Moraga Parks and Recreation Department is currently raising funds to offset the cost of the town's 4th of July fireworks; \$23,000 must be found. This year, the New Rheem Theatre is supporting the fundraising effort by showcasing donors on the big screen. "People who send a check to support the fireworks can add a message that will be displayed on the big screen at the theater," says Mary Coe of the Moraga Economic Development Team, "it can be a birthday message, a love note, or a few words of support or congratulations. It will be displayed in a slide show that appears before the movies." To support the fireworks and have your message of ten words or less appear on the big screen, send your check, made payable the Town of Moraga, to: Moraga Parks and Recreation, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.

# Rheem Center to Get Specific Zoning

By Sophie Braccini

The Moraga Economic Action Team figures the Rheem Shopping Center's commercial zoning should be different than that of the Moraga Center – more restrictive, some would say more directed, the Team's proposed new zoning aims at encouraging specific businesses to set up shop in the Rheem Center. The draft retail ordinance will be finalized at an upcoming meeting and then move to the Town Council, which will have to approve the ordinance before the new rules can be applied.

During its June 15 meeting the Team reviewed business types that will be included in the retail ordinance as 'permitted uses.' "We want to create a list of permitted uses for the businesses we want to encourage in the Center," said Economic Develop-

ment Team Renée Zeimer, "this is a way to shape the vision for that center from the ground up and encourage synergies." Potential businesses of the type listed as permitted use can essentially obtain business permits over-the-counter.

Members of the Team wondered if it was lawful to have different commercial zoning in each shopping center. "It is the prerogative of a municipality to define zoning," answered Planning Director Lori Salamack, "and the uses that will not be listed as 'permitted' will not be prohibited, but will be required to comply with 'subject to findings' or 'conditional use' rules." Town Manager Jill Keimach added that it makes sense for the Moraga Center to have more permitted uses since the area belongs

almost entirely to a single property owner who can manage its synergy, while the Rheem Center belongs to multiple owners who do not necessarily share a common retail strategy.

The Team's selection of permitted-use businesses appears to encourage a diversified retail experience at Rheem; one that is conducive to more entertainment opportunities and shopping. Restaurants (including wineries and microbreweries), with the exclusion of drive-thru operations, are on the list; as are grocery stores and food retailers, but not discount grocery stores; general retail stores are permitted, but not single price point retailers such as Dollar Tree (existing business would not fall under a new ordinance). Certain businesses, such as hotels or outside retail sales would be

welcome in town, but the Team decided to require a permit subject to findings, a procedure that will allow the Town to control such elements as the esthetic of the project. Other uses, such as car wash, indoor and outdoor amusement facilities, auto repair, or hardware store would have to satisfy the requirements of a conditional use permit. Only a few business types were listed as prohibited, including fire arms stores and adult video or bookstores.

At its next public meeting, possibly on June 29, the team will also work in sub-groups on the different aspects of economic revival, such as increasing the synergy with Saint Mary's College, or considering a new sign ordinance.

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# Rancho Laguna Park Play Structures

By Sophie Braccini



Empty space at Rancho Laguna Park

It is a sad sight for any family – the two play structures where young Moragans once bounced, jumped, climbed and swung at Rancho Laguna Park are gone.

Photo Sophie Braccini

“The play structures’ posts were decaying, rotting, and were not deemed safe by the engineer from the Municipal Pooling Authority,” said Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram. The Municipal Pooling Authority (MPA), located in Walnut

Creek, provides Risk Management Services to 14 police departments and 20 municipalities mostly located in Contra Costa County.

Since the Town of Moraga does not employ a playground safety inspector, Ingram called the MPA regarding his concerns about the safety of the playground. When an inspector and engineer sent by MPA determined that the playgrounds were no longer safe, the Town removed them immediately. “These structures were built in the 80’s and were made of wood,” said Ingram, “they had a limited life span.” New play structures are now made of steel, aluminum or plastic.

The Town intends to replace the structures, and a sub-committee of the Park and Recreation Commission is tasked with raising some \$100,000 by December, so new play structure(s) can be installed by June of 2012.

# New Rheem Theatre Anniversary Celebration

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The party kicks off at 3:00 p.m. for the younger crowd. 13-year old actor Zachari Gordon, who stars as Greg Heffley in the film Diary of a Wimpy Kid, will be at the celebration to introduce the movie’s sequel. The afternoon will include games, food and prizes. The catered evening celebration will start at 6:00 p.m.; in addition to a screening of The Majestic, special guest Michael Sloane, who wrote the screenplay, will share inside stories on the making of the movie.

Admission tickets are \$8 for the “The Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2,” and \$25 for the evening reception with light refreshments and special screening of “The Majestic.” Tickets may be purchased at the New Rheem Theatre Box Office, or on the theatre’s website, (www.TheNewRheemTheatre.com). For more details, e-mail info@TheNewRheemTheatre.com or call (925) 388-0752.

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- The Spy Who Loved Me (with guest Richard Kiel)
- High Tea event with the film, “Eat Pray Love”
- Haunted House event - a haunted house was built on the back stage.
- Teen Dances - attracting approximately 500 teens from all over the Bay Area
- Jazz Band Concerts - Rossmoor Jazz Band and Mike Vax Jazz Band
- Poetry Reading
- Goats of Denmark production; cast mainly from Miramonte High
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Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

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Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 28, at 7:00 p.m. Orinda Library, Garden Room 26 Orinda Way

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Council Struggles with Denser Vision for Orinda

By Andrea A. Firth

Martin Engelmann, Deputy Executive Director of Planning for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, recently presented the Orinda City Council with an initial plan for integrating land-use, housing, and transportation in the Bay Area in order to address global warming and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from cars and small trucks—the federally-mandated goal is a 15% per capita reduction by 2035.

Termed the Initial Vision Scenario, this is the first step in preparing a “sustainable community strategy” to manage the region’s growth in a reasonable and eco-friendly way. According to this vision, by 2035, the Bay Area is projected to grow by 903,000 households and 1.2 million jobs. Almost 40% of this growth will be in Contra Costa County, with Lamorinda absorbing 3% of the load.

On a positive note, the Bay Area is already 2/3 of the way toward

meeting the GHG emission reduction goal based on an adjusted forecast that reflects the impact of the economic decline, according to Engelmann. “We are a smaller Bay Area than we had planned to be, and that has helped us a lot as a region trying to meet this goal.”

However, this preliminary proposal, which was created by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, falls short of further reducing the area’s GHG emissions an additional 5% over the next 25 years. In fact the Initial Vision, which projects a growth of 663 new jobs in Orinda coupled with the addition of 1,305 housing units downtown, will yield higher GHG emissions in the Bay Area by 2040. “[The initial plan] was really kind of a dud,” admitted Engelmann.

“These numbers are not realistic or achievable and completely out of

balance for growth in Orinda based on the City’s past,” stated Vice Mayor Steve Glazer. The plan allocates a total of 1,920 households to Orinda by 2035, which compares to the addition of approximately 740 housing units since the City was incorporated 25 years ago said Planning Director Emmanuel Ursu, and he added that under the City’s current General Plan, the City could accommodate a maximum of 580 new housing units in the downtown districts.

Council Member Amy Worth asked Engelmann about the City’s obligations and if the Initial Vision is linked to the City’s housing element. [The State requires all cities to carry their fair share of housing at all income levels in order to meet the region’s housing needs; this mandate is tied to the City’s receipt of road repair funding.]

“It’s complicated,” said Engelmann, “[ABAG is] saying don’t

worry about it, [the initial plan] is just a vision. But if it sticks, it will make it very difficult for cities to meet their housing element requirements.”

The Initial Vision as outlined triples the size of the existing public transportation system, which Engelmann also finds problematic. “We can’t afford to triple our transit system. We can’t afford to run or maintain the system we have today.”

Engelmann acknowledged that this initial vision of future growth required revision and a reality check. The next step in the process will be the development of five new scenarios that will project growth more closely tied to historic benchmarks and incorporate other strategies for reducing GHG emissions, such as higher bridge tolls, open road tolling, and revised parking policies. “We need to move back toward reality,” said Engelmann.

Orinda Supports Skatepark Lot

By Andrea A. Firth



Lamorinda Skatepark on Moraga Road

Photo Andy Scheck

Orinda’s City Council recently agreed to contribute \$62,500 toward the construction

of a 29-space parking lot on Moraga Road alongside the Lamorinda Skatepark, which is located

in the Moraga Commons Park. Through a cost-sharing agreement, Orinda and Lafayette will cover ¼ of the parking lot construction costs each, and the town of Moraga will kick in the other half of the estimated \$250,000 total. Currently, skaters and parents parallel park on the gravel outside the park’s fence. Orinda’s Parks and Recreation Commission agreed with representatives from Moraga that safer access to the skatepark and additional parking is warranted.

“The idea to have a local skatepark built started in Orinda,” stated Parks and Recreation Director Todd Skinner. The request was made about ten years ago and Council member Amy Worth was

already serving on the Council. “I remember the chambers were filled. About 75 or 80 young people came to the City Council meeting to request that a skatepark be built,” said Worth noting when a suitable location could not be found in Orinda, the search was extended to neighboring Lafayette and Moraga. The site in the Commons was ultimately chosen, and the three communities equally funded the building of the park.

Orinda’s share of the parking lot construction will be funded with park dedication fees, which are assessed when homes are built or enlarged. These fees can only be used to support capital or rehabilitation projects related to parks or recreation activities.

The Council voted four to one in favor of contributing to the parking lot for the skatepark. Vice Mayor Steve Glazer dissented indicating that he did not have a sufficient sense of the “proportionality” of the expenditure or how many Orinda teens use the skatepark. According to Skinner, 15 to 20 kids at any one time are using the skatepark on a good-weather day, but numbers specific to where users reside are not available.



Police Report

Drop the fake money and run, 6/8/11 A suspect attempted to cash a forged check at the Orinda branch of Citibank. Chalk it up to nerves, or perhaps a bad taco, but the suspect ran out of the bank before the check was cashed. He fled the scene in a silver Dodge.

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# Council Says No to Emergency Services Task Force

By Andrea A. Firth

Reasonable people can disagree. And that was the case for some of Orinda's citizenry at the June 6th City Council meeting. The Council decided, in a four to one decision with Council Member Amy Worth dissenting, not to establish a citizen emergency services task force to further investigate whether the Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) is delivering emergency services cost-effectively and if Orinda is paying its fair share.

"No citizen-led audit [of the MOFD] has ever been performed in the 14 years since the District was formed," said Steve Cohn, a founding member of the citizen group F.A.I.R. (Fire and Infrastructure Renewal). Cohn had in-hand a petition signed by over 200 Orinda residents who support the formation of a citizen-led task force. "There is a strong likelihood that over \$1 million of Orinda [annual property tax] dollars are being spent to provide emergency services in Moraga," said Cohn adding that since both Moraga and the MOFD rejected the idea of contracting a third-party consultant to evaluate the situation, the City should take advantage of the citizen's expertise.

There were also several residents, who addressed the Council, who did not support the creation of another task force to investigate the Orinda and MOFD controversy.

"Yes, the MOFD has made a lot of mistakes in the past, and the County has made some decisions which have caused unfunded liabilities..." said Orinda resident Gene Gottfried, "But if [Orinda] property taxes were removed from the MOFD, they would go back to the County and most likely ConFire which is struggling financially...It's time to move on."

"You have been a very conscientious sounding board, now for several years," Carl Weber told the Council. "More discussion is a waste of time."

Worth provided a brief recap of the four meetings held by the Tri-Agency Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee, which included two members from each of the Orinda and Moraga Councils and the MOFD Board, became educated about the MOFD but no conclusions on future steps were determined, said Worth. City Manager Janet Keeter indicated that the Com-

mittee members from Moraga reported back to their Council that they were satisfied with the process and no changes were necessary, and that the MOFD Board had reached the same conclusion.

"These are complex issues that reasonable people can disagree on," said Worth. "The voters created this district [the MOFD]. We represent the same people and need to work together," she said stating her support of creating a task force.

Council Member Dean Orr disagreed. "A citizen's committee would put us back in the same spot," said Orr adding that it would require an independent third party to review the situation, and the City does not have the money to support this.

Mayor Smith, who is the Council's liaison to the MOFD, concurred. "We have studied this. I am satisfied," she said, suggesting that further comments should be directed to the MOFD Board.

Worth discussed the collective responsibility of the City and the MOFD for maintaining Orinda's infrastructure and pressed for the two groups to continue to work together on this issue.



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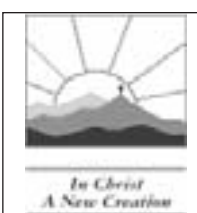
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## Civic News Moraga

### Developing Open Space along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail?

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In his staff report, Senior Planner Rich Chamberlain indicated that the development may require a study of the environmental impacts if the visual impact from St. Mary's Road was found to be significant.

Council Member Dave Trotter spoke as the representative of the property owner (the Town). He presented himself as a supporter of preserving open space in Moraga, but added that the Town needs funds for capital improvements and indicated that he believes subdividing the land into two parcels for two smaller homes would limit the visual impact.

Suzanne Jones, of the organization Preserve Lamorinda Open Space (PLOS), argued that the visual impact should also be studied from the Trail. "I do not see how the homes could be hidden from the trail," she said. She also identified two groups of important biological resources on the site: a natural wetland, and an area of native grass that she believes would need to be further investigated by a botanist to determine whether or not it should be protected. (Some readers may re-

call how the discovery of the endangered California red-legged frog on the Palos Colorados development dramatically altered that project and lengthened its timeline.)

Barbara Onoda, also from PLOS, argued, "How can you find it democratic and acceptable to develop land that was voted Open Space by the people of Moraga?" Planning Commissioner Roger Wykle concurred, and recommended that no lots be carved out of the property.

Commissioner Bruce Whitley told Wykle that although he shared reluctance toward the development of Open Space, the Commission was not asked to decide that night whether or not the Town should develop the property, but rather it was asked to offer the Town a recommendation on how many parcels it should apply for. Whitley, along with Commissioners Dick Socolitch and Stacia Levenfeld, favored two lots. Three commissioners were absent from the meeting.

"The Town-owned land at the corner of Rheem Boulevard and St. Mary's Road is subject to the 1986

Moraga Open Space Ordinance (MOSO)," commented Trotter. "MOSO restricts but does not preclude all development on MOSO-zoned lands. The law does prohibit development on and near major ridgelines and minor ridgelines above 800 feet, and on steep slopes. Those restrictions obviously do not apply to this Town-owned land, which is very gently sloping and away from any ridgeline. As an owner of property, the Town should and presumably will be treated fairly, and any application for a minor subdivision should be held to the same standards as would apply to any other applicant."

The Council Meeting will determine at a future meeting whether or not the Town will develop a plan for the land. "To encourage public input and participation, I endorse and fully support the suggestion (made by Jones) that the Town post a public notice along the trail at this location in connection with future hearings before the Town Council and Planning Commission," added Trotter.

## Community Service

### Rotary Club of Moraga Hosts 20th Annual Field Day

Submitted by Gary Irwin



Girls' sack race

Photo Ohlen Alexander

On June 8, the Rotary Club of Moraga held its 20th annual Field Day event at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School for third, fourth, and fifth grade Moraga students. 205 students competed in events such as sprints, relays, sack races, long jumps, and football/softball throws. Medals were awarded to the top three contestants in each event.

Donald Rheem Elementary School won plaques for the most winners and highest participation. Rheem has been the big winner the past few years due to the enthusiastic support of Principal Elaine Franks and P.E. teacher Heather Thornton.

The High Point winners were all from Rheem. The High Point Girl was 3rd grader Nina Munson. There was a tie for High Point Boy between

5th grader Daniel Nelson and 3rd grader Mark McCurdy. These students, along with the High Point

Teacher, Mrs. Caraska, and Principal Elaine Franks, will be guests at the June 14th Rotary luncheon meeting, where they will be presented with the plaques honoring their achievements.

Moraga Rotary's Field Day was originated by its past president Al Simonsen, who continues to chair the event. Simonsen's wife, Marilyn Engelhard Simonsen, grew up in Orinda and enjoyed participating in the Orinda Rotary Club's Field Day as a child—Simonsen wanted a similar fun event for Moraga children, and established the program with the help of Orinda Rotarian Frank Isola.

