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Top photo: Jim Woidat and son Charlie check out a 1957 Chevy Bel Aire at Moraga Commons during 4th of July festivities.
Bottom photo: Diana, Shay, "Rocky" and Sean O'Daniels check out the car show portion of Moraga Commons 4th of July fun.

Top photo: Peter Shephard, not quite 2, dons a fire hat and pushes his cart along the children's Bicycle Parade route on Monday.
Middle photo: Officer Michael Dreyfuss, Moraga Police Department, leads the 4th of July children's Bicycle Parade event at the Commons.

4th of July in Moraga
Photos Eric Dausman

Fourth of July Fun in Lamorinda

By Cathy Dausman

Lafayette may have the Art and Wine Festival, but on the 4th of July, Moraga and Orinda are the destinations of choice for heartwarming, old fashioned Independence Day festivities that make even the most cynical among us smile, and




will live forever in the memories of Lamorinda's children. Monday dawned warm, promising a third day of heat as the anticipated cooling waited until later to materialize. In Orinda, an all-volunteer Big Band organized by Miramonte High

School student Phil Hoxie performed in honor of the Educational Foundation of Orinda before the popular and always festive 4th of July Parade (see page C6 for photos of Orinda's celebration). ... continued on page A9

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"This is a perfect Moraga paradigm..."
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Squeaky Wheel Gets BART Crime Reports Published

By Cathy Tyson

Orinda resident Brian Waters must have the worst luck ever. For a fellow who estimates he parks in the BART parking lot, "maybe five times a year," he had all of his tires slashed on one occasion and months later his car was stolen. It was never recovered. He was concerned that crimes that occur on BART property aren't reported in the local print media. Through his diligence a system is now in place to publicly report BART crimes. "Mission accomplished," said Waters. "Even though the BART station and parking lot fall under the jurisdiction of BART Police rather than Orinda Police, since the BART facilities fall within the boundaries of Orinda, and are utilized by many of

our local citizens, from a public safety and awareness standpoint it is important for our citizens to be aware of criminal activities that occur there just as it is to be aware of criminal activities that occur in other areas of our community," said Waters. "If I hadn't twice been the victim of crimes at Orinda BART, I would have never thought about the lack of coverage of criminal activities at BART in our local news media." After approximately two weeks of discussion with the City Manager, Orinda Police and BART police, crimes that occur on BART property will be included on the City's website, www.cityoforinda.com. ... continued on page A7

Glover Retrospective Opens at SMC's Hearst Gallery

By Andrea A. Firth



When Anne Marie Glover cleaned out her mother's garage after she had passed away, she made a remarkable discovery. "I found artwork of my mom's, wrapped in newspapers dating back to World War II, that had been untouched for over forty years." The art stash included paper sketches, drawings, and a bag of work from her mother's time living in Australia. "It took my breath away," says Anne Marie, who quickly realized that this new found trove of old artwork by her mother, the iconic plein air painter Pam Glover, was special. Anne Marie called Julie Armistead, Collections Manager at the Hearst Gallery on the campus of Saint Mary's College in Moraga, to come take a look. ... continued on page A9

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Life in Lamorinda C1-C6 Winemaking – the New Lamorinda Lifestyle



By Sophie Braccini
Is there an American Viticultural Area (AVA) designation in the future of Lamorinda? A few years ago the Lamorinda Winegrowers Association (LWA) included people who grew grapes and dreamed about making their own wine. Today that dream ... read on page C1

Our Homes D1-D8 Ikebana—The Art of Floral Sculpture



By Andrea A. Firth
It's 1:00 on Monday afternoon at the Orinda Community Center, and a large group of women and a few men cart bags and boxes filled with purple agapanthus, pink hydrangea, orange birds of paradise, indigo iris, carrot-colored day lilies, deep read on page D1



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Population Shrinks in Lafayette

By a teensy bit

By Cathy Tyson

Since the last census more than ten years ago, the look of the city of Lafayette has changed and modernized, but aside from residents getting slightly older, the data doesn't illustrate any major alterations. In fact, it's amazing how little has changed. Although the number of rainy days, dog walks and great cups of coffee aren't counted – population, age, race and housing occupancy are. The not-so-big news for Lafayette is compared to the prior census in 2000, the population has shrunk by a whopping 15 people. Just over ten years ago 23,908 people called Lafayette home, fast forward a decade and the

population has shrunk to 23,893.

Other data reflects the continued homogeneity of Lafayette; according to recent census figures the vast majority of residents are white. Of the 23,893 souls living in Lafayette in 2010, 20,232 identified themselves as Caucasian. In the ten years since the last census was taken the city is ever so slightly, approximately 2%, more diverse. In 2010 there were 2,162 Asian residents, 1,388 total Hispanic or Latino residents and only 166 African American residents. The figures don't exactly balance due to responses of "some other race" and "two or more races."