Moraga Rotary is a local service club within Rotary International that meets most Tuesdays at noon at St. Mary's College. For information, please call Gary Irwin at (925) 376-7688.



Rheem 3rd grade relay-runners Molly Midthun, Celia Campo, Nina Munson, and Kelly Robles show off their gold medals. Photo Carol Irwin

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**Spencer Neale Scholarships Awarded**

Submitted by Valerie Cook-Watkins



From left: Valerie Cook-Watkins, Michelle Singh, Audrey Neale and Erin O'Connell  
Photo Ohlen Alexander

Michelle Singh and Erin O'Connell, both 2011 graduates of Campolindo High School, were awarded the Spencer Neale Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Art to support their continued education in the field of art – the scholarship was created and funded by the sales associates and staff at Coldwell Banker Residential Broker-

age in Orinda to honor the memory of 2009 Campolindo graduate Spencer Neale. Neale's mother, Audrey, attended the award ceremony. O'Connell, who dances and has interests in photography and oil, will attend UC Irvine in the fall; Singh will attend Loyola Marymount to study animation and modeling and is a member of several choirs.

**AAUW 2011 Distinguished Woman Award**

Submitted by K. deGroot (written by Bobbie Dodson)



Last year's Distinguished Woman, Mary Stephens Smith, presents Jan Coe with the Distinguished Woman album. The album includes many photographs of Coe's activities over her many years of membership, and the letters of recommendation that were written on her behalf. Photo K. deGroot

In recognition of her outstanding volunteer work in the community, Jan Coe received the Distinguished Woman Award of 2011 from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at its May luncheon held at the Orinda Country Club.

Among Coe's numerous activities her work in education stands out. "It's a passion of mine," she says. A teacher for five years, she began her volunteer work at Glorietta Elementary where she was president of the Parent's Club. At OIS, she ran the Bulldog Kennel lunch program, turning it into a financial success. Under her leadership volunteers served lunch and brunch five days a week for over 800 students, "In 1997 we topped \$100,000 in profit," and Coe adds,

"My job is now a paid position." Continuing the volunteer path, she was president of the Parent's Club at Miramonte.

Coe has been a great fund raiser for education. She was co-chair of successful parcel tax campaigns for the Orinda School District and the Acalanes Union High School District. Coe recalls that she was working in a paid position at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church's Seedlings Preschool when she announced to her husband, Alan, that she wanted to quit her job as she didn't have enough time to do her volunteer work. He agreed; and she did.

This energetic woman served on the board of the Educational Foundation of Orinda (EFO) for 10 years and as its president for two

years. Dr. Frank Brunelli, former Superintendent of the Orinda School District, in paying tribute to Coe at the luncheon, spoke highly of her organizational skills. Wearing another hat, Coe chaired Vanessa Crews' successful campaigns for a place on the Acalanes School Board; the two shared Orinda's Citizen of the Year award in 1998.

Coe has volunteered in a first grade classroom at the Burckhalter School in east Oakland for seven years, and has also been active at her church.

AAUW has benefited from Coe's leadership skills. She served as president for two terms from 2005 to 2007, and is active in numerous programs.

Other awards conferred during the luncheon included honoring Elizabeth Kingsley and Lynn Lonbaken for their 50 years of membership in AAUW. Newly elected president Deana Vick Davidson presented outgoing president Mary Helene Tietz with the AAUW Past President's pin. The branch also celebrated their recent Garden Tour fund raiser which generated over \$5,000 for the Tech Trek program, which sends middle school girls to a week-long summer science camp. Because of the branch's successful fund raising, five girls from the Lamorinda area will participate this year.

Coe's closing remarks included an eight word quote from Maya Angelou, "When you learn, teach. When you get, give." Her own eight words were, "Go out and educate. Go out and volunteer." She is an outstanding example of following both of these maxims.

**Local Charities Receive Donations from Lafayette Juniors**

Submitted by Rosylyn Aragon Stenzel



Amy Friedli of Lafayette Juniors, Meliece, and Louise Bourassa of Contra Costa Interfaith Housing pose with \$17,000 check presented to CCIH.  
Photo Gina Hageboeck

At the June General Meeting held at the Lafayette Community Center, Amy Friedli, Community Funds Chairwoman of Lafayette Juniors, presented Contra Costa Interfaith Housing with a check for \$17,000. CCIH's mission is to create a permanent solution to homelessness by providing supportive housing to high-risk individuals and families in Contra Costa County.

The highlight of the evening was a speech given by 12-year-old Meliece on behalf of CCIH. "Thank you so much for supporting Garden Park Apartments. It actually changes people's lives. My parents were homeless and now they are doing awesome. As for me, well...not to brag, but I am doing amazing and I know that I am going to grow up and make the world a better place, just like all of

you are doing," remarked Meliece. Lafayette Juniors donated a total of \$31,000 including presenting \$14,000 to four other well-deserving charities: the American Association of University Women Sister to Sister Summit, Brighter Beginnings, Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, and We Care Services for Children.

Lafayette Juniors is an organization of over 50 women dedicated to community service and to fundraising for local charities by hosting events such as the annual Lafayette Kitchen Tour in May, sauce-making parties throughout the year, and the Rummage Sale in November. For more information on Lafayette Juniors, and the charities they support, visit [www.lafayettejuniors.org](http://www.lafayettejuniors.org).

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Editor:  
Last year at this time, Derek Zemrak, Beau Behan and the CAIFFA re-opened the Rheem Theatre to be the new home of the California Independent Film Festival. They held a community event at the theater that was attended by a few hundred people. This year, for the first anniversary of the re-opening, one ticket has been sold. The people of Moraga, Orinda and the neighboring communities cannot move into a state of apathy and expect the theater to survive. We have planned for a celebration at least as grand as the re-opening, but so far, the people have not materialized. I believe that the New Rheem Theatre has been the signature model for bringing the people of Moraga together in a positive, unifying endeavor. I am very excited about having this theater open again!! Let's get moving!

Caroline Wood  
Moraga

Editor:  
There is no gift equal to the great memories Orion has received at Orinda Intermediate School so we are giving our Gratitude. We want to thank Orion's teachers Danee Jurichko and Susan Rodriguez for making Orion's time at OIS joyous and a pleasure for him. They have truly blessed his life. I don't know what strings were pulled to allow Susan to be in Core and Study Hall, mostly one on one, with Orion for three years but we will always be grateful for it. Danee's program is an amazing model for inclusion opportunities. I also want to thank Holly and Orion's other aides as well as the OIS staff for their support and guidance. Thank you, Mr. Randall for having an inclusive school and your positive attitude. A Special thank you goes out to the students of OIS for your compassion especially the ones who volunteer their elective to become friends in room 74. It is valued by more than just your new friends. Orion is moving on to Miramonte for next year and there have already been some wonderful ground break-

ing collaboration between Moraga, Orinda, and Acalanes Unifies School Districts to make it as successful as OIS has been for him. Thank you, Lisa, Ohmar, Sequoyah and Orion Sowle  
Orinda

Editor:  
Is Open Space and wildlife habitat for sale by Town of Moraga? Apparently, approving development on one of Moraga's open ridge lines wasn't enough as the Moraga Town Council is currently considering a proposal to sell off some of the town's own open space for a subdivision along the Lafayette Moraga Trail, one of the oldest, most scenic, and most used trails in the East Bay Parks Regional District. If the sale of the subdivision is approved, it would devastate both part of the beauty of this regional trail and eliminate some of the wildlife open space that exists where the subdivision is being considered. I am a frequent hiker on this trail (and) it saddens me a greatly that I will no longer be able to see these creatures or the open fields and trees at this particular location because of a decision that favors a short term windfall of money for a permanent reduction in open space and wildlife habitat that, once lost to private development, cannot be reclaimed. Instead of having a wide open space for the trail with a beautiful open space on its north side, the proposed subdivision will narrow the trail's corridor to a few yards on its northwest side. Please let the Moraga Town Council know your opinion on this proposal. It's ironic that Lafayette is celebrating the public opening and purchase of open space with the purchase of Acalanes Ridge while Moraga is selling open space it already owns. Robert Blits  
Moraga  
(Editor's note: Robert Blits' letter was modified slightly to delete references to photos that we were not able to include.)

## ...from Front Page

### Lunch of the (Three-Quarter) Century

... continued from page A1



From left, Maggie Gee, A.J. Starr and Bette Budde  
Photo Doug Kohen

Fazel recalls attending the Perry lunch with his mother and delighted in seeing old neighbors and his Boy Scout leader. Three organizations sponsor the event: Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, Fazel's employer, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate/Mason-McDuffie, and Orinda Community Church. Fazel, who co-chairs the event, emceed the lunch wearing his father's tuxedo. While 130 seniors dined on a roast chicken meal, a staff of 30 volunteers worked behind the scenes to make it successful. Co-chair Lisa Shaffer, a BHG Mason-McDuffie realtor, was busy overseeing volunteers who set up, prepared and served food and cleaned up afterwards. "This community is what it is today because they [seniors] did what they did... We're so fortunate that we are a part of this community." Orinda residents Tom and Aileen Deahl were recognized as the longest-married couple in attendance. They

have faithfully attended Three-Quarter Century Club luncheons since the very first, held at Wagner Ranch Elementary. Deahl was a research chemist for Shell Oil in Emeryville; his wife substitute taught in Orinda schools until she was 80. "We haven't missed one [lunch]," said Aileen. Added Tom: "I've never seen so many old people in one place!" Aileen says the secret to their 70-year marriage comes from the song "Accentuate the Positive." Except for four years in Texas, the Deahls have lived in Orinda since 1951. "The smartest thing was we never sold our house in Orinda," said Aileen. Orinda resident Molly Gravelle was crowned Century Club queen. Gravelle taught for twenty years at Miramonte High (Mechanical Drawing and Home Design) before she retired in 1975. The baby, the king and the queen each received a commemorative plaque, and Mayor Victoria Smith marked the event with a procla-

mation. "These people worked for [city] incorporation and made Orinda what it is today," Smith said. This year's guest speaker was Bette Budde, a former Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) who joined in 1943. "How many of you remember World War II?" she asked in her opening remarks. Every hand shot up. Accompanying Budde were fellow WASPs A.J. Starr and Maggie Gee. The trio explained how each came to belong to the highly selective women's corps. Budde and Gee wore scarves commemorating the Congressional gold medals they received at a Washington, D.C. ceremony honoring WASPs last year. Shaffer says next year's date has already been reserved (in June), and says her volunteers will all be back. The event closed with Orinda Idols Neris Newton and Jacqueline Garrel singing "Sentimental Journey." For those in attendance, it was sentimental indeed.



# SUMMER IN LAMORINDA

## A Feast Fit for the Fourth

By Susie Iventosch

At long last, the weather has finally cooperated and it looks like we will have a summer after all! This is terrific news and just in the nick of time for July 4th holiday celebrations, barbecues, picnics, and parades and parties!

In this issue, we feature several ideas for barbecue fare, but most with a little twist on the traditional

recipes. For instance, it's hard to imagine July 4th without potato salad, but with hot weather a risk, and so many people on bikini diets, this salad using baby Yukon gold potatoes, tossed in lemon vinaigrette is nice alternative to the mayo and hardboiled egg variety! (I do love the regular old potato salad, but this is a nice fresh op-

tion!) And, while baby back ribs with a southern molasses barbecue sauce are amazing, this fun recipe uses hard apple cider and brown sugar to give the ribs a crunchy, but lighter flavor!

However you choose to feed your family and friends on America's birthday, we wish you a very happy Fourth of July!

### Cider-glazed Baby Back Ribs

(Serves 4)

#### INGREDIENTS

- Four 6-rib baby back pork racks
- One 22-oz. bottle hard apple cider, or two 12-oz. bottles
- ¾-1 cup brown sugar
- Coarse sea salt and black pepper, to taste

#### DIRECTIONS

##### To Marinate Ribs

Place ribs in (two) Ziploc baggies, or a plastic container with a tight-fitting lid. Season to taste with sea salt and pepper. Distribute cider evenly over ribs and seal bags, or affix lid. Marinate in refrigerator overnight, turning once or twice.

##### To Cook Ribs

Preheat oven to 300°. Spray roasting pan with non-stick spray and place ribs in pan. Pour juices over the top. Sprinkle evenly with ½ cup brown sugar and seal very tightly with aluminum foil. Cook ribs for 2½ hours, or until very tender. Remove from oven and drain off 1/3 of the juices, keeping the ribs in the remaining juices. Cool, cover and chill until ready to grill.

##### To Grill

Preheat barbecue to high heat. Spread gelled juices over ribs and sprinkle ¼ to ½ cup brown sugar evenly over top sides of rib racks. Grill for about 2-3 minutes per side, just until ribs are nicely browned and sugar begins to get crunchy. Serve 'em up!

### Grilled Corn on the Cob

We have been grilling corn on the barbecue for years, and usually I baste the corn with some kind of butter concoction made with melted butter and chipotle peppers, or lime juice, and seasonings. A few weeks ago, my husband prepared the corn, and it was the juiciest barbecued corn on the cob I had ever tried. Naturally, I wondered what he did differently than in the past, when the corn had always been delicious, but sometimes a little dried out. It turns out the trick was basting the corn with olive oil instead of melted butter. We have tried this half a dozen times so far this season, and every, single time it has been succulent and delicious! Use good quality extra-virgin olive oil for the best flavor.

#### INGREDIENTS

- Corn ears, husked and silk removed
- Olive oil (just enough to completely baste entire ears of corn)
- Seasoning, such as Cajun spices or salt and pepper

#### DIRECTIONS

Prepare ears of corn by removing husks. You can do this ahead of time and store in a baggie in the refrigerator. When ready to cook, baste the corn with olive oil using a basting brush, and season with spices of your choice. Grill over medium heat for about 10 minutes, rotating the ears every two to three minutes.

### Potato Salad with Kalamata Olives and Lemon Vinaigrette

(Serves 6)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2-3 pounds Yukon gold potatoes (I like to use the baby potatoes)
- ¾ cup Kalamata olives, pitted and halved
- ¼ cup capers (optional)
- 1 red onion, sliced thinly
- ¼ cup finely sliced basil leaves (optional ... parsley works fine, too)
- Dressing
- 3 tablespoons fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 9-10 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and Pepper, to taste

Place all ingredients in a container or bowl and whisk or shake to blend.

#### DIRECTIONS

Fill a large pot about 2/3 full with water. Add potatoes (whole if using small potatoes, or cut into quarters if using large potatoes.) Bring to a boil over high heat, and continue to boil until potatoes are just al dente, but done, when pierced with a knife. Remove potatoes from water with a slotted spoon, or simply drain off all water from pot. Cool and cut into bite-sized pieces and place in a salad bowl. Meanwhile, sauté onions over medium-high heat until cooked and just beginning to caramelize. Cool. To assemble salad, add Kalamata olives, capers, basil and sautéed onions to potatoes in bowl. Pour dressing over and gently toss. Serve cold or at room temperature.

### Gorgonzola Buffalo Burgers with Shallot Compote

(Serves 4)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground buffalo (1/4 pound per person)
- ½ cup crumbled gorgonzola or blue cheese
- 1 teaspoon Italian herbs
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 burger buns or slices of French bread (8 slices)
- 1 recipe for Shallot Compote (recipe below)

#### DIRECTIONS

Mix buffalo meat with cheese and seasonings. Form into patties. Grill over medium heat, for approximately 5 minutes per side, being careful not to overcook. You never want buffalo well-done because it gets very tough and dry due to the lower fat content. Serve with a spoonful of shallot compote on the side or on top.

### Shallot Compote

(Yields about one cup)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1½ cups finely sliced shallots (if small, you can keep them whole)
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 6 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme or marjoram
- ¼ teaspoon white pepper

#### INSTRUCTIONS

In a medium saucepan, heat oil and butter over medium heat. When butter just begins to foam, add shallots and salt. Cook, stirring often, until the shallots begin to brown. Add minced herbs and season with white pepper. Stir in 4 tablespoons of the vinegar and all of the sugar. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the shallots are caramelized and the jam is thick and syrupy. Add remaining 2 tablespoons of vinegar and just heat through. Remove from heat and cool. Compote will thicken into a jam-like consistency as it cools.



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## Lamorinda Summer Event Listing Inside



### Lamorinda Chambers Support Local 4th of July Celebrations



- ORINDA**
- Orinda downtown** 10:00am Parade
- Orinda Community Center and Park**
  - 7:30am Pancake Breakfast
  - 8:00am Roadrunners' and Haley's Runs
  - 11:30am - 1pm Food and Beverage Entertainment with Bob Claire Orchestra
  - Classic Car Show courtesy of Orinda Motors
  - Children's Activities
- MORAGA**
- Moraga Shopping Center**
  - 8:00am Fun Run Races - all ages
- Moraga Commons Park** 8:00am - 10:00pm
  - Pancake Breakfast, Dog Parade, Bike Parade, Car Show by Rheem Valley Auto, Booths and Kids Games, Magic Show, Music, View the Fireworks
- Moraga Fireworks** approx. 9:20pm
  - Set off at Moraga Country Club

Get detailed schedules of the events at:

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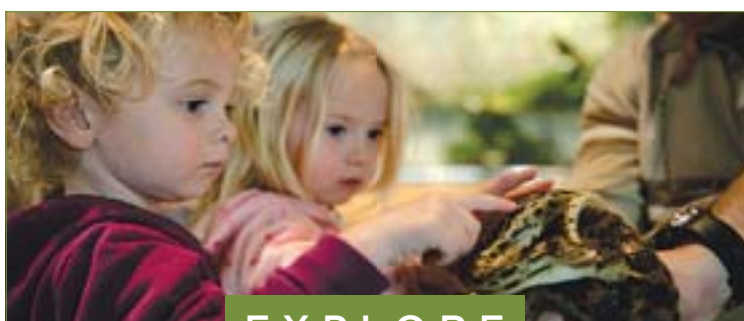
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# WARM SUMMER NIGHTS & C

## The 4th of July in Lamorinda

### Orinda July 4th schedule

**7:00 a.m.** Registration for Roadrunners' Fun Run & Haley's Run For A Reason

**7:30 – 10 a.m.** The Roadrunners' Pancake Breakfast In the park/Community Center Enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by the Orinda Roadrunners while listening to a variety of music.

**7:55 a.m.** Flag-raising Ceremony at the Flagpole in front of Community Center

**8 a.m.** The Roadrunners' Fun Run and Haley's Run for a Reason front of Community Center Choose between a 2-mile run/walk or a 5-mile run through scenic parts of Orinda and EBMUD watershed. There is no fee for the Fun Run. To support Haley's Run for a Reason, which benefits research for SUDC (Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood), a small donation is requested. Visit [www.orindaroadrunners.org](http://www.orindaroadrunners.org) or [www.angelhaley.org](http://www.angelhaley.org) for more information.

**9 a.m.** Friends of the Orinda Library Book Sale in the Library Breezeway 10 a.m. Parade Begins/ Food Booths Open in Park Over 75 entries including several musical groups, led by a bagpiper and several members of Orinda's first City Council, will leave the BART station parking lot and travel to the Orinda Crossroads area (by the Orinda Theatre) before crossing under Highway 24 to the Village area. The parade will travel down Orinda Way to the viewing stand in front of the Community Center before ending at the Community Center Park.

**11:30 – 1:00 p.m.** Park Activities - Park activities at the conclusion of the parade

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**Park Activities:**  
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Children's Activities  
Petting Zoo, Football Toss with the Miramonte High School Varsity Football Team, Orinda Motors Hot Wheels Race, Jeremy the Juggler, Twisty Man, Face Painters Orinda Junior Women's, Cinderella, Laser Tag

### Moraga July 4th schedule

**8:00 a.m.** Kiddie Runs  
Moraga Shopping Center

**8:30 a.m.** 5 mile run & 2 mile run/walk  
Moraga Shopping Center

**8:00 a.m.** MYIC Pancake Breakfast  
Commons Park

**9:00 a.m.** Dog Parade  
Band Shell

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Car Show  
Basketball Court, Commons Park

**9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Community Booths  
Commons Park

**10:30 a.m.** Bike Parade  
Flag Pole, Commons Park

**10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Jumpies  
Commons Park

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
Old Fashioned Kids Games  
Band Shell

**12:30 p.m.** Family Magic Show  
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**7:00 p.m.** David Martin's House Party  
Band Shell

**9:20 p.m. (ish) FIREWORKS**  
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## ORINDA

### Orinda Summer Music Series

The Orinda Library is hosting a special international Summer Music Series on selected Wednesdays throughout the summer:

- June 22nd at 6:30pm Celtic Sands, music from the British Isles
- July 27th at 6:45pm Al'Azifoon, music of the Arab World
- Aug 31st at 6:30pm Yolo Mambo, Acoustic Latin Jazz

### Summer Concerts in the Park

The Tuesday night Summer Concert series, sponsored by the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary, gets underway on June 21st and runs through July. Pack a picnic dinner and join your friends and neighbors at the Community Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for some food, fun, and music.

- June 28 Cal Alumni Big Band, Big Band Jazz
- July 5 Pacific Coast Classic Rock & Pop
- July 12 Stone Soup Classic Rock
- July 19 Orinda Idol Variety
- July 26 Pladdohg Celtic Rock

### Arts in Bloom in the Community Park

Tuesday, July 19th starting at 5:00 p.m.  
The Orinda Arts Council is hosting an evening of visual and performing arts for the community. Starting at 5 p.m., there will be art exhibits and sales, a silent auction, arts & crafts activities for kids, and a hot dog and ice cream concession stand provided by Loard's. At 6:30 p.m., the Concert-in-the-Park featured performers will be the 2011 Orinda Idol Finalists

**Summer Music Series at Orinda Theatre Square** on the first Thursday of each month 5:30-8:30pm. July 7th and Aug. 4th: Bob Athayde and Friends' Quartet. Sept. 1st: 747 Express featuring Ed McClary & Michael Hatfield. Free, see details at: [www.orindatheatresquare.com/events/summer-music-series](http://www.orindatheatresquare.com/events/summer-music-series).

### Opera in the Park

Sunday, July 31st at 4:00 p.m. Orinda Community Park  
The Rotary Club of Orinda hosts a concert of opera performed the Bay Area's best. Children are welcome. Food, soft drinks, wine, and beer will be available.

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### ART

**The Hearst Art Gallery at Saint Mary's College** in Moraga will reopen on Sunday, July 10, with Pam Glover: A Life in Art. Glover, an influential landscape painter, was born in China in 1924, moved to the Bay Area after World War II and died last year after a remarkable career in the arts. The Native American in the Western Landscape will reopen in the Keith Room on the same day. The Hearst Art Gallery is open from Wednesdays through Sundays, 11am- 4:30pm. Admission is \$4 for adults; free for groups, K-12th graders, Friends of the Hearst Art Gallery members and all military personnel and their families this summer. For more information, please call (925) 631-4379.

**The Lafayette Gallery's newest** exhibit, "Sun Kissed", runs to July 23rd. Bring some sunshine into your day—the gallery will be filled with the brilliant light, color and energy of the season of sunshine. As a part of summer celebration, this exhibit will also include two outdoor artist markets on June 19th and July 16th. Free to attend; [www.lafayettegallery.net](http://www.lafayettegallery.net), (925) 284-2788.

**Moraga Art Gallery member** Donna Arganbright and Guest Artist Sharon Tama will be featured in its new show, Off the Wheel, Off the Canvas, through August 13. The public is invited to view Arganbright's original stoneware and Tama's acrylic paintings along with gallery members' work. The Moraga Art Gallery is located at 570 Center St in Moraga. For more information, go to [www.moragaartgallery.com](http://www.moragaartgallery.com) or (925)376-5407.

### MUSIC

**The Lafayette United Methodist Church**, located at 955 Moraga Rd. in Lafayette, is having Jazz in July on Sunday morning, June 26 at 10am. The service, in the fellowship hall, will feature the Joyful Noise Jazz Band and will be followed by a chicken picnic lunch. All are welcome. If there are questions, please contact the church by phone at (925)284-4765 or by email at [lumc@pacbell.net](mailto:lumc@pacbell.net).

### THEATER

**Orinda Starlight Players present Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap"** Thursday June 23rd, 8 pm and Friday June 24 and Sat June 25, 8:30pm

at the Outdoor Theater in Orinda Community Center Park, 26 Orinda Way. Regular admission: \$16, Seniors: \$8. Tickets are available at the Box Office, call (925) 528-9225 or email [info@orsvp.org](mailto:info@orsvp.org) for reservations. Be aware that this is an outdoor theatre and dress appropriately/bring blankets. See [www.orsvp.org](http://www.orsvp.org) for more information and to check future show dates.

**Cal Shakes presents Titus Andronicus by William Shakespeare** directed by Joel Sass through June 26. Titus is one of Shakespeare's oldest plays, but it is undeniably a play for our time: a sophisticated blend of heart-stopping drama and pitch black humor. For exact dates, times and to purchase tickets go to [www.calshakes.org](http://www.calshakes.org).

**Berkeley Playhouse Presents Seussical, the Musical!** on July 9 - August 14, Wed -Sat 7pm; Matinees: Sat 2pm, Sun 12pm and 5pm, at Berkeley Playhouse: Sat 2pm, Sun 12pm and 5pm, at Berkeley Playhouse, 2640 College Avenue, Berkeley. The Cat in the Hat comes back hip as ever juggling beloved tales and characters into one fantastical, musical journey. Cost: \$33 Adult / \$30 Senior / \$22 Youth / \$15 Tot (5 and under). Pay-What-You-Can-Nights: 7/14, 7/27 & 8/4, 8/11. For more info see

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### OTHER

**Learn how to belly-dance while raising money** to help save our environment. Join dance instructor Surreya for a heart pumping Belly-Dance Party on Sunday, June 26, 5 -7pm. No prior experience needed. Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance through [www.generationgreen.com](http://www.generationgreen.com).





# Movie Night Gets Four Stars

By Cathy Tyson

In a transformation similar to Clark Kent dashing into a phone booth to become Superman - produce vendors at Thursday's Farmers' Market packed up the last of their unsold goods and folded tents, while the big screen went up and families laden with blankets and lawn chairs set up camp to watch *How to Train Your Dragon*.

In the second of four free movie nights for the inaugural Summer Outdoor Movie Series, residents got a night out on the town sponsored by the City of Lafayette and the Chamber of Commerce. Because last year's trial run of *Monster's Inc.* was so popular, organizers are back with more family friendly films continuing on the third Thursday of July and August. See summer fun guide for more details.

A steady stream of residents filled the park as the sun set, the grassy area springing to life with kids cavorting and neighbors chatting. Relaxing jazz music filled the quickly cooling air and set a laid back vibe for the screening. Everyone enjoyed the tale of a hapless young Viking teenager named Hiccup from the mythical island of Berk, who aspires to hunt dragons, but becomes an unlikely friend to Toothless the dragon.

Nancy Rauch came to check it out, walking from her home a few blocks away, "Sounds like a good movie and an exciting way to start the summer." Kathryn Winogura loaded up her two kids, ages 10 and 15 and brought along some of their friends for the event, "I'm as into it as they are," she said.

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Park, all shows start at 6:30 p.m. GatorBeat, *Cajun* Pladdogh, *Celtic (local)* Lady K & the Kings of Swing, *Band & swing* Moonalice, *Early SF rock* Mixed Nuts, *Standards & covers* 4 Because, *Beatles tribute* t 11 HouseRockers, Winner st Band Standing" competition 18 littledog2, *Moraga's rock band*

## LAFAYETTE

### Summer Shows for Kids

Every Friday starting June 24 - Awesome summer kids shows at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, doors open at 10:45 a.m., show starts at 11:00 a.m. \$3 per person.

- June 24 - Capt'n Jack Spare Ribs juggler
- July 1 - Kenn Adam's Adventure Theatre
- July 8 - East Bay Vivarium a traveling reptile program
- July 15 - Karen Quest Cowgirl Tricks
- July 22 - Thomas John's Juggling Americana,
- July 29 - Fur Scales and Tails
- August - 5 Daniel DaVinci the Juggling Genius
- Aug 12 - Cool Crazy Critters ventriloquist
- Aug 19 - Dan Chan Magic Man

### Market and a Movie

Movie Night after the Farmers' Market at Plaza Park. Bring a comfy blanket, plop down on the grass and watch a family-friendly movie with the kids. Free at Plaza Park at sundown - around 8:00 p.m. at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road. Volunteers wanted, call for more information (925) 299-3219.

- July 21 - Raiders of the Lost Ark
- August 18 - Finding Nemo

### Sustainable Lafayette Summer Film Series

June 28 and continuing every other Tuesday evening - the from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. The First film with be, "The Economics of Happiness" for a suggested \$5 donation. This film will also be shown on July 12 and July 26. To see a trailer, visit [www.theeconomicsofhappiness.org](http://www.theeconomicsofhappiness.org) or [www.sustainablelafayette.org](http://www.sustainablelafayette.org).

### Free Summer Concert

July 10 - Ramana Vieira - "The new voice of Portuguese world music." Vieira sings soulful Portuguese Fado. From 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. No reservation necessary.

### Rock the Plaza

August 12, 19, and 29 - What would summer be without free Friday concerts downtown? Music starts at 6:00 p.m. at Plaza Park at the corner of Mt. Diablo and Moraga Road, sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and Red House Studios. For more information, visit [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org)

### Petanque

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**The Women Helping Women group of the Orinda Community Church** is holding a Beaded Jewellery Sale to benefit Ugandan women on Sunday June 26 from 12-2pm at the Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For more information please contact Rev. Lee Cruise, [office@orindachurch.org](mailto:office@orindachurch.org). or (925)-254 4906).

**Moraga's First Annual Red, white and Blues Festival** on July 1st from 5 to 8pm will feature music, local wines and appetizers. Held at the beautiful Hacienda de las Flores, at 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga, the entrance fee includes a signature wine glass, wine tasting coupons, and description & score cards for tasting at 6 featured wineries. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.generationgreen.com](http://www.generationgreen.com). Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. Questions? Contact Lynda Deschambault, (925) 708-9686 or [info@generationgreen.com](mailto:info@generationgreen.com).

**Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch** 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trin-

## Not to be missed

ity Culture Center 1700 School St. Moraga. Social hour 11am, lunch 12pm. The after lunch speakers will be Ed Rusnak and Jon Elfin, Financial Planners with Sagemark Consulting. Ed has an MBA and is a Certified Retirement Planning Consultant. Jon also teaches a course at St. Marys College called "Financial Planning for Successful Retirement". Their topic will be "Ways to Protect your Assets. For Sirs membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

**Sign up now for the new Lamorinda and Friends Senior Bowling League.** The 2011 season begins on Tuesday September 13th at 1pm at Diablo Lanes in Concord, 1500 Monument Blvd. The cost per week is \$11. Individuals are welcome or join as a team with a couple of friends. The league is for bowlers 55 and older. No average score or bowling experience is needed. It is designed to be low key yet fun for individuals and friends who enjoy a weekly activity, a little socializing and want some exercise. To sign up call Eric Hattrup at (925) 671-0913 or email Erich at [erich@diablolanes.com](mailto:erich@diablolanes.com).

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# Life in LAMORINDA

## Lafayette Locals Contribute to New Book

By Cathy Dausman



Cailin Mirabella, 10, drew the cover art for *Our Place: Lafayette* during a Lafayette partners in Education Art Class. The publishers received 250-300 cover art submissions from Lafayette third graders. Photos Cathy Dausman

Cailin Mirabella is just 10-years old, but she's already designed winning artwork. Twice. A poster she designed while living in Arkansas in 2009 took first place in the second grade category in a statewide Smokey Bear contest. Now this self-possessed Lafayette Elementary School student has her artwork featured on the cover of a soon-to-be released children's history book called *Our Place: Lafayette*. The 40-page story, co-authored by Carla Sakrison and Gaylen Nash, is narrated by a Golden Retriever named Jack. Cailin's painting is a rendition of Lafayette Reservoir's iconic tower done in blues and greens. Cailin nearly forgot about her

kids have an opportunity to learn about the place where they live and study and play soccer and go trick-or-treating and ride their bikes – well, that's just magical." Weaver found the *Our Place* book "so colorful, and so Lafayette."