The census snapshot also tabulated figures on age and housing. Residents are getting older – with the average age shifting upward from 42.3 in 2000 to 45.2 in 2010. Orinda is somewhat older with an average age of 47.8. Moraga can't be considered a spring chicken either, with an average age of 45. The portion of Lafayette residents that identified themselves as between sixty and sixty-five has grown substantially from 4,613 to 5,747. By comparison, the average age county-wide is 38.5 years.

Housing numbers also demonstrate the obvious. In the red hot real estate market of 2000, the aver-

age vacancy rate of homes and rental properties town was 1.9%; ten years later it more than doubled to 4.4%. In Contra Costa County the situation was more extreme; in 2000 the average vacancy rate was 2.9%, in 2010 it was 6.2%.

For the whole story go to the California Department of Finance; they are responsible for the California State Data Center that has all the numbers for California from the 2010 Census. Helpful staffers included data from 2000 on all the data profiles http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/state_census_data_center/census_2010/view.php.

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New Sewer Upgrade Along Pleasant Hill Road

By Cathy Tyson

Attack of the orange cones along Pleasant Hill Road? Drivers wondering what's up with the bright fluorescent traffic channeling devices should be happy to know they are not the work of invading aliens; rather they are part of a Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) project increasing sewer capacity. Crews will be installing, replacing and rehabilitating about 5,600 feet of six-inch diameter to 18-inch diameter sewer pipe along

Pleasant Hill Road between Springhill Road and Deer Hill Road as well as the residential neighborhood between Stanley Boulevard and Highway 24.

Cones and electronic signage are already up and stacks of green pipe are waiting, at the staging area across from Acalanes High School, to be installed. Flaggers were at work directing traffic around a lane closure on Stanley Boulevard last week. High school students and staff should be relieved that con-

struction along Pleasant Hill Road was specifically designed to be completed by August 12, 2011 – prior to school starting.

How much capacity is enough? According to Chris Carpenter, Community Affairs Representative of CCCSD, pipes in this area date from 1948 – 1949; increasing capacity will improve wet-weather flows and accommodate more than sixty years of population growth.

The existing sewer line runs right through Acalanes High

School – adjacent to buildings and directly through the baseball diamond. "Replacing it would be quite disruptive to the school," said Carpenter. Hence the installation of a brand new 18-inch diameter relief sewer line along the southbound lane of Pleasant Hill Road. A number of nearby smaller-diameter residential sewer mains are in poor condition, so they'll be replaced. Total cost of the project is \$1,729,000. ... continued on page A8

As Seen in Lafayette



What a difference a week makes - from unseasonably rainy to melting. Quiet day at Cold Stone Creamery due to rain just a few days ago, but on toasty warm Sunday the Velez family came down from El Sobrante to enjoy a late lunch at Chow and savor cool ice cream at shop that features a "personalized ice cream experience." C. Tyson

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Mystery Tree Wrap



Photo Cathy Tyson

Is it an unusual art project, possibly the work of a yarn bomber - also known as a knitting graffiti artist - now dabbling in mixed media installations of burlap and hay? Perhaps a sturdy muffler to ward off aggressive deer; maybe a mutant earthworm? No to all of the above - its actually bumper pads for two lovely trees between Chow and the Lafayette Gallery.

"It's a straw wad of material coiled around the trees," said Associate Engineer Mike Moran. "We're working with large equipment right near the trees, and we're trying to keep them as healthy as possible." The Lafayette Circle project includes improving sidewalk cuts and gutters to make them more ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. *C. Tyson*

Motorcycle Police Debut in Lafayette

By Cathy Tyson

For the first time ever police on motorcycles will be out and about looking to enforce the rules of the road starting in early July. Will it take a flurry of tickets to persuade residents that it's time to put away the cell phone, buckle seatbelts and slow down?

Don't say you haven't been warned. Ensuring roadway safety and helping with traffic congestion - especially around schools and during commute hours, is their goal. These

small, stealthy bikes can go where no cruiser has gone before - like the narrow winding roads of Happy Valley Road, Reliez Valley Road, and Springhill Road, along with Moraga Road and St. Mary's Road.

At a recent joint meeting of the Lafayette School District and the City Council, many parents spoke up in support of the motorcycles and are happy that they'll be making kids' commute to school safer.