To insure the book's Lafayette history references were authentic, the authors turned to Mary McCosker. McCosker is president of Lafayette Historical Society and a published author herself. Lafayette third grade classrooms use her book, *A Town Called Lafayette*, which she co-authored with Emily Haas. A fifty year Lafayette native, McCosker downplays her role as historical fact-

checker. "Carla [author Carla Sakrison] contacted me sometime last year," she says simply. But McCosker is excited about the new book because she knows it will generate more interest in Lafayette.

The *Our Place* cover contest didn't just happen on its own. Help came in the form of supplemental art classes taught by staff at the non-profit Lafayette Partners in Education. Kathy Sobel taught Cailin's class. "In late February or early March of 2010, we approached our 3rd grade art instructors with the idea of teaching a project related to Lafayette," Sobel says. "Third graders traditionally study Lafayette history, so that grade was the obvious choice for this project." LPIE art classes are taught by professional artists who teach in each classroom (1st thru 5th grade) 15 hours a year.

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Carla Cook Sakrison (left) and Gaylen Nash co-authored a children's pictorial history book about Lafayette.

own entry (the work was submitted last spring) until her teacher received an early copy of the book. She recalls thinking: "Wait, is that my painting? I think it is!" The young cover artist cautions that her painting is "not realistic" but feels "little kids will like [the story]," especially because it is told from a dog's point of view.

While Cailin's cover art decorates the outside, Susan Weaver's words greet the reader inside. Weaver is Library Manager at Lafayette Library and Learning Center, but she's never too busy to promote reading. Weaver felt honored when the authors approached her about writing their forward. Her words reflect a passion for learning: "As a librarian, one of the adventures I savor most is helping young people discover how much fun it is to learn new things. And when



Mary McCosker (fact-checker for *Our Place: Lafayette*)

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**Moraga Orinda Fire District**  
**Board of Directors Meetings**  
Meetings of the MOFD Board of Directors are open to the public and take place on the third Wednesday of each month in the Board Room, Administration Building, 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga.

**Next meeting(s):**

**July 20th, 7:00pm**  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Station 41 (1280 Moraga Way, Moraga), (go to www.mofd.org as the meeting date approaches for more information)

# MOFD Approves 2011/12 General Fund and Special Revenue Budgets

## Leaves Fire Flow tax unchanged

By Lucy Amaral



At a recent Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Board meeting, Fire Chief Randy Bradley introduced newly-promoted Captain Mike Rattary. Rattary began working with MOFD as a reserve firefighter in 2003. Hired as a full time firefighter in 2005, Rattary was promoted to Engineer in 2008 before being named Captain in April 2011. Rattary is replacing retired Captain Ken Consiglio and will work out of Station 43 in Orinda.



Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Fire Chief Randy Bradley announced the promotion of Jon Ford from Firefighter-Paramedic to Engineer-Paramedic II at a recent MOFD Board Meeting. Ford joined MOFD in 2004, is certified in swift water and tunnel rescue and is a Rescue Specialist for the California Task Force 4, an urban search and rescue unit. Ford replaces Mike Rattary, who was promoted to Captain, and will work out of Station 42 in Moraga.

Photos Lucy Amaral

### MOFD Receives Donation for CPR



Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Fire Chief Randy Bradley accepted a \$5,000 check from MOFD Board Member Fred Weil on behalf of the Upjohn Fund of San Francisco, a private philanthropic foundation. The Fund issued a challenge grant to MOFD, matching up to \$5,000, tapped to go toward the support of the District's "CPR Anytime" training program and the purchase of CPR Anytime training kits.

The kits, to be made available to groups of any size, contain a self-taught awareness level course to help recognize sudden cardiac arrest, prompt notification through the 911 system and perform quality chest compressions. Bradley added that in most cases MOFD would send a trained instructor along to help with the learning process.

Matching funds were met with a \$3,000 donation from the Moraga Lions Club as well as individual donations.

Weil, a Director of the Upjohn Fund, said that the foundation typically offers this size of donations, granting them to charities or public agencies where it would make a difference - usually in terms of a particular program such as CPR Anytime.

L.Amaral

At its June 15 meeting, the Board of Directors for the Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) approved the General Fund Budget and the Special Revenue Fund Budget for the 2011/12 fiscal year.

The General Fund budget, submitted by MOFD Fire Chief Randy Bradley, showed revenue projections of \$18,386,307 and total expenditures of \$18,381,754. In his staff report, Bradley said that balancing this year's budget came from a disciplined approach to financial management, analyzing last fiscal year's actuals, and reviewing staffing levels and overtime expenditures without compromising service.

Regarding 2011/12 budget expenditures, Bradley included the restoration of one Battalion Chief position, which had been vacant and frozen in last year's budget. Also affecting the new budget is a 40 percent increase in employer's costs to the retirement system and the addition of a part-time Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Bradley said the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator's cost could be offset by grants and the possible partnering with the city of

Lafayette.

The Special Revenue Fund Budget for 2011/12 showed an estimated total revenue of \$1,618,444. This year's fund is derived from MOFD's Fire Flow tax, federal grants, apparatus lease proceeds, and a one-time insurance payment. This budget is slated for capital expenditures such as replacing fire-fighting equipment and building upgrades. The fund, scheduled to have accumulated just over \$3 million at the end of the 2010/11 fiscal budget, will be combined with this year's revenue to remodel and retrofit Station 41 in Moraga, begin the rebuilding process of Station 43 in Orinda, replace a Type 1 pumper and purchase radio/phones as part of its new communication system.

In conjunction with the budget approval, the Board of Directors also moved to keep the 2011/12 Fire-Flow tax at the same rate of \$.06 for Moraga and \$.06 for Orinda. The Fire Flow tax is collected for capital expenditures and assessed to District parcels based on factors such as a home's square footage and the inclusion of a sprinkler system.

### Attention Hams!

Submitted by Cindy Petri

Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) and the Orinda Radio Interest Group (K6ORI) are hosting Amateur Radio Field Day at the Moraga Commons on Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This is a national event sponsored by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national organization of amateur radio operators. These local "hams" will try to contact others all over the United States and beyond. The Lamorinda Field Day event will demonstrate the skills of the MOFD Communications Support Team, which will set up the Communications Support Vehicle; amateurs and residents of Moraga, Orinda, and Lafayette are welcome.

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# Lafayette Locals Contribute to New Book

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The collaboration between authors was an exercise in cross-country connections. Sakrison lives in Menlo Park, and Nash, in Connecticut. Sakrison, an Acalanes High School graduate, was a classmate of co-author Gaylen Nash's husband, and Nash knew the series publishers. Sakrison and Nash communicated via phone calls and e-mail. While the co-authors enjoyed exploring and photographing local points of interest Sakrison says the project gave her a chance to "fall in love with Lafayette again."

*Our Place: Lafayette* is the seventh in a series of books Hometown publishers say is "intended to teach children about local history and convey an ap-

preciation of the natural environment." Lafayette is the first city outside Connecticut to be featured. Lamorinda residents will recognize illustrations of local shops, landmarks and recreational sites, all seen through the eyes of a dog named Jack. The first three books in the series received a 2010 Mom's Choice Award (silver recipient). Inside and out, *Our Place: Lafayette* highlights both the city and its locals. It takes a village to write a book.

*Our Place: Lafayette* (\$18.75 retail) arrives in local book stores in July; promoters are planning an event to take place at Storyteller in Lafayette. A portion of the proceeds (\$1.75 per book) will be donated to LPIE and the Lafayette Historical Society.

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## Inclusion is Key to the Development of Challenged Teen

By Sophie Braccini



Second from left: Sofia Martinez

Photo Mark Rusk

Seeing Sofia Martinez's joy on stage, during the California Academy of Performing Arts (CAPA) summer performance in Moraga on June 14 and 17, was heart warming for her mother, her family and friends—and also for the dancing community, which has embraced the teenager with a challenge; Sofia was born 16 years ago with Down syndrome.

Sofia's mother, Anandi Martinez, decided from the beginning to involve her daughter as much as possible into the regular lifestyle of kids her age, going to local public schools, participating in extra-curricular activities, and also nurturing her with the art classes Sofia loves. She sought alternative therapies aimed at maximizing her daughter's achievements. Today the teenager is vibrant and full of dreams.

"Sofia has made a difference in our lives," says CAPA director Joan Robinson-Borchers, "people like her are a blessing, they are pure love." It's been years since Sofia has been practicing dance at CAPA. The school found a place for the young girl with special needs to express herself and blossom. "She is very well fitted for the hip-hop class and the tap teacher really knows how to teach her," says Robinson-Borchers. The director adds that the community has been very embracing, "we teach inclusion across the board," she says, "this is teaching life skills through the

arts." When meeting Sophia for the first time, it's quickly apparent that she is full of energy, of stories, of dreams and hopes. "I like hip-hop and tap," she says, "I'd love to be in a TV show." Sofia will attend the short film camp this summer at Saint Mary's College run by Joey Travolta.

"Sofia is one of the highest performing Down syndrome people I have ever met," says Ramana Vieira, a long-time friend of the Martinez's who has worked with the National Institute of Arts and Disabilities (NIAD) in Richmond. She attributes this to the way Sofia was raised. "As soon as Sofia was born and her mother learned of her disability, she looked for ways to help her grow," remembers Vieira.

"I never wanted Sofia to be in a special setting, I wanted her to model after mainstream kids," says Martinez. Sofia attended the Model School preschool in Berkeley; she was home schooled with her brother during elementary school and started at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School (JM) when the time came for middle school. "JM tried hard to accommodate her, but they did not have the resources," remembers Martinez, who transferred her daughter to Walnut Creek Intermediate where she thrived. She is now at Miramonte High School.

Besides schooling, Martinez researched alternative care options for

her daughter. "Down syndrome kids over-produce hydrogen peroxide," says Martinez, "and they absorb vitamins less easily than other children. So I researched a diet and supplements that would help." Sofia is on an almost all-vegetarian diet, supplemented with Omega-3 and Piracetam. Martinez also met with Mitchell Corwin, a Berkeley chiropractor who worked with Sofia on her neural organization. "The work done with him created more space in her mouth for her teeth and tongue; it helped opening her eyes as well." Some people with Down syndrome suffer from physical limitations; the sight of Sofia dancing precisely to the beat, or doing cartwheel after cartwheel on the grass, is impressive.

Martinez has been an advocate for her daughter for 16 years, and she continues today in light of the progress Sophia has made. She wants to see more inclusion in the high school, where she feels her daughter is not seen as an asset to the school. "Parents come to me all the time, telling me that my daughter is so sweet—this is a loving community," says Martinez, concluding, "People with disabilities are part of our humanity; they are here to teach us compassion and acceptance."

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## City and Chamber Celebrate 'Try Lafayette First'

By Sophie Braccini



Ben Mahoney (left) of Mountain Mike's Pizza hosted the party with Jay Lifson, Carol Federighi, Don Tatzin, Brandt Andersson and Dave Simpson  
Photo Sophie Braccini

Sales tax revenue is up in Lafayette; for the last fiscal year, revenues increased 4.7% over the same period last year—a fact that could create a bit of revenue-envy in other cities. Some of this success can be credited to the awareness-raising efforts of the 'Try Lafayette First' campaign initiated three years ago by the Chamber of Commerce to educate residents about the economic benefits of shopping locally. Recently the City Council acknowledged the campaign's success and issued a Proclamation honoring the program.

On June 16 a festive celebration was organized at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Lafayette, where City officials, Chamber staff and merchants came together, congratulated each other, and renewed their energy and commitment to the economic vitality of Lafayette.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jay Lifson and Dave Simpson, chair of the Try Lafayette First Committee, agree that one of the most effective ways the Chamber

reached out to residents was the launch of the pledge campaign. "More than 1500 residents pledged that they would 'Try Lafayette First' when making a decision to shop for something, seek out a service or go to a restaurant," said Lifson, "I think that most people now get it, and understand that shopping local brings sales tax revenue that pays for road repairs, police and city services."

"At the beginning of the year, we met with Chamber members and brainstormed what we wanted to

achieve this year with 'Try Lafayette First,'" says Simpson, "many ideas were floated around, but most frequently merchants asked that we improve our synergy with the city and local non-profits." Simpson believes that Lafayette businesses need to feel supported and acknowledged by the City. The first action in that direction was the 'walk-about-businesses' that took City Council members from business to business, with a Try Lafayette First ambassador, to meet local business people. "I personally took Mayor Carl Anduri to meet those business owners whom I knew had an old grudge with the City," remembers Simpson, "the dialogue was very genuine and led to action."

"Where would you prefer to live," asked Simpson during his short speech at the party, "in Carmel or Emeryville?" suggesting that the shopping experience makes a town and that it is the individual, locally-owned businesses that create that unique charm; they are the ones that give back to local schools and charities.

Simpson will be stepping down as committee chair to attend to his Big Blue Bookmobile; Lifson is currently recruiting a new volunteer.

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### Diablo Foods Fights Back

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On Friday June 17, Diablo Foods of Lafayette started a series of "Street-Eats-On-Us" events celebrating the stores 43rd anniversary. The party will be repeated on June 21st and 28th, from 11am-3pm, when the family-owned business will offer free entertainment, drinks and food. "This is our way to say thank you to the community for their support," says Connie Collier, daughter of Diablo Foods founder Ed Stokes, "since the opening of Whole Foods on the other side of town our business has declined a bit but has stayed sound. Customers come to me all the time and tell me 'we want you to stay open, we will continue to support you.'" At last Friday's event a band was playing Sinatra songs, while smoothies and sandwiches were graciously offered to customers. Some seemed bewildered; others stopped, had something to eat or drink and engaged in conversation with Stokes, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jay Lifson, or Chamber Board member Larry Duson, who all came by to support the local independent grocery.

One day earlier, Diablo Foods opened its doors to Shakira Niazi, founder of Salvare La Vita Water LLC, a non-profit that aims at building wells in Afghanistan by selling local spring water, in what she claims to be 100% biodegradable bottles, and directing

the profit to well-building. Niazi, a San Ramon resident, says she has been a supporter of Budd Mackenzie's Trust in Education for over four years and that in many ways her social business was inspired by him. "I've come up with a simple and yet measurable plan," says Niazi, "no donations are required; for every 31 bottles purchased, one person will have access to clean drinking water for 20 years, by building water wells for those in need." The first project was located in Sheberghan with 10 water wells, which should supply 7,500 villagers. Diablo Foods will carry VITA water in its bottled water section. For more information go to: [slvwater.com](http://slvwater.com).

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Sedrak Tarbinian in his new Lafayette store  
Photo Sophie Braccini

### New from the three Chambers of Commerce

- Lafayette**
- Green Committee Open Meeting, June 28, noon-1pm in the Lafayette Chamber Conference Room.
  - Shop Lafayette Committee Meeting, July 12, noon-1pm in the Lafayette Chamber Conference Room.
  - Joint "Cinco" Mixer with Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek & Hispanic Chambers at Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette on July 13, 5:30-7pm.
- Moraga**
- June 25 at 6pm: First Anniversary Party for the New Rheem Theater. Tickets for the evening performance are \$25 each and tax deductible, and include light refreshments—food from Pennini's Restaurant, and wine. (See article page A4). The event is a fundraiser for improving the elevator and the sound system.
  - 5A Rent A Space and Neighborhood Computers are co-sponsoring a Chamber Mixer on Tuesday, June 28, 6:00-8pm, 455 Moraga Road Ste. F. Music, hors d'oeuvres, beverages offered by the co-sponsors.
- Orinda**
- Business Neighborhood Watch Meeting, Tuesday, June 28, 8am at Table 24 Restaurant, 2 Theatre Square. This meeting will continue the discussion about the creation of a business neighborhood watch program. The Orinda Police Department will work collaboratively with the business community to create a downtown program to promote awareness and discourage crime targeted at Orinda businesses.
  - The Orinda Chamber invites business owners to enter their stores in a new local business decorating contest for the 4th of July. Judging by the Mayor will take place on Friday, July 1st and awards will be announced on July 4th in the park. "Let's make the town look festive, even if it is just an American flag in front of your business or on your service truck," says Chamber President Sue Breedlove.
  - Save the date: Celebrate Everyday Heroes Orinda Community Association Golf Tournament on Monday, July 25, 10:30am-6pm at the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante.