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Police Report

Mystery nose injury, 6/28/11 Just after midnight Moraga officers were dispatched to St. Mary's College to assist fire department personnel with a 65-year-old man with an injury to his nose. He was too confused to provide details regarding his reason for being on campus. Unlike some college kids who just may have had a trifle too much beer, paramedics determined that the gentleman was suffering from a medical problem and speculated it was probably a diabetic episode. Turns out he was staying on campus for a conference. He was taken to John Muir Hospital.

Drunk and Disorderly, 6/26/11 At 6:30 in the morning, officers responded to Walford Drive on a report of a suspicious subject in the backyard. The same fellow had been reported prowling in the area two hours earlier. Shocker – the 20-year-old male subject had been drinking and appeared disoriented. He was arrested for public intoxication.

Skate Park sign stolen, 6/25/11 Sometime during the night the metal sign that spelled out operating hours and rules for the Moraga Skate Park disappeared. Unknown suspects must have really wanted it, since they removed four security bolts to separate it from the pair of wooden posts it was mounted on. Value of the sign that our economically strapped town will have to replace is \$500. Note to thief/thieves: feel free to return it.

Very petty theft, 6/25/11 A T.J. Maxx store employee alerted officers to an alleged shoplifter. The adult female subject was observed coming into the store and hiding two cosmetic items on her person and leaving the store without paying. Merchandise totaled \$21.98. The person reporting the incident wanted to make a citizen's arrest, so signed the appropriate Citizen's Arrest Form and the officers took the suspect into custody.

Car Vandalism, 6/24/11 A security guard for the Moraga Country Club called police at 3:00 in the morning to report popping sounds in the 800 block of Country Club Drive and went to investigate. He found two cars with smashed out rear windows. Cops and the security guard searched the area for suspects but came up empty handed. Estimated damage \$750.

Bilked elder, 6/09/11 A Birchwood Drive resident got a phone call with someone pretending to be her grandson. The suspect convinced Grandma that he needed money for an emergency. Two wire transfers were sent totaling \$594.00 via Western Union to Illinois.

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A Limited Capital Improvement Budget in Moraga

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga's Interim Administrative Services Director, Emily Boyd, recently presented a balanced mid-year revised operating budget that noted constraints limiting the Town's ability to maintain its own assets, such as roads and drains, or invest in new projects. However, the coming fiscal year will see the completion of certain improvements such as those to the Town's office building at 329 Rheem.

"Although the Town's operating budgets are balanced, there are no significant funds for infrastructure improvements," indicated Boyd in her report, "Therefore, pothole repair, street and storm drain improvements are deferred." The Capital Im-

provements Budget is balanced for the coming year. It allocates the limited resources to the specific capital projects that the Council approved. While some past projects are still ongoing, new projects will be funded this year due to different sources of funding, such as grants.

The completion of the retrofit and transfer of most Town services to 329 Rheem is a budgeted project that will happen during the 2011-2012 budget cycle – the FY2011-12 Capital Improvements Budget tentatively estimates this project at \$920,000. The Council has not decided yet on a relatively modest increase of about \$170,000 to add a Council Chamber on the premises. Other

projects include a Town-wide Energy Efficiency Project encompassing the Library, the Hacienda de las Flores, 329 Rheem Boulevard, and the Town's parks and streetlights; crosswalk improvements on Moraga Road at Corliss Drive and at Woodford Drive; the Camino Pablo School field renovation; storm damage repairs to Laguna Creek; and the ADA Compliance Program.

The funding for these projects will come from sources such as the Gas Tax and energy efficiency grants and funding. The total revenue of the capital budget is \$1,496,520.

There are other projects in the pipeline that will not materialize until funding is found. Some of

these projects are: Rheem Blvd / St. Mary's Road Intersection Improvements; Rheem Boulevard Landslide Repair and Repaving; Corliss/Moraga Road Intersection Improvements; Moraga Road Traffic Calming and Beautification; Moraga Commons Off-Street Parking; and a Community Center/Town Gymnasium Conceptual Study.

"At some point, it will become necessary for the Town to pursue other revenues," stated Boyd in her report. The Revenue Enhancement Committee is working on such a program and will soon start its outreach program to the community to inform residents of the needs of the Town and potential solutions.

Moraga Juniors Jump Start Park Fundraising

By Sophie Braccini



From left: Jay Ingram, Howard Harpham, Denise Duff (with her daughter) and Liz Faoro meet at Rancho Laguna Park
Photo Sophie Braccini

The Moraga Junior Women's Club recently donated \$4,000 to the Moraga Park Foundation, kicking off a fundraising campaign to replace the play

structures at Rancho Laguna Park. Unsafe playground equipment has been removed, and in order to buy new play structures the Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment has to find about \$100,000. "We won't be able to do it without a significant community fundraising effort," says Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram, "We'd like to thank the Juniors for getting the ball rolling."