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With proud owners coming from as far away as Santa Rosa and Oakley, members of the Standard Schnauzer Club of Northern California organized a walk around the Lafayette Reservoir last Friday afternoon. Most of the canines in this group are champions, winning prestigious awards from dog shows across the country, descendants from great Grandma Sophie of Blackhawk Standard Schnauzers. Despite their rock star status, there wasn't a

diva in site. Jackie-O was Standard Schnauzer of the year – two years running, Beau has won over 90 “Best of Breed” awards, Sophie has retired from the show ring and spends her days chasing frisbees. One owner describes the breed as, “smart, sweet and spirited.” A smaller group of local schnauzers and their people can be found walking the Res

most mornings.  
C. Tyson

**The Science and Art of Wine**

By Diana LaScala-Gruenewald

Many Lamorinda locals are savvy about tasting wine, but are unaware of the way art and science intertwine to create wine's vast panorama of flavors and textures.

Last Tuesday, an animated crowd of Lamorinda adults convened in the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center for the 6th session of the Science Café series. Previous sessions have included talks by the first woman to attempt to summit Mount Everest and by the founder of Google Lit. Tonight's topic was “The Science and Art of Wine”.

Four presenters were invited to be on the panel. The first was Dr. Keith Garrison, who earned his PhD studying the genetics of wine grapes at UC Davis. Garrison presented the mystery that was the heart of his doctoral research: Despite the vastly differing flavors of pinot noir, pinot gris and pinot blanc, the grapes' DNA appears identical when examined with standard genetic analysis techniques. Garrison and his colleagues investigated moving pieces of DNA, called transposons, to begin to elucidate the hidden genetic differences between these grapes.

Shea Comfort, a local independent winemaking consultant, spoke next. Comfort believes that science and art are inseparable when creating wine. He explained that different

strains of yeast and bacteria have different fermentation processes, and thus produce unique flavors. These strains can be used to engineer wine with almost any flavor or texture. Additionally, Comfort suggested that winemakers could use their knowledge of yeast biochemistry to rescue grapes that have been depleted by bad weather.

Dr. Valerie Uhl, a judge of many wine competitions and the Medical Director of Radiation and Oncology Services at Summit Medical Center, gave a powerful presentation on the health benefits of wine. Wine can reduce the risk of heart disease and increase longevity. However, Uhl emphasized that only small quantities of the beverage are beneficial. Women should drink one 5oz glass of wine every night. Men should drink two 5oz glasses. And no, Uhl reminded the audience, you can't save all your glasses for the weekend!

Monica Chappell, the Wine Merchant and Wine Club Marketing Manager for the website wine.com, was last to speak. She led the audience through the process of proper wine tasting. According to Chappell, the two most important things to do while tasting wine are slowing down and paying attention. She explained that swirling a wine glass simply adds oxygen, making the wine easier to

smell. Chappell also touched on how to properly pair a wine with food. The food and the wine should share either a texture or a taste.

Upcoming events at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center include “Why Blog – How to Leverage Social Media to Find more Readers” and “Writers' Series: A Conversation with Senior Film Writer Ruthe Stein.”

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# High above the Crowd

By Cathy Dausman



Steve Meagher and his bike Photo Cathy Dausman

Steve Meagher was recently seen in Lamorinda with his latest love. Steve is an athlete, with serious street cred to his name (triathlons, marathons, Ironman competitions, multiple Alcatraz swims, etc.), and his love is tall and thin, but with curves in all the right places. Steve's wife April doesn't even mind that they spend so much time together. In fact, she encourages him. "He keeps me laughing," she says. Meagher's love is a Penny Farthing bike.

A Penny Farthing is an old-fashioned bicycle with a large front wheel and a tiny back wheel. The disparate wheel sizes reminded people of the British penny and farthing coins. In U.S. terms, Meagher jokes, it might be labeled a "60 cent bike," with a fifty cent piece and dime replacing penny and farthing.

Meagher bought his bike in February to train for a personal birthday

challenge: riding from Lake Tahoe to the Bay Area. In addition to the Penny Farthing, his garage houses a road bike, mountain bike and triathlon bike. He keeps a unicycle in his car trunk—the same one he rode up Mt. Diablo for his 47th birthday last year (see: <http://tiny.cc/fqfc5>). But a bike this unique required a name, so Meagher recalled a character from his favorite childhood book, Jan Wahl's *The Furious Flycycle*. And thus was born the Emma Dodd.

Meagher's 45 pound Standard high wheel bike (\$949 plus tax) is a "fixie." Says Meagher: "it has no brakes, no gears and no air." Its tires are solid rubber. A metal bracket above the small rear wheel helps the rider mount and dismount. To stop, the rider drags a shoe across the back wheel.

The Penny Farthing was hand built in Alameda at Rideable Bicycle

Replicas ([www.hiwheel.com](http://www.hiwheel.com)). Owner Greg Barron said RBR is "the only commercial manufacturer of Hiwheel bikes in the world." Each takes four to ten weeks to build. Barron ships to customers in Norway, Australia, Brazil, and the United Arab Emirates. Disney parks own Penny Farthings, as do casinos, hotels, clothing stores and history buffs.

The Emma Dodd is unique in Lamorinda. It's hard to miss it as Meagher cycles a stately 12 mph perched four feet above the ground wearing a pith helmet. One spandex clad biker slowed enough to shout "awesome!" as he passed by. As for seeing others on different human powered transportation forms (for example, Greg Thomas on his Velomobile), Meagher figures both think the same thing: "what is that [other guy] riding?!"

Meagher has shared his biking enthusiasm by participating in Napa's Cycle for Sight and Diabetes Tour de Cure charity rides. He also visited his daughter's 2nd grade class. Teacher Jenny Dodd (no relation, but flattered nonetheless) at Orinda's Del Ray Elementary reports tying the bike into their math curriculum: "We looked for all of the 3-D shapes that we could see [on the bike]. Next we measured the wheel diameter. We also measured the diameter of a tricycle wheel and compared the two."

The bike looked magical, according to Dodd's students who each got a chance to ride it with Meagher steering.

Meagher turns 48 this August, so it's only natural to look ahead. How about a landmark birthday challenge, say, at age 50 or 60? Meagher says he'd like to swim the English Channel in a relay. Or maybe complete a 100 mile run in the western United States. Or build a DH-4 airplane replica and duplicate Major Crissy's (of San Francisco's Crissy Field) flight plan. Look out for Meagher; he's going places.

## Lynn's Top Five: Planning a Very Memorable, Yet Affordable, Summer Vacation!

By Lynn Ballou, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™

As the weather FINALLY begins to heat up, many of us are starting to dream about going away on vacation. Unfortunately, soaring fuel and airfare costs have a lot of Americans wondering if they can afford to travel this summer. You can keep vacation costs reasonable with a little creativity and a lot of planning. Given that there may be no getting around the higher costs of travel – whether by car, train, or plane – you will probably need to

focus on all the other expense items of your vacation for opportunities to truly keep costs in check. Let's explore a few tips so that you summer revelers can still have a relaxing vacation away from home by using creative financial planning to save money and have a great time.

- 1) MAKE A PLAN:** So, maybe not the favorite approach for those of us who enjoy some spontaneity in our lives, but you can really keep costs down if you take the time to plan your every move before you start. Map out how you will spend each day of your vacation – where you will eat, what you will do, what you will buy – and approximately what each activity will cost. Knowing your costs beforehand is a powerful budgeting tool, whereas leaving everything to chance, proximity, and hunger pangs can get expensive. What's more, planning can heighten and extend the fun of the actual excursion, as any ten-year old getting ready for a trip to Disneyland can tell you!
- 2) GET EVERYONE IN ON THE ACT!** If you are taking a family vacation, give everyone – even school-aged kids – budget responsibility for one aspect of the trip. Have that ten-year old manage the snack or bottled water expenses; a teen can be responsible for lunches or sightseeing expenses. You can even make it a contest: best budget manager each day gets a small "splurge allowance" (which, of course, you have already planned for!).
- 3) CONSIDER A HOME SWAP OR HOSPITALITY EXCHANGE:** In the first case, you actually trade homes for a specified time with a person or family living in the area you wish to visit. In the second case, you host travelers in your home, and then are hosted by them in return. These arrangements are generally far less costly than hotels or vacation rentals. The internet has greatly facilitated and broadened the market for home exchanges, particularly in the case of foreign travel. Just exercise caution and do your homework before entering into any agreements. For inspiration and some helpful details, go to my Blog at [www.ballouplum.com](http://www.ballouplum.com), June 2010, to read all about how our clients, the Hambergs, who make home swapping not just fun, but an amazing life

adventure!

**4) RETURN TO A FAVORITE PLACE RATHER THAN SOMEWHERE NEW:** Similar to the benefits of advance planning, going back to a place you have visited before provides important pre-travel information you can use to keep your expenses in check. You will already have a good idea of the places to eat, to stay, to visit and to shop, and can make cost-effective choices accordingly.

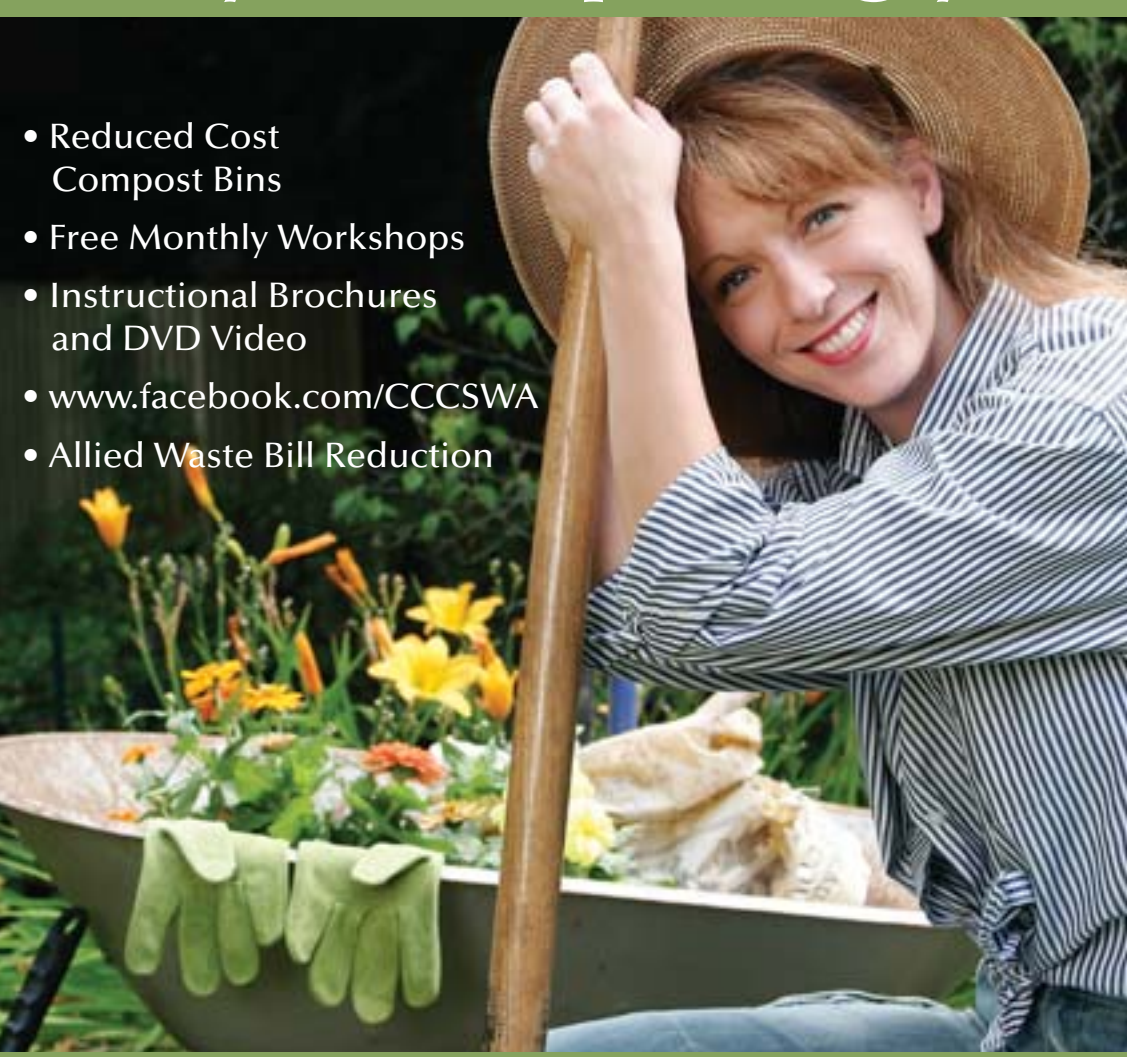
**5) TRY A "STAY" CATION!:** As CFP Board Consumer Advocate Eleanor Blayney, CFP® says, "Even if you follow cost-saving advice, you still may not be able to balance your vacations plans with your budget." She suggests an alternative which I can personally endorse as being a whole lot of fun. Remember that getting away can be more a state of mind than a matter of geography! Become a bona fide visitor in our own amazing Bay Area. You can even stay at a local hotel, and plan your days as a tourist, seeing and doing things you assumed you could always do later.

Wishing you all an amazing summer, with a lifetime of family memories made all the more pleasant because they didn't break the family piggy bank! Bon Voyage!



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# LAMORINDA SPORTS

## Julie Foudy Hosts Soccer Camp at SMC

By Rebecca Eckland



Julie Foudy's Sports Leadership Academy teaches soccer, fun and leadership skills

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Julie Foudy, two-time World Cup Soccer Champion and three-time Olympic Medal winner, is once again coming to the Saint Mary's College campus this summer. On July 24-29th, 150 girls will attend the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy (JFSLA) for six-days of soccer and leadership training. There are only three Julie Foudy Leadership Camps held in the United States; Saint Mary's College hosts the only west coast location.

Foudy loves the Moraga site for her Sport Academy. "It's intimate, cozy and beautiful. Since it's a residential camp, the girls are close to the fields and to each other."

This year, Foudy will be joined by Aly Wagner, 2002 Hermann Trophy recipient and 2004 Olympian Gold Medalist, as well as several collegiate coaches for a "high energy week with the best of

the best in soccer."

The camp isn't only about soccer; there's also emphasis on leadership and service. "You don't have to be a pro to come. We have all ability levels; and though girls leave better soccer players, they also realize that anyone can be a leader. Not just the team captain or the popular girl. Anyone."

Two examples of camp leadership activities include clinics for Special Olympic kids and visits to Senior Centers. "At the end of the week, campers go home with a leadership activity for their communities. Some start recycling programs, organize park clean-ups-- whatever cause they are passionate about."

Foudy expects many returning campers, but is excited about bringing 15 soccer players from India to the SMC campus. "They live in the slums featured in *Slumdog Million-*

*aire* and they've never traveled outside India."

Foudy heard about these players from Magic Bus, a San Francisco organization. JFSLA provided scholarships for them because Foudy wants "...this journey to give them hope and strength." While in the Bay Area, the players will also participate in programs with Stanford University and the Bay Area Women's Sport Initiative. In past years, players from Morocco and Afghanistan have attended Foudy's camp; adding multiculturalism to an already dynamic sport camp.

"It's on the field that you learn about adversity no matter where you're from," Foudy said. She hopes to impart to her campers not only soccer skills, but budding friendships, and the eternal truth that each of us can be remarkable with or without a ball, on or off the field.

## Acalanes Secures Championship

Submitted by Sonja Yoerg



Back row, from left: Joe Bergman (asst. Coach), Kennedy Bloom, Helen Kim, Jordan Vadnais, Courtney Neff, Devin Ortlieb, Brielle Vinther, Hannah Borosky, Taylor Ewing, Elizabeth Landry, Casey Reid, Devon Frazer, Kelly Jasso (Head Coach), Tia Seltzer, Rebecca Frank, Kelly Quinn (asst. Coach).