"The money that our Club is giving today shows how much Moraga's young families value their parks and open space," says Denise Duff, president of the Juniors. "The quality of family life in our town has a lot to do with schools and the Juniors give to the Moraga Education Foundation and the PTAs. But our parks

and open space are also very important for our kids' development and we want to bring the attention of the community to the jewels we have." The Juniors raise money through various annual events. "We work a lot with the Juniors when we plan for the recreation of our youngest residents," says Ingram, who's a big fan of the Club and sees it as a major partner in town.

Ingram, his team, the Juniors and the Parks and Recreation Commission are tasked with designing the new playgrounds. "This park used to have two structures for different ages, one at each end of the park," explained Commission Chair Liz Faoro, "it could make sense to put them on the same side, away from the entrance, and close to the restrooms." Ingram looks to the location of the underused sand volleyball court as a possible location for the second play structure.

The Parks Foundation is the vessel that holds the money that is raised. "This is a perfect Moraga paradigm," says Parks Foundation President Howard Harpham, "the whole community getting together to find the funds for this project." Faoro, along with fellow Commissioners John Haffner and Kirpal Khanna, formed a sub-committee to raise the funds.

At this time it is not clear if the Town will be able to divert some money for this project. Since the bids for the renovation of the Camino Pablo sports field came under budget, there could be some money left from the WW money (over \$700,000) once the work is completed at the end of the summer. The Council will determine which other projects could be funded with the remainder. "It will be a phased project," says Ingram, "we are targeting June of 2012 for at least a partial re-opening."

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New Librarian has Big Plans for Kids

By Sophie Braccini



Melanie McCallum gives information to a young reader at the Moraga library

Photo Sophie Braccini

A few months ago Melanie McCallum replaced Moraga Youth Services Librarian Sandy Steiner, who retired last year. McCallum is in charge of making the reading and literacy experience as enticing as possible for newborns to teens, in a community that places a high value on getting their kids to read voraciously.

"Moraga families have a special interest in literature for their kids," says McCallum, "we track book circulation and event attendance, and that gives us a good indication of the level of interest."

McCallum worked in the County library system for eight years before coming to Moraga. Some of her early experience was as a librarian in the Martinez Juvenile Hall. "There were a few times when I cried on my way home," remembers McCallum, "it was very draining emotionally, but extremely rewarding."

"Moraga is a great place to be," says McCallum, "I have a special interest in early literacy and am always on the look-out for programs that mix education and entertainment."

The Friends of the Moraga Library fund the activity program in Moraga and give \$200-\$300 a month to McCallum for activities. In July the fun was just kicked off by the Alex Ramon Magic Show, which McCallum was able to get for free.

SaveNature.org will bring its Insect Discovery Lab to Moraga on July 21st at 4:00 p.m. "I chose them because they are hands-on science," says the librarian, "children will be able to discover, experience, and touch a wide variety of insects and other arthropods." The presentation is for age 4 to 12 and requires pre-registration since the number is limited to 24 participating kids.

On August 18 at 4:00 p.m., the Moraga library will offer a Traditional African Dance presentation/workshop for families with artist Nana-Dicta Graves. Participants will learn basic West African dance, as well as songs and games of West Africa.

All youth service librarians in Contra Costa share a resource file where they record their feedback about different performers. "I also talk a lot with parents, either at my

desk in the children's section of the library, or after presentations," says McCallum, "I like to get their direct feedback and suggestions." That's how the young librarian tested her idea to bring yoga for kids age 2 to 5 to the library in the fall.

During the summer, she will read weekly for a young audience (age 6 months-7 years) during the popular Summer Story Time, and she is a resource for those participating in the Kids Summer Reading Festival that runs all summer and awards prizes to kids who read (or are read to) from age 2 to 5th grade; there's even a Babies Summer Reading Festival (birth to 24 months).

McCallum wishes that more tweens and teens would come to the Moraga library. "Young kids love books," she says, "but there is a transitional age, around 10 to 13, where it is more difficult for them to stay engaged. We have a very extensive teen book collection that they should come and check out."

For information on the Moraga library's summer event schedule go to <http://ccclib.org/locations/moraga.html>.

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City Council

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Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30 PM Community Room, City Hall 22 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. Orinda Library, Garden Room 26 Orinda Way

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Police Report

VP D.U.I. 6/28/11 Not the Vice President, but the Vice Principal of a school across the bridge was stopped for an illegal U-turn at a stop light at 11:30 p.m. Officers noticed the distinct smell of alcohol. Once he flunked his field sobriety test and breathalyzer – he was arrested. For someone who works in the school system, drunk driving is not very smart.