Front row: Niki Quinn, Emily Ferreira, Melissa Bergman, Katie O'Keefe, Annie Beliveau, Kate Fellner, Maggie Chan, Chloe Landry; Lying: Ariana Johnson

The Acalanes girls' lacrosse team trounced Las Lomas to clinch their third consecutive undefeated season in league play on May 13.

With the undefeated season secured, the Dons only one had objective left—the NCS Division II Championship, last taken home in 2005. Acalanes accomplished that goal on May 27 by defeating Marin Catholic.

The Dons handily defeated longtime rivals Miramonte, 14-9, to earn a berth in the final game against top-seeded Marin Catholic.

Marin seized an early 3-1 lead. Acalanes challenged in the midfield, disrupting Marin's passing and creating turnovers. The Dons found the net and by halftime tied the score at an even, 6-6.

Five minutes into the second half, Acalanes exploded, racking up five goals in succession for a 12-7 lead. Defenders Casey Reid, Taylor Ewing and Annie Beliveau held Marin out of scoring position and Hannah Borosky stuck to Marin's leading scorer with tough defense. Marin rallied, but could not close the gap. The Dons'

goalie Ariana Johnson made several critical saves, eleven in all. The final score was 12-10.

The championship was a true team victory for the Dons as six players scored: Devon Frazer (3), Elizabeth Landry (3), Courtney Neff (2), Rebecca Frank (2), Chloe Landry (1) and Emily Ferreira (1).

Frazer was named to the US Lacrosse All-American First Team and Landry earned the title of DFAL MVP for a second time. Frazer, Landry, Neff, Reid and Johnson were honored as Academic All-Americans.

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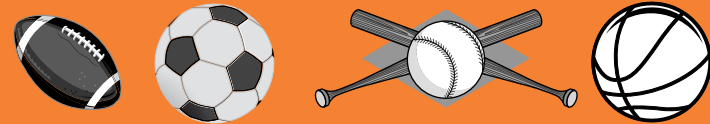
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The Martinez Pleasant Hill Futbol Club has openings on teams in the following age groups: U13 boys, U14/U15 girls and U19 girls. If you have a player who is interested in trying out for an existing team, please email Director of Coaching, Mike Bedig, at mphfutbol@gmail.com.

### Summer Soccer Camp for Boys and Girls

The Martinez Pleasant Hill Futbol Club will be hosting two sessions of summer soccer camp for boys and girls ages 8-13 years old. Session one is July 25-28, 2011 and session two is August 8-12, 2011.  
Sessions run from 9am-3pm at the Adventist Academy, 796 Grayson Rd, Pleasant Hill.  
Players of all experience levels are encouraged to sign up. The camp features buddy requests, a free camp t-shirt, training by college-level soccer players, fun games and prizes and more!  
Cost is \$165 per session and pre-registration is required by July 15th.  
To register, visit www.mphfc.com.

If you would like to list the registration information for a youth sports club please email wendy@lamorindaweekly.com or call (925) 377-0977.  
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# SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS



## Lamorinda Women Win in Figure Bodybuilding

By Sophie Braccini



Kelly Suronen trains with Ryan McNabb at 24 Hour Fitness Photo S. Braccini

Forget Steroids and Testosterone. Lamorinda women who compete in Figure Bodybuilding do it the natural way. And if they turn heads with their energetic and slender figures, it's just because they are healthy and highly disciplined. Kelly Suronen, assistant planner for the Town of Moraga, and Orinda resident and trainer Christy Dalton, both competed in the May 7th Contra Costa National Physique Committee (NPC) tournament in Hayward. Dalton won first place in her category and Suronen finished in the top 10 in her category.

According to the NPC, Figure, a women-only competition, is the fastest growing segment of bodybuilding. The goal is to be well balanced, instead of overly muscular.

"To compete in regular bodybuilding you have to take steroids," says Ryan McNabb, Suronen's trainer, "you have to take your body beyond what it can naturally do. For Figure it's different, it comes down to a structured regimen of diet and training, tailored to each person, to become the most perfect you can be."

Both Suronen and Dalton are ath-

letes.

Dalton, a mother of two boys, was a gymnast and a marathon runner. "I like to work hard and to train for something," she said. She has competed in Figure for three years and has won many awards. Dalton placed fifth at last year's National in the over 35-years-old and over 5'7" category.

Although she's always active, the May 7th competition was a first for Suronen. She competed in the 5'1" category. "I've always been a health freak," says Suronen. "As a kid I was always involved in dance and sports, but started getting into working out at UC San Diego where I studied Urban Planning."

Working out, even going to the gym six times a week, is not enough to compete in Figure. Judges in a Figure competition will look at a symmetrical and harmonious development of the whole body and using a trainer becomes essential.

"Kelly (Suronen) is an endomorph type," says McNabb, "a shorter, stockier body type that can develop a nice muscle mass, but can put on fat easier, too." According to McNabb, a good program can help go beyond the genetics, but only to a certain extent.

During her training, Suronen built muscle mass that boosted her metabolism and in the last weeks of her three-

month training she had to follow a very strict diet to eliminate as much fat as possible. "For breakfast I ate four egg whites with two slices of Canadian bacon and 8 oz of coffee, two hours later I took a protein shake with flax seeds, almond meal and amino acid powder, at lunch raw broccoli and a can of tuna, another protein shake in the afternoon and for dinner, asparagus and chicken."

"It was an amazing transformation," she said, "I always wanted that perfection, but it is not realistic to maintain the 11 percent of body fat that I reached, I felt so proud."

For Dalton, training was quite different. Dalton is a mesomorph type, a naturally athletic, lean body. Dalton's challenge was to gain weight, and she had to be on a diet of filet mignon, chicken and salmon, eating six times a day. "I've worked out six hours a week since forever," says the mom who was a group fitness instructor when she was pregnant and ran with her stroller after giving birth, "what I found hard was to learn the poses for the competition."

The competition is two intensive days during which the women present themselves in high heels and bikinis. "I had to walk in a figure suit in front of a couple thousand people on five-inch high heeled glass slippers," re-



Christy Dalton runs when she does not lift weights

Photo provided by Brian Hayes

members Suronen, "it felt like a beauty pageant."

Now that the competition is over, both women are pondering what to do next. "I may stop competing for now," says Dalton, "I will continue to train driven people at the California Health Club in Pleasant Hill, but I have to put my family first."

Suronen has not decided yet if she will continue to train, "I went out of my comfort zone, but it was very exciting."

## East Bay Boys Bring Home Gold

Submitted by Lisa Steele



The crew crosses the finish. From left: Ian Drake, David Hosler, Dmitri Baefsky, Gabe Larwood, Alexander Steele. Photos courtesy Jon Steele.

The Oakland Strokes varsity team won the 2000 meter race at the US Rowing Youth National Championships.

They qualified by placing third or higher at one of the six regional regattas in the nation. The Strokes MV4+ (a four man boat with a coxswain) qualified last month." Defeating favorite St. Louis Rowing Club and thir-

teen other teams, the Oakland Strokes took first.

The first half of the race was close. The bows of St. Louis, Deerfield Academy, and Oakland Strokes surged evenly down the course. However, as they approached the thousand, coxswain Alexander Steele called for a move to separate themselves from the field. The rowers responded beau-

tifully, and a victory of over five seconds was achieved.

After standing on the podium, Gabe Larwood stated in retrospect, "By winning nationals we have finally justified the hundreds upon hundreds of hours of training that go into this sport." Ian Drake, the stroke, also commented, "I never thought we could do it. I just can't believe it".

The boat was composed of high school students Drake, David Hosler, Dmitri Baefsky, Larwood, and Steele. Drake, Baefsky, Larwood and Steele missed their graduation from Miramonte to compete.

Drake will attend University of Washington, Baefsky U.C. Berkeley, Larwood U.C. San Diego and Steele Dartmouth. Hosler is a rising senior at Piedmont High.

## LMYA Volleyball Champions

Submitted by Suzanne Campillo



Front row: Zoe Del Rosario, Samantha Darwin, Mary Kleinsmith, Mia Kletz, Megan Colpo; Back row: Coach Staci Gerson, Sarah Nelson, Hannah Edwards, Megan Cardiff, Becki Gerson, Isabella Campillo, Jessica Gerson, Josephine Phigler, Coach David Kleinsmith Photo Suzanne Campillo

After two very exciting and close matches, the Minnesota Gophers pulled a 15-11 win in the final match to take the championship at the LMYA fifth grade Volleyball Tournament on June 5th.

Submitted by Kevin Porep



From left, back row: Coach Jodi Lom, Carly Porep, Elise Berg, Claire Porep, Marin Bommarito, Emily Wilcox, Coach Kevin Porep; front row: Sabrina Elliott, Rachel Lom, Alyssa Kisner, Katherine Kott (not pictured, Noelle Robbins) Photo Ilene Kot

The LMYA Cal Bears seventh/eighth grade girls' volleyball team went undefeated in playoffs, including a win against Florida (2-0) on Sunday, June 5th.

## OBA Championships

Submitted by Rick Callister



From left, front row: Nick Dutto, Reed Callister, Jack Dakis, Zach Kumar, Kyle Jasper, Hayden Catron; back row: Nick Acevedo, coach Rick Callister, Ellie Novogradac, Jack Anthenian, Hank Conner, Harrison Braitberg, Manager Brad Catron, Harry Burnick Photo provided

Orinda Baseball Association's Mustang championship game for nine/ten year olds was an exciting end to the OBA season. On June 8, the Jolly Ranchers edged out the Black Sox 13-9. By the middle of the third inning, the Ranchers had jumped to a 9-0 lead on the consistent hitting and aggressive base running of Kyle Jasper, Nick Dutto, Harrison Braitberg, and Henry Connor, all with two or more runs in the game. The Sox fought back with a six-run bottom of the third, underpinned by doubles from Garrett Louie and Blake Bates. The Ranchers countered and stretched the lead to 13-6 going into the bottom of the sixth inning. Never a team to go down without a fight, the Sox answered with three more runs, but Hayden Catron's pitching down the stretch proved too formidable.

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# Moraga Baseball Association Box Scores

Submitted by Jin Meng

## Pinto Division

May 23, 2011

### A's 15, Dodgers 5

Dodgers Highlights: Nate Powers 2-for-3, RBI; Jack Williams 3-for-3, RBI; Shane Nelson 2-for-3, R.

A's Highlights: Adam Harper 3-for-3, 3 R, 3 RBI; JT Clarke 3-for-3, 2 R, 3 RBI; Nico Mossotti 3-for-3, 2 R, 3 RBI; Connor Fritch 3-for-3, R, RBI.

May 25, 2011

### Dodgers 18, Red Sox 14

Dodgers Highlights: Brody Crouch 4-for-4, 2B, 2 R, 3 RBI; Jack Beaty and Josh Fleming each 3-for-3, 2R; Cole Curtiss 2-for-3, R, RBI.

Red Sox Highlights: Brent Avenell 2-for-3, 2B, 2 R, RBI; Logan Filler 3-for-3, 2-2B, 3 R, RBI; Daniel Wheeler 2-for-3, 2 R, RBI; Caden Filler 3-for-3, 3B, R, 2 RBI.

May 26, 2011

### Yankees 10, Dodgers 8

Yankees Highlights: Ben Oxendine 4-for-4, 6 RBI; William Thomas 4-for-4, 3 RBI; John Hunter 3-for-4, 3RS; Jack Daugherty 3-for-4, 3RS.

Dodgers Highlights: Luke McCurdy 2-for-3, RBI; Nate Powers 2-for-3, 2 RBI; Michael Coane 2-for-3, RBI; Ben Powers 3-for-3, 2 2B, 2 R, 2 RBI.

June 1, 2011

### Giants 8, Athletics 2

Giant Highlights: Jake Chan 1-for-2, 2B, BB, 2 IP, 0 R, 2K; Spencer Drennan 1-for-1, BB, HBP, RBI, 2 SB; Cole McNeil 1-for-2, BB, RBI, 3 SB

A's Highlights: Brian Gross 1-for-2, SB, RBI; Mason Loyet 1-for-2; Jake Crumbaugh 1.33 IP, 0 R, 2 K

## Mustang Division

June 1, 2011

### Cubs 9, Yankees 6

Cubs Highlights: Billy Woolsey 2-for-2, 2 RS, 1 RBI, 2 SB, 2 IP, 1 H, 1 ER, 5 K; Jonathan Gong 2-for-4, 1 RS, 1 RBI, 2 SB, 3 IP, 5 K; Ryan Jeter 2-for-4, 2 RS, 1 RBI, 2 SB; Will Bishop 2-for-3, 2 RS, 2 RBI, 2 SB; Maceo Lopez 1-for-2, 2 RBI, 1 SB, 1 IP, 2 K; Michael Evans 1-for-2, 2 RBI, 2 SB.

Yankees Highlights: Mark McCurdy: 2-for-3, 2 RS, 2 1B, 1 BB, 6 SB, 3 IP; Tommy Raftis: 2-for-3, 2 RS, 2 1B, 4 SB, 2 IP; Chase Peterson: 1-for-2, 1 1B; Nick McGaughey: 1-for-2, 1 1B, 1 SB.

June 2, 2011

### Cardinals 7, Angels 1

Cardinals Highlights: Ian Concepcion 1-for-2, 1B, BB, RS, 2 SB, RBI, 2 IP, 3 SO; Bryan Kikugawa 2-for-3, two 1B, RBI; Leif Carlson 1-for-2, 3B, RS; Justin Feldman 2-for-3, 1B, 2B, RS, 4 SB. 1 IP, ISO; Charlie Craig 1-for-2, 1B, 2 SB, RBI.

Angels Highlights: Mateo Larson 1-for-1, 2B, RBI; Derek Schmitz 1-for-2, 1B, RS, 2 SB.

### Redsox 7, Pirates 4

Redsox Highlights: Donovan Robles 1-for-2, 2B, 1-2/3 IP, 4 K, W; Luca Brown 1-for-2, 2 SB, RS; Jean-Luc Axlerode 1-for-2, RBI, 2 SB

Pirates Highlights: Cameron Fara 1-for-1, BB, 2 RS; CJ Rago 1-for-1, 2B, BB, RS; Ryan Lenahan 1-for-2, RBI, RS

June 3, 2011

### Redsox 11, Cardinals 2

Redsox Highlights: Lucas Allen 3-for-3; 2 2B, 4 RBI, 3 RS, 2-1/3 IP, 7 K's, 0 ER;

Jacob Filler 1-for-1, RBI, 2 BB, 2 RS; Bryson Lothamer 1-for-2, 2B, BB, RS. Cardinals Highlights: Charlie Craig 2-for-2, RBI, RS 2 SB; Brian Kikugawa 1-for-2, 2B; Adrian Hyatt 2 IP, 5 K's, 1 ER.

### Giants 6, Cubs 2

Giant Highlights: Ryan Kim 1-for-1, BB; Steffan Westphal 1-for-2, R, RBI, 2.33 IP, 0 R, 3K; Jake O'Balle 1-2, R. Cubs Highlights: Ryan Jeter 1-for-3, R, 2 IP, 6 K; Will Bishop 2-for-3, 3B, RBI, 2.33 IP, 3 K; Teddy Buckley 1-for-1, BB, 3 SB

June 6, 2011

### Pirates 9, Angels 0

Pirates Highlights: Semaje Diestler 3-for-3, three 1B, RS, 2 SB; Nick Kronenberg 1-for-3, 1B, RS, 3 RBI, SB; Chase Giglio 1-for-2, 1B, RBI, 2 SB; Grayson Gillbanks 1-for-1, 1B, 2BB, 3RS, 2SB, 2 IP, 4 SO.

Angels Highlights: Sam Ouzounian 1-for-2, 1B; Conor O'Brien 1-for-2, 1B, SB; Joe Arth 1-for-2, 1B, 2 SB.