Belligerent drunk, 6/20/11 At 7:30 in the morning an Orinda Way shop employee alerted police to a 19-year-old female who was obviously intoxicated in front of a dry cleaning business. She started kicking police deputies, who eventually picked her up and placed her in their patrol car. Once inside the vehicle, she began spitting. Cops then placed a spit mask on her. Good morning, sunshine – apparently she forgot her charm school training.

Drunk versus tree, 6/17/11 The tree lost. An Orinda Country Club security guard alerted police that a car driven by a local young man went down an embankment and crashed into a tree at the OCC parking lot. Surprisingly he showed signs of intoxication.

Auto burglary at Safeway, 6/17/11 Although the car was locked and the shopper was only in the store for twenty-five minutes, when he returned to his vehicle the rear window was smashed and a briefcase with laptop inside was missing. Brazen thief or thieves struck at around 5:30 in the evening, when presumably lots of folks are picking up a few items for dinner. Attention Safeway shoppers – put your valuables out of sight.

Home burglary, 6/16 Unknown suspect(s) entered a mostly locked Brookside Road home via an unlocked bathroom window sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.. Jewelry was stolen along with a wallet, cash and credit cards. Estimated loss \$1,000.

Orinda's Budget—Squeaking by for Now

By Andrea A. Firth

Staff is presenting a balanced budget, but the process of getting here was not an easy one. We were faced with some difficult decisions," said City Manager Janet Keeter in her opening comments at the June 21st City Council meeting. Keeter and Orinda's Finance Director, Emily Hobdy, presented the Council with a two-year budget for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, which included spending cuts across all city departments and the elimination of an associate planning position.

"It's a revenue issue, not an expenditure problem," said Keeter adding, "If there are no increases in revenue, more serious budget problems will start to occur by 2014." Property tax revenue, which represents half of the city's General Fund

revenue, was down .25% in 2011—the first time Orinda has experienced a decrease in assessed valuations. The City still has an \$88,000 shortfall in its operating budget across the two years, which Keeter says they are trying to resolve through employee negotiations.

Speaking on behalf of the city's 24 unionized employees, Peter Finn, Business Representative from Teamsters Local Union 856, stated, "We've said time and time again that we are willing to look at concessions in order to save jobs." Finn questioned why the City has three interns at work in the Planning Department when he had initially been told that the rationale for eliminating the planning position was reduced workload. Finn then produced a letter from the City, ad-

ressed to him and dated June 21st in response to his request for information. Finn noted the letter states that the City's position regarding the elimination of the planning position was not due to a "lack of work" but an overall budget shortfall. "Is it workload or is it the budget?" asked Finn. "If it's not workload, give us a chance to find the money to save that job." He requested the Council to hold off on its budget vote.

"We looked at different ways of doing things to provide the best service to the public," said Keeter in response, "It's the result of a budget shortfall."

"This is a lean budget for lean times that will provide the basic services that our citizens demand," stated Vice Mayor Steve Glazer. He added that the city continues to underfund its

infrastructure needs given the current revenue constraints.

"Staff has done a very good job with the conservative nature of the projections," added Council Member Dean Orr, "Keeping revenue projections on the small, conservative side is absolutely the direction that we need to be taking now."

"The budget we have before us today is definitely lean and the most prudent thing we can do," said Mayor Victoria Smith adding, "We are cognizant and understand the impact on employees... We hope the mid-year budget review will show better times, but can't plan for that."

The Council voted unanimously to adopt the biennial budget. As of press time, the negotiations between the City and union employees were ongoing.

Sam Shankland—Orinda's Chess Grandmaster

By Andrea A. Firth



Sam Shankland Photo provided

Sam Shankland is at the top of his game, and his game is chess. He recently was awarded the title of grandmaster—the highest title a chess player can achieve.

Spend just a brief time with Shankland, and one will see he is a quick study, extremely bright, determined, focused, and highly competitive. He looks and sounds like the world class chess champion that he is. What's surprising about Shankland is how quickly he has reached the pinnacle of the chess world. He is only 19 years old.

"This is just an amazing accomplishment for a teenager. It's almost unheard of," said Mike Hilliard, an

Orinda resident and a member of the Board of the Mechanics' Institute Library and Chess Room in San Francisco. Mechanics' is the oldest chess club in the country and helped to foster Shankland's study of the game. Hilliard was on hand along with Shankland's family and a group of chess supporters when the Orinda City Council recognized his chess accomplishments and in his honor designated June 22nd as Sam Shankland Day.

"He had to achieve several levels before getting to this highest post," said Hilliard, "Now a grandmaster, the next step [in the competitive chess world] would be vying for world champion."

Worldwide there are approximately 1,300 grandmasters, a title held for life. In the United States, there are 20 to 30 active grandmasters. As the newest member of this elite group Shankland, a rising sophomore at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, is taking things one step at a time. "We'll have to see where chess takes me," he says.

Shankland grew up in Orinda where his parents Jim and Leslie and younger brother Alex still reside. His father taught him to play chess when he was five or six years of age, but he gave the game little attention until he

joined the chess club at Glorietta Elementary School in fourth grade. He quickly mastered all Glorietta could offer and began playing in tournaments by age eleven.

"My real strength is my memory," says Shankland who estimates that he is currently ranked about 400 in the world today, but this does not reflect his recent tournament accomplishments. Shankland was the third place winner in the United States 2011 Chess Championships played in St. Louis in April. He was the youngest player in the select field of 16 and lost to the champion, who is 17 years his senior, in the semi-finals.

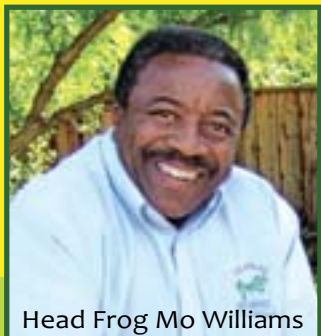
"I love the game and naturally I am a very competitive person. I have always wanted to push myself as far as possible, but I mostly do it for myself," says Shankland who is simultaneously confident and unassuming about his chess prowess. To train he continually studies the game by reading books, analyzing positions, and memorizing moves. He also works regularly with a training partner, a chess player from Norway who he met during his tournament travels. A big part of each game is determining how best to play against the specific opponent, says Shankland. He's dis-

ciplined in his preparations and says the opening is key.

After taking a year off, once he graduated from high school, to go on the professional chess circuit Shankland settled into university life this past year but was never too far from a chess board. He teaches chess, and because he travels extensively while competing and is otherwise away at school, he works with his students online through Skype. But he also teaches in person and has some high profile clients. He traveled to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates to privately train Prince Sheik Mohammed in the game.

The chess world will have to wait and watch for Shankland's next move. While he plans to complete his undergraduate degree and carry on teaching, the draw of competition continues to pull the young grandmaster to the table. In August, Shankland will compete in the Chess World Cup, in a field entirely populated with grandmasters, to be held in the Russian cities of Khanty and Mansiysk. While it is more likely that preparation, concentration, and inspiration will lead Shankland to the first place prize, we wish Orinda's grandmaster good luck!

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Squeaky Wheel Gets BART Crime Reports Published

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Brian Waters

Photo Cathy Tyson

Calling the system "safe and reliable" BART Chief of Police Kenton Rainey said every day BART moves 350,000 people through four counties and 26 cities within the Bay Area. "Although we have police patrols and CCTV security cameras that monitor activity in and around our properties, the real strength in

how we ensure public safety is through riders who utilize the system. We encourage all of our passengers to be our eyes and ears when they are traveling on our transit system in order to better ensure public safety."

Especially with regard to cars in the parking lot, Chief Rainey recommends not leaving any

valuables in plain sight, calling this, "an attractive and easy target for a would-be criminal."

BART Crime Analyst Officer Ken Dam searched several categories and found, "Lafayette and Orinda BART did not have that many cases in the month of June 2011. It is a good thing."

A quick peek at the City of Orinda website lists crime statistics for May 2011 – four incidents of petty theft at the Orinda BART station. In June, Orinda had two unusual crimes in the parking lot. Catalytic converters were stolen from two Toyota 4-runners fifteen minutes apart – at 10:15 and 10:30 in the morning on June 14. The only item listed prior to press time at the Lafayette station shows miscellaneous items stolen from a 2002 Saturn at 6:00 p.m. on June 17.

Having just received this request, Lafayette Police Chief Mike Hubbard is looking into reporting BART crimes.

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Read – Avonia (Vonnie) Eleanor, age 87, passed away on June 26, 2011 after a long, brave battle with Parkinson’s disease. She is survived by her two daughters Kathy Meek, Marilyn Read and three grandchildren, Kaitlin Meek, John Meek and Michael Read.

Vonnie grew up in Lafayette, California and attended Acalanes High School. She went on to graduate from UC Berkeley in Chemistry, which launched her career as a Chemistry Professor at

Merritt College for the next 30 years. Her love of travel took her on biking and hiking expeditions across Europe post college, that continued with adventure trips throughout the world for the rest of her life. For several years, she served as an overseas volunteer in the Army Special Services. Vonnie had a wide array of interests that ranged from being an active member of The Sierra Club and The Contra Costa Hills Club to the East Bay Bonsai Association and the Walnut Creek Quilters Guild.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother, maintaining the highest self dignity with unstinting courage and loving attention to her family to the very end.