June 7, 2011

### Redsox 7, Giants 2

Redsox Highlights: Luca Brown 3 IP, 4 K's, 0 BB, 0 ER, Win; Lucas Allen 2-for-2, 2 RS, RBI, 2/3 IP, 2K; Jeremy Gunderson 2-for-2, 2B, 3 RBI, RS; Blake Pollock 1-for-2, 2 SB, RS

Giants Highlights: Aidan Lyon 1-for-2, SB; Dominic Gillibert 0-for-1, BB, 2 SB, RS; Cason Johnston 0-for-1, BB, 2 SB, RS

# Lafayette Little League Champions

Submitted by Allyn Oh



From left, back: Coach Kolsut, Coach Merken, Ethan Fox, Coach Rembac; Middle: Matthew Moorehead, Brian Merken, Brandon Bocobo, Simon Oh, Ryan Pellegrini; front: Jared Kolsut, Matthew Lee, Brandon Hitchcock, Aidan Alagappan, Will Rembac, Ben Ross, Graham Oh Photo Allyn Oh

The 2011 Lafayette Little League Majors Division championship game was played on Sunday, June 13th at Buckeye Field. The fifth seeded Athletics cruised their way to the championship game to take on the #2 Phillies. The Athletics earned the right by defeating the fourth seed Red Sox 4-3, then beating the #1 seed Cubs 3-0 and finally the #2 seed Phillies 7-0.

The Phillies fought their way through the Losers Bracket to reach the final game. The Phillies stole a game from the A's in the double elim-

ination championship defeating the A's, 9-7. In Game 2, the Phillies took a two run lead into the final inning, but the boys on the Athletics played hard until the final out. The A's were able to mount a two out rally and come from behind to win the 2011 Lafayette Little League Majors Division Championship.

The Athletics next move on to represent the City of Lafayette in the District 4 Tournament of Champions and have also earned the opportunity to meet the players of the San Francisco Giants at an upcoming home game.

# Lafayette Generals Win 680 PONY Title

Submitted by Rick Ashburn



Standing, from left: John O'Malley, Phil Remotto, Cole Ashburn, Brady Aiello, Jack Hemmenway, Brian Stone, Brad Fox, Blake Wardy, Adam Remotto, Casey Harrington, Jack Brydon, Dan O'Malley. Front row: Justin Reilly, Jarred Finney, Trevor Martinho, Will Sanchez, Nash Wardy. Photo Dana Fillingier

On Sunday June 5, the Lafayette Generals won the 680 PONY League 13/14 baseball post-season tournament in Sunnyvale. Coached by Dan O'Malley, Phil Remotto and Brad Fox, the team entered the tournament as the number two seed. Casey Harrington started the opening game and Jack Brydon threw two innings of relief as the Generals won 9-7 over Fremont B. In that game, Adam Remotto hit a long triple and Nash Wardy crushed a towering drive that bounced over the 310 foot fence in center field for a ground-rule double. Jared Finney stroked a two-run pinch hit single to provide the winning margin.

In the second-round game, Brady Aiello tossed four solid innings and Justin Reilly closed it out for a 12-2 win over Fremont A.

The Generals met the top-seeded team from Piedmont in the championship. Harrington threw a dominant complete game, allowing only one run. Remotto and Aiello provided the offensive spark, each hitting triples to drive in runs. The final score was 6-1 for the Generals.

Remotto led the Generals with eight hits in the three-game run to the title, including two triples and a double. Harrington had six hits, and Cole Ashburn contributed five.

# Lafayette Little League Box Scores

Submitted by Todd Bequette

## AAA Division Championship

### Phillies 5 Dodgers 3

The Phillies relied on pitching and defense to claim the AAA championship, besting the scrappy Dodgers in a battle of the regular season's top two teams. Philly hurlers Ryan Reilly and Jordan Goodfriend combined for four shutout innings to open the game and took the lead with hits by Ross Ney and Jack Larsen. The Dodgers mounted a comeback in the fifth, backed by key hits from Eric Hays, Charlie Koch and Sebastian Varela. The Comeback Kids threatened again in the sixth, but Philly closer Justin Bocks closed the door. With one out and runners at second and third, Bocks notched a strikeout before inducing a line drive to second baseman Jack Wickline for the win.

### Dodgers 7 Indians 6

The Dodgers earned the right to play for the championship on the strength of great all-around play by Carl Piercy and Sam Saracevic. First baseman Saracevic was two-for-two with a two-run double, and saved a run in the field by short-hopping line drive. Teammate Piercy took care of the late-inning heroics, saving a run in the sixth with a heads-up backup play and then lining a single in the bottom of the inning for the walk-off victory.

### Cardinals 9 Giants 6

Nicholas Geannacopolos' two run triple

propelled the Redbirds to the playoff victory, ending the Giants' successful playoff run. The Cards were led by the stalwart pitching of Max Stryker, Will Wright, Jack Miles and Luke Miles. Jackson Carter triggered a 4-run fourth with a lead-off double for the winners.

### Dodgers 4 Cubs 3

The Dodgers earned the right to play for the championship with a come from behind victory over the Cubs. Down by two in the last of the sixth, the Dodgers strung together hits by Carl Piercy, Grant Malmquist, Ian Archer, Eddy Burns, Erik Hays and Sam Saracevic to complete the late-game heroics.

### Dodgers 9 Giants 8

The Dodgers began their march to the penultimate game with a thrilling, extra-inning win in the game of the season. The winners were led by the pitching and hitting of Eddy Burns, who limited the Giants to one run over two innings, and knocked in three runs himself. Charlie Koch chipped in with a perfect day at the plate and a run scored.

### Cardinals 10 Athletics 3

The Cardinals blew open a close game with five runs in the fifth on the strength of Daniel Tarkoff's two-out, two-run double to right field. Ben Bequette, Connor Schultz and Jack Berrian drove in

Redbird runs, and Luke Miles and Max Stryker each pitched shutout innings. The Athletics were led by the big bat of Nick Bamont, who scored two runs, and Jack Lattin, who pitched two solid innings in relief.

### Phillies 11 Redsox 1

Jordan Goodfriend and Justice Bocks each rapped out two hits for the Phils, and Ryan Everly's perfect bunt single scored a run for the winners. On defense, second baseman, Jack Wickline, backed up four shutout innings by pitchers Ryan Reilly and Jack Larsen. The Redsox were led at the plate by Cole Brightbill and Sam Hagel, while Roxy Cummings pitched well in relief. The game ended a spirited play-off run by the Redsox, who upset both the Athletics and the Indians.

### Phillies 9 Dodgers 2

In a preview of the championship game, the Phillies jumped on the sturdy shoulders of Jack Larsen, who blasted two home runs and drove in five. Joshua Sanders also had two hits for the victors, who broke the game open with a five run fifth. For the Dodgers, Ben Stoddard and Grant Malmquist both went two-for-two with run-scoring doubles. Malmquist also starred in the field with a sparkling snare of a line drive that snuffed out a Philly rally.

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TONIGHT Wednesday, June 22, 7pm

Ask Dr. Harold:

## Your Child's Grieving Process

By Harold Jules Hoyle Ph.D.

A parent recently wrote to me and asked how to help their child deal with the loss of their family dog. So here are some things you can do to help children with their grieving process.

### Perspective

Many people like their animals more than they like people. If you are one of these people, you know what I am talking about. If you are not, take my word for it – the loss of a pet can be one of the most difficult events in a person's life. Kids in particular can learn a lot from the animals that they have around. They can learn joy from their dog and independence from their cat. They learn to be responsible for another being in a way that can be a lot less threatening than being responsible for themselves. And when the pet passes away, they can learn about how to deal with loss if we guide them well.

### Life and Death

The first dynamic to process for the child is the actual dying of the pet. Taking into account the developmental level of the child, it is important to let them know that the pet is in a different place where they are not suffering. Using your cultural tradition here is a great idea. We sometimes make mistakes by trying to avoid our children feeling pain by being vague or using terms that are above their understanding. They need to know that the pet is not coming back. Terms like "put to sleep" need to be avoided with children who are not old enough to understand the medical procedure. A ritual like a pet funeral or letter to the animal can be an important. Balancing the loss with the fond memories can be helpful at the ceremony.

### Grieving

The mourning process is well researched and can be helpful to know. Shock or disbelief comes first. This may be the child looking all over the house for the pet. Denial comes next and is where you explain to the child what happened. Bargaining and guilt can sometimes follow. This could be where the child tries to come up with some behavior they do to get the pet to come back. Anger is often part of the process. The child might blame all sorts of events or people for taking their pet away. They need to be reassured that, as a close friend of my said, "dogs are amazing, they just don't live long enough". Next will be sadness and acceptance. Time is an important factor. Take note not to rush a child through to the next stage. Be with them in the stage they are in and help them to remember all the great and funny stories about the pet to get them through. Let them in on your process and how you are navigating. Tell them the memories you focus on to feel better.

Express and Celebrate

Tell stories about the pet. Make up legends that go along with the pet's accomplishments. Make the stories a place where the characters can talk about their feelings. Express in a variety of ways. Draw, write a letter, sing a song, do an activity. "Doing" allows for expression to take place. Be open to the activity matching where the child is in the grieving process. If they are angry then an angry song is great. Kids can get confused when we try to get them to express happy when they are sad. Often times they do what we all do when we are confused shut down expression. When they are sad and you want to pick them up, you can tell your favorite story and then see if they want to follow. You ultimately can help them find the meaning that the pet had in their life. And then help them to celebrate that meaning.



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## Class of 2011 Graduates from Campolindo

Submitted by Carola Ziermann



Photo Kevin Goto

It was a nice and sunny afternoon on Friday, June 10th, when Campolindo High School's Class of 2011 proceeded to the football field for the graduation ceremony. Principal Carol Kitchens took pride when mentioning in her welcoming speech some of the many accomplishments these 340 students have achieved. "As one of the largest classes Campolindo has had in years, among these students we have 35 Commended National Merit Scholars and of those 10 Finalists. We have ten League Championships, five North Coast Championships and two State Championships. In the Performing Arts, these seniors thrived with numerous instrumental concerts here at Campolindo and in Beijing, China. We had eight great musical performances of Fiddler on the Roof and two

successful plays, Romeo and Juliet and Laramie Project."

Kitchens further pointed out that 80% of these Campo graduates will move on to four year colleges and 17% will attend two year colleges in the fall. So it was no surprise that in his senior address, Erik Svedberg presented his fellow classmates as an exceptional class with the ability to succeed, while Cynthia Meng in her address also acknowledged their sass, class, and surpass. It was a proud moment for teachers and all the parents when the students were each called by name to receive their diplomas. Excitement and happiness were in the air when 340 hats were finally tossed way up into the sky.

What followed this ceremony was a Grad Night beyond expecta-

tions. A team of highly motivated and very talented parents, led by Chairs Lisa Monroe and Margo Isaacs, had been working tirelessly for the past twelve months up to the very last day to give these seniors a fantastic night of fun and memories. This year's theme was The Wizard of Oz and they created a world somewhere over the rainbow where dreams really do come true, with a perfect Munchkin Land and a stunning Emerald City.

With the combined efforts of community, sponsors, teachers and lots of dedicated parent volunteers, the stakes were set high for years to come at Campolindo. "It takes a village..." says Lisa Monroe, "and it doesn't get much better than seeing close to 300 smiling teenage faces having the time of their lives!"

## Count Reading In: How to Build Reading into Your Child's Summer

By Diana LaScala-Gruenewald



Left to right: Max Rittman, Annalise McKenzie, Tommy Richards, Hailey Richards  
Photo Sophie Braccini

After a long and rainy winter, the sun has finally decided to bless Lamorinda with its first radiant week. In every neighborhood kids are basking in their sudden freedom from teachers and schoolwork, and parents are finalizing summer plans. As families pencil in vacations, 4th of July picnics and days at the pool, they should also consider making time for a less stereotypical activity: summer reading.

A three month break from required reading can be too long for young students, especially those that are struggling. By the fall semester, many have regressed, and teachers must spend the first weeks of school reviewing material. Summer reading can help your children maintain their skills and enhance their work in writing and spelling.

Some parents worry that their kids will burn out without ample time to recover from the school year. However Jill Mary, a literacy expert from Purdue University, believes that as long as children are engrossed by what they read, summer reading is beneficial. In a 2005 interview with the news website newswise, Mary advises: "Have fun, relax, enjoy yourself, read a book or two, and don't worry about the upcoming [...] school year." In addition, research suggests that as few as six books can prevent young readers from losing the skills that they labor to develop during fall, winter and spring.

Use these ten great tips to encourage reading, discussion and fun in your home this summer.

1. Teach your children that reading is an important part of family life by taking regular trips to the library.  
2. Never stop reading aloud! You read at a higher level than your child,

and he or she will benefit from listening to you and discussing words or ideas that he or she doesn't understand.

3. Host a book club. Reading is more fun if all your friends are doing it, too! Allow each child (or parent-child pair) to select a book to read and discuss. Ask the children to summarize the story, talk about their favorite or least favorite parts and hypothesize why the main character acts the way he or she does.

4. Keep a list on your refrigerator of all the books each family member has read over the summer. You and your child might even agree on a goal; race to see who can finish five books first, or plan an outing as a reward for reading ten books.

5. Never force your child to finish what they start reading. If the material doesn't appeal, ask your child why they dislike the book and encourage them to choose a different one.

6. Remember that children can ben-

efit from reading a variety of materials. For example, if you and your child make cookies, you might ask him or her to read each step in the recipe aloud.

7. Bring audio books on road trips or long car rides. While these can be expensive to purchase, many can be rented from any of the Lamorinda libraries. Consider listening to books that relate to your destination. For example, if your family is camping in Yosemite, you could listen to a children's book about wild animals on the drive up.

8. Try to read something with your child every day. Set an example – read the cereal boxes together in the morning and reserve a half hour for family reading in the afternoon.

9. Get involved with your local bookstore. Some bookstores offer fun summer reading programs for kids.

10. Talk to your local librarian! The Lafayette Library and Learning Center, Moraga Library and Orinda Library offer a bevy of summer activities that encourage students to engage in summer reading. For example, the summer reading program for children (ages 2-10) requires your child to pick up a reading log, which contains a series of footprints. A footprint can be colored in after your child reads for 20 minutes; when all the footprints are full, there are a variety of spectacular prizes available, including Round Table Pizza coupons and tickets to the Lawrence Hall of Science.

With such a wide array of strategies and strong local support, there are a myriad of opportunities to help students learn to love reading this summer.

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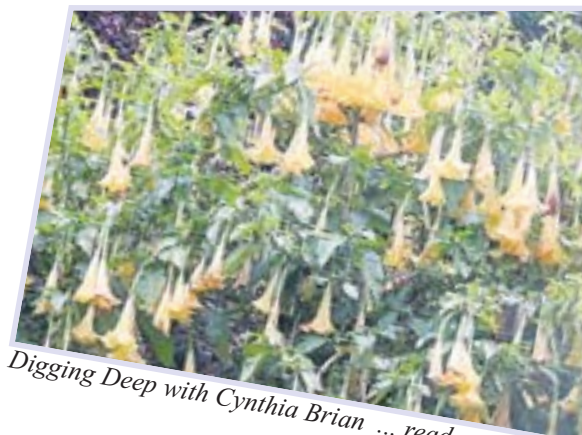


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# Lamorinda OUR HOMES

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*Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian ... read on page D5*

## Orinda's Windsor Chair Guy— George Lucido

By Andrea A. Firth

George Lucido was destined to work with wood. One of the first things he did when he moved to Orinda in 1984 was build a workshop out back, a small space of his own where he taught himself to carve wood. The walls of the workshop are lined with a collection of tools passed down by his grandfather, Orlando Pasquinucci, a shipbuilder in San Francisco around the turn of the century, and his father, Neno Lucido, who spent his career as a finish carpenter. “It’s in my genes, I guess,” says Lucido.

After retiring as an aerospace engineer eleven years ago, Lucido has focused his extensive energy on woodworking. The workshop has been bumped out a few feet on two sides to accommodate his growing collection of tools, equipment, and wood. And about three years ago, he started to take classes at the Mount Diablo Adult Education Center where he met another Orinda resident, Tom Killen, a master woodworker who specializes in colonial furniture. It was Killen who introduced Lucido to the art of the Windsor chair.

An easy going and patient man with an engineer’s focus on design and detail, Lucido had the right temperament and skill set to quickly master the complex and time consuming construction of the American Windsor chair—the elegant and lightweight wood chair of royal English roots with a gently curved back formed by turned spindles connected to a thick carved seat, supported by splayed legs plugged into the underside. Once called stick chairs, Lucido has made five of the seven varieties of the American Windsor chair, and a total of seven Windsors in all.