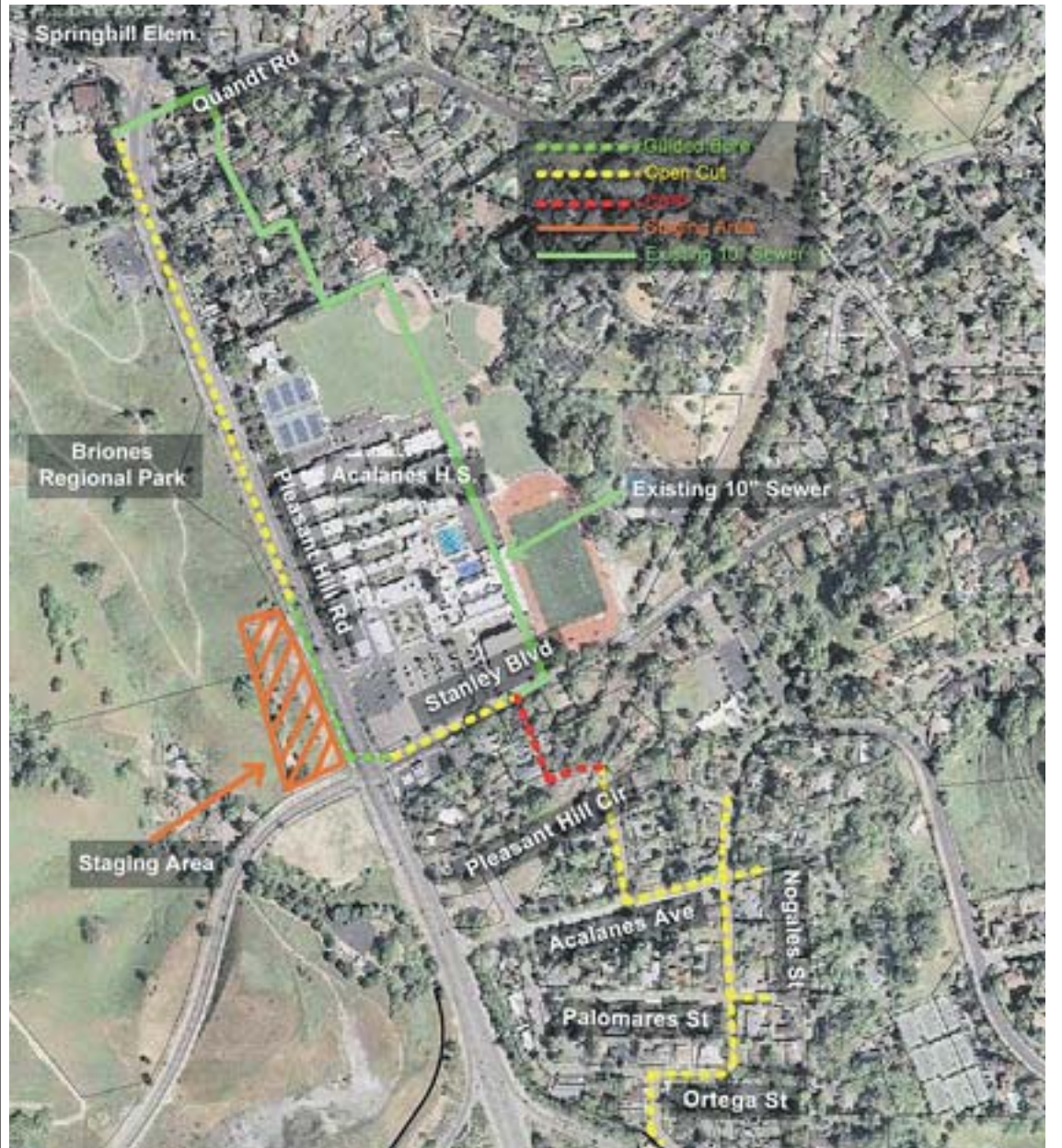
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Civic News Moraga

New Sewer Upgrade Along Pleasant Hill Road

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Three types of installation will be used: Open Cut – using heavy equipment to cut a trench; CIPP or “cure in place pipe,” which is the “least intrusive way,” mentions Carpenter, to address the pipes running through four backyards; and finally Guided Boring – using a machine to tunnel under the street – a more challenging process near the intersection of Deer Hill Road and Pleasant Hill Road. This method is used to avoid other utilities in the area - CCCSD does not want to dig through water or electrical service.

CCCSD is responsible for safe and effective wastewater collection treatment and disposal. Everything that ends up in their pipes eventually flows to their wastewater

treatment facility near the intersection of Highway 4 and Interstate 680. Although the upgrade is meant to handle peak wet-weather flows, if you brush your teeth, take a shower or flush the toilet you contribute to wastewater.

Forty five million gallons of wastewater is treated per day for close to half a million residents and 5,000 businesses in central Contra Costa County before it’s discharged into Suisun Bay or recycled for landscape watering.

Look for the continued saga of the orange cones this month at the South Orinda Sewer Renovation project – now in its fifth phase. CCCSD will be replacing or renovating 11,000 feet of aging sewers there.

Motorcycle Police Debut in Lafayette

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Look for an enforcement program to be rolled out in September that targets traffic violations near all Lafayette schools.

City Manager Steven Falk explained the reasoning behind the motorcycle cops in his Friday Summary, “If the last ten years serve as an accurate guide, the chance that you will die in a traffic collision in Lafayette is five times higher than the chance that you will become a homicide victim, and you are twenty-six times more likely to be injured in a car crash than by an assault.”

He continued, “Given Lafayette’s limited funds, it is prudent to deploy resources where the risks are highest and where the money can make a meaningful difference. The numbers suggest that, despite the unpopularity of traffic tickets, the City’s best strategy to prevent future deaths

and debilitating injuries is to provide more and better enforcement.”

The bikes are more economical to operate and maintain and get significantly better gas mileage than a traditional cruiser. Not just any officer can ride the new motorcycles; administrative regulations were recently adopted to govern the Police Motorcycle Unit (PMU). To be on the bike beat, ten years of law enforcement experience and a history of good customer service with the public are required. In addition, to ensure the safety of police officers motorcycles will not be ridden in rain, heavy fog or extremely cold or windy weather.

The Lafayette Police Department issues about 2800 citations per year – that number is likely to rise.

Cleaning up Old Paint



Ethan Valencia, a 7th grade student at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, recently climbed the hill to ‘The Rock’ to make sure no contaminants had been left behind by those who decorate the prominent white boulders that sit on private property above the intersection of Rheem Boulevard and Moraga Way. He collected two boxes of old spray paint cans and brushes that a friend from Sustainable Moraga will take to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in Martinez. “I thought it was a good idea to go and check the site out; paint is not good for the environment.”

Arriving before Valencia was Moraga Parks Foundation member Tom Preston, who removed six big leaf bags full of old cans. “The Town could not do it itself because the site is private,” said Preston’s wife, Debbie, “but they contacted the property owner to get his approval.”

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Glover Retrospective Opens at SMC's Hearst Gallery

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Pam Glover, Town on Hill

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Pam Glover, My Studio No. 2, 1996, oil on canvas, Glover family collection

Armistead is very familiar with Pam's artwork having curated two earlier exhibits at the gallery that included her plein air landscapes.

On Sunday, July 10th, the Hearst Gallery will open a third exhibit of Pam's work, her first solo exhibit, a retrospective entitled, *Pam Glover: A Life in Art*. The ex-

hibit includes her earliest work done as a child growing up in China and Australia, her rarely seen commercial work in fashion art and advertising, snowy landscapes painted with her daughter in Switzerland, examples of her exploration into mixed media in the 1960's and 70's, and 60 California plein air land-

scapes. For people who knew Pam and admirers of her work, seeing the volume and variety of her work all together in the exhibit will be a transformative experience, says Heidi Donner of the Hearst Gallery.

The entrance of the gallery and first room are filled with Pam's vibrant, colorful plein air landscapes—the work she is best known for and a movement she helped to establish in the Bay Area. The oil on canvas paintings depict her favorite scenes throughout Northern California and the wall text alongside the artwork provides delightful insights and anecdotes from Anne Marie and some of Pam's art colleagues about where, when and how the artwork was created. "She made ordinary things beautiful; spots along the freeway, clothes hanging on the line next to a couple of gangly sunflowers along the side of a house," says Donner.

An atmospheric painting of Mount Diablo in the far right corner of the front room sets the tone for a shift to several European landscapes which line the walls of the walkway that connects to the next room. The exhibit also includes a display of some of the artist's tools: her original easel and palette and the puffy blue jacket and paint-covered black apron she wore. The second half of the exhibit is a venture back in time showcasing Pam's earliest work, which includes art school assignments, portraits of Chinese children, and fashion art juxtaposed with the newspaper advertisements in which it was used. Her training, technical ability, and talent is evident from the outset and



Fashion polka

explains why her plein air work looks so effortless but really is not, says Donner.

A panel discussion led by Sarah Beserra, an art historian specializing in Western plein air painting, will be held at the Claeys Lounge