Lucido brings a mix of art, science, and tenacity to his Windsor chair building. He estimates that each

chair requires 120 to 150 hours to build over a three-month period. Lucido researches every aspect of the

chairs he reproduces, and each project typically starts with him creating a comprehensive, hand-drawn plan.

...continued on page D4



George Lucido at work on a chair in his workshop .

Photos Doug Kohen



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## Lamorinda Home Sales recorded

City	Last reported:	LOWEST AMOUNT:	HIGHEST AMOUNT:
LAFAYETTE	7	\$525,000	\$2,225,000
MORAGA	7	\$239,000	\$1,000,000
ORINDA	7	\$240,000	\$1,325,000

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

- 3647 Boyer Circle, \$525,000, 1 Bdrms, 616 SqFt, 1945 YrBlt, 5-27-11
- 1061 Carol Lane, \$1,049,000, 4 Bdrms, 2678 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 5-19-11;  
Previous Sale: \$800,000, 03-03-06
- 3155 Gloria Terrace, \$680,000, 3 Bdrms, 2003 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 5-23-11;  
Previous Sale: \$300,000, 03-20-96
- 3917 Happy Valley Road, \$1,650,000, 4 Bdrms, 3866 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 5-24-11
- 9380 Read Drive, \$1,340,000, 3 Bdrms, 2927 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 5-20-11;  
Previous Sale: \$1,515,000, 07-10-09
- 51 Janet Lane, \$690,000, 3 Bdrms, 1703 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 5-24-11;  
Previous Sale: \$645,000, 04-30-10
- 20 Tiana Terrace, \$2,225,000, 3 Bdrms, 4609 SqFt, 1999 YrBlt, 5-25-11;  
Previous Sale: \$2,498,000, 07-01-05

### MORAGA

- 120 Ascot Court #F, \$239,000, 2 Bdrms, 1233 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 5-19-11;  
Previous Sale: \$347,000, 07-16-04
- 756 Augusta Drive, \$690,000, 2 Bdrms, 2079 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 5-27-11;  
Previous Sale: \$650,000, 06-25-08
- 1383 Camino Pablo, \$930,000, 4 Bdrms, 2587 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 5-20-11;  
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- 32 Deerfield Drive, \$850,000, 4 Bdrms, 2236 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 5-23-11;  
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Previous Sale: \$161,500, 08-16-99
- 457 Dalewood Drive, \$1,325,000, 5 Bdrms, 2776 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 5-19-11
- 90 Estates Drive, \$650,000, 4 Bdrms, 3138 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 5-26-11
- 55 La Cuesta Road, \$1,205,000, 3 Bdrms, 2325 SqFt, 1936 YrBlt, 5-20-11;  
Previous Sale: \$1,368,000, 05-20-05
- 81 La Cuesta Road, \$917,000, 4 Bdrms, 2581 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 5-26-11
- 3 Los Altos Road, \$1,005,000, 2 Bdrms, 2706 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 5-26-11;  
Previous Sale: \$785,000, 06-30-94
- 5 Patricia Road, \$799,500, 3 Bdrms, 1820 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 5-20-11;  
Previous Sale: \$780,000, 10-21-05
- 14 Valencia Road, \$655,000, 3 Bdrms, 1269 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 5-25-11

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### LAFAYETTE

- 10 Carolyn Court, 94549, Wells Fargo Bank, 05-31-11, \$418,885, 1074 sf, 3 bd

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# Orinda's Windsor Chair Guy—George Lucido

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"I like to keep it as authentic as possible. All of the chairs were built the original way using the original tools," says Lucido. When unable to find a domestic source for an English travisher, a convex woodcarving tool used for shaping the chair's seat, Lucido made one himself. He smiles when pointing out the exception – he admits freely to using an electric-powered lathe versus the pedal-powered lathe employed in the early days.

The wood and paint he uses are also original. The chair seats are made with East-

ern white pine sourced from the East coast, and the rest of the chair is made with freshly cut Modesto Ash, a tree common to the Bay Area with wood that has a very straight grain, so it bends easily and works well for the curved pieces on the chair back. Lucido covers the chairs with two coats of milk paint (an all natural product), first red then black. "When the chairs were first made, they were mostly painted red because that pigment was more readily available and then in later years re-covered with black paint," explains Lu-

cido. He burnishes the black layer to create a shiny and silky smooth surface and leaves streaks of the rustic red peeking through at the edges.

Lucido's woodworking craft is in large part self-taught, and he has kept busy sharing his knowledge. He volunteers time in the advanced woodworking class at Campolindo High School, and he occasionally gives talks to community groups about his craft.

"It's a really fun hobby. I'm out here in the workshop seven days a week," he says, "It

doesn't give me the frustrations that a relaxing day on the golf course used to." And as a reminder, should he be tempted to forgo the woodshop and return to the links, Lucido has his driver prominently displayed over the doorway of his workshop—and that's where it will stay, says Lucido..

George Lucido also does wood furniture repair. You can reach him at his studio at (925) 254-3659 or via email at [sawdustman1@comcast.net](mailto:sawdustman1@comcast.net).

## More About the American Windsor Chair

Like many of the things that migrated with the early colonists, Windsor chairs were remade with an American twist. In England, chair makers were required to belong to a guild, which dictated the chair design and amount to be charged. The colonists quickly discarded the old world constraints and created their own chair designs, and the seven varieties of the American Windsor chair were born.

So why were they called "Windsor" chairs? As one story goes, King George was hunting and took refuge from the rain in a farmer's house in the woods. While there he sat in the farmer's chair and found it so comfortable that he ordered several identical chairs to be produced for his home, Windsor Castle. (George Lucido finds this explanation a bit far-fetched.) More likely, the name stems from the fact that the chairs were first made in Windsor, England, an area where many of the woods used could be sourced.

The quintessentially American Windsor chair has been seen throughout the United States' brief history and carries a democratic provenance.

- George Washington was a devoted Windsor chair collector and had 27 Windsors at his Mount Vernon home.
- Thomas Jefferson wrote a draft of the Declaration of Independence while seated in a Windsor.
- When the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, the assembly sat in Windsors.
- Washington's officers sat in Windsor chairs at Fraunces Tavern in New York City to listen to his farewell speech.



*A sack back American Windsor chair.*

[Source: <http://www.gummelchairworks.com/Windsor-Chair-History.htm>]

## George's Bowls and Vessels

People call George Lucido when a tree falls. "It happens all the time," he says. And when he gets a call, he gets to work right away (the wood must be harvested within a week) turning the dead tree remnants into beautiful and functional bowls. Lucido has collected wood from felled trees such as black acacia, black walnut, and birch, from all over Contra Costa County. After making the bowl, he allows it to cure for a year and then sands, oils, and polishes it to provide a bright, natural sheen.



Lucido also makes some very elaborately detailed bowls and vessels, which are more about art than function. The woodworker uses popular and exotic woods to recreate the designs of clay vessels from the Southwest. These bowls and vessels are sold at Valley Art in Walnut Creek and Gallery M in Half Moon Bay.

*A. Firth*



*Photos Doug Kohen*



## Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian Plant a Playground

By Cynthia Brian



*A summer centerpiece with blue and white Nigelia in a copper bucket. Leeks and onions have been picked for roasting.*

Whether the result is a horticultural masterpiece or only a modest vegetable patch, the hope for a glorious future is at the heart of all gardening. Marina Shinz, photographer

Every morning after making my early bird rounds of my property with a cup of java, I go to the office, sit down to the computer, respond to emails, and post a quip to Facebook, Twitter, and Linked-in. Usually my musings regard the literacy charity, Be the Star You Are!® or an insight about the rewards of working with and coaching teens. A few responses from fans are posed to my profile, applauding the purpose or asking for further information, yet nothing remarkable. However, on the days that my blurbs pertain to garden issues, my inbox overflows with comments. Friend requests arrive from total strangers across the globe insisting that we are colleagues because we are gardeners.

The love of gardening is our equalizer and common denominator. Our gardens become our personal playground, a sandbox of building, planting, exercising, sharing, and growing. According to the journal, Environmental Science and Technology, it only takes five minutes in the garden every day to improve both your mood and

your self-esteem. Researchers suggest that gardening is in our evolutionary genetics. When we tend a patch of earth, no matter how small, we feel more peaceful, generous, and optimistic. Prevention Magazine shared data indicating that biochemical pathways in our brains are stimulated and satisfied by our primal longings to commune with nature.

Gardening is good for our bank balances, too. The associated Landscape Contractors of America calculate that landscaping adds as much as 14% to the resale value of a building and helps it sell six weeks earlier. Planting ecologically benefits our planet by reducing soil erosion and filtering pollutants.

Statistics abound with the how and why people garden resulting in fascinating findings. With an accuracy rate of 95% (plus or minus 4.2 percentage points) representing the attitudes of over one hundred million households, the spring Technometrica Market Intelligence survey found that nearly one half of the population will be gardening in their backyards with a little more than a quarter sprucing up their front spaces this summer.

Despite the economic challenges, 51% percent of consumers favor buying plants of the highest quality, regardless of price. Only 27% chose purchases that were the least expensive.

Where are gardeners getting their ideas for styles, trends, and tips? A whopping 34% indicated that they read books, magazines, and newspaper gardening articles before planning and planting. I hope they are perusing Digging Deep!

With people more aware of the health benefits of local produce, vegetable gardening is more popular than ever. Two thirds of those surveyed grow their own food and 82% are motivated to do so because homegrown vegetables, fruits, and herbs are tastier, pack more nutrients, and are freshest from the terra to table. Although most Lamorinda gardens are larger, it was interesting to note that the majority of avid gardeners worked a plot of land smaller than ten feet by ten feet!

Gardening is the number one hobby of Americans. Aside from beautifying our surroundings and providing edible nourishment, the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional benefits shine for gardeners of all ages. Gardening in-



*Orinda gardener, Harry Freis, shared his fabulous foxgloves. He wrote Cynthia, "I enjoyed two weeks of perfect flowering weather until the storm hit. Then they looked like a chorus line of long haired ladies in the shower!" A compelling image. Thank you Harry!*

creases strength, flexibility, and body tone. Forty-five minutes of active gardening burns the same number of calories as thirty minutes of aerobics. Gardening is "real" exercise. One hour of weeding burns 300 calories, the same as walking or bicycling at a moderate pace.

Gardening is a stress buster, especially when you are hacking away at those menacing weeds instead of seething with business burnout. By digging in the dirt, we connect with nature, allowing us to unplug from our technological turntable. Patience is learned, as we can't rush a beet. With the long cold and rainy season experienced this year, many of the seeds I planted in May are only now sprouting. Mother Nature decides when germination occurs. We are the worker bees.

The garden is the foundation for creativity as we combine colors, textures, form, and func-

tion. No matter what style, shape, or size, our gardens are the play structures for our imaginations, a gathering place where family and friends find tranquility, enjoyment, and camaraderie.

Gardening is our hope for the future. This summer, dig in, plant a playground, and welcome the flower power paybacks.



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## Ask Cynthia Brian, Your Gardening Guide on the Side

*Steep thyself in a bowl of summer. --Virgil*

Throughout the year, Lamorinda Weekly readers email me with horticultural queries. Many gardeners share the same concerns. These are the three most popular inquiries this year.

### **Question: How can I bring butterflies to my garden?**

**Answer:** Our beautiful winged friends are drawn to bright, cheerful flowers. When you plant a garden filled with their favorite feasts, you have planned their party. Echinacea, zinnia, butterfly bush, penstemon, lantana, Mexican sunflowers, and cosmos are a few of the floral favors. Lilac bushes and wildflowers are also attractive. Encourage them to stay longer and multiply, by growing host plants such as milkweed, fennel, parsley, and dill for their offspring to dine al fresco. The eggs hatch into caterpillars, hungrily nibbling on the treats until metamorphose magic. Keep a small saucer of muddy water for them to sip a cool drink. If you planted a potager, your herbs, flowers, and vegetables will be mingled together offering the best retreat for these colorful insects.

### **Question: Last year I had gorgeous daffodil blooms. This year, not a single daffodil flowered, but there were loads of beautiful leaves. What happened?**

**Answer:** This is the most frequent complaint I get in the spring from gardeners who love a perfect yard. My guess is that last spring after your daffodil blooms faded you either cut, braided, or tied the leaves before they had a chance to completely die back. As unsightly as they are, it is imperative to allow the yellowing leaves to naturally disintegrate for the photosynthesis to feed the bulb for the following season. When the leaves are golden brown and crackly like a potato chip, then, and only then is it time to clean up the plant. If you find it unsightly to leave the fading leaves in your beds, plant annuals or a ground cover around the daffodils. By doing this, you will ensure double the amount of blooms next season. By the way, this procedure is necessary for all blooming spring bulbs, not just daffodils. In my garden, I clean up the browned leaves during the month of June, adding them to the compost bin.

### **Question: I have a pond with a recirculating pump, yet, there are mosquito larvae swimming around. What do I do?**

**Answer:** Now that the sunny weather has finally arrived and summer is around the corner, we have to be proactive with keeping the mosquitoes at bay. Some mosquitoes carry the West Nile virus dangerous to humans, while others endanger the lives of our canine friends by infecting them with heartworm disease. Be vigilant in emptying any standing water as even a couple of tablespoons in a container entices mosquitoes. When the weather heats up, it takes three to five days for the larvae to mature into breeding, biting brats.

Probably your pump isn't powerful enough. It may be stirring the water surrounding the immediate area of where it is installed leaving still or stagnant areas at the other end of the pond. My suggestion is to add mosquito fish which, when mature at one inch of length, will devour up to five hundred mosquito larvae per day. Depending on the size of your pond, goldfish or koi are voracious eaters, although you may want to install netting over the pond to deter the fishing raccoons. You can also buy Mosquito Dunks at your local garden center or hardware store. These two-inch floaters contain *Bacillus thuringiensis v. israelensis*, slowly releasing the BT on the water surface. It gradually sinks to the bottom where the larvae feed on it and die. The Mosquito Dunks are not harmful to wildlife, fish, or humans. They last three to four weeks with one dunk covering twenty five to hundred surface feet. You can cut them into quarters for smaller areas. If you feel you have a mosquito problem, abatement is offered for free by the Contra Costa County Vector Control Department. Call 925-685-9301 and ask for an inspector to come to your property. They will spray and also give you mosquito fish. In the early 1900's, parts of Contra Costa County were uninhabitable because of mosquitoes and the diseases they brought including malaria and encephalitis. Mosquito abatement began in 1927 and our health has been a priority ever since.



*Cynthia's amazing artichokes—beautiful and delicious.*

*Photos Cynthia Brian*

### **Question: What is your favorite specimen in your garden?**

**Answer:** This is an unfair question! It's like asking me which of my children I love most. Since you've been reading *Digging Deep—Gardening with Cynthia*, you already know that I am a zealous, hands-in-the-muck, extreme DIY gardener. I get excited literally every day when something new bursts into bloom. This year, in the vegetable department, I am head over heels with my two artichoke plants growing in my potager. They have provided bushels of sweet, almost thistle free scrumptiousness for weeks with no end in sight. The most unusual delight is the triple blooms of my scarlet red amaryllis. Normally entertaining me at Christmas, it surprised me with a dazzling dinner plate size display this week. Finally, my roses have never been more glorious. My home is filled with their brilliance and fragrance. (FYI—July *Digging Deep* will be a tribute to these precious plants.) Because of the rains, my orchard is disappointing. I have no cherries, apricots, or Santa Rosa plums this year. There will be a small crop of Asian pears, apples, peaches, loquats, mulberries, currants, grapes, tangelos, tangerines, guavas, lemons, and chestnuts, assuming mild weather conditions and minimal interference from the abundant wildlife. As hoped, my purple plums are right on schedule to ripen on June 22.



*Cynthia's favorite Amaryllis.*

Thank you for your questions and for reading this column. It's a pleasure to be your gardening guide. If you want to be happy, healthy, and tranquil, start digging deep!

*Hello summer and happy gardening to you!*



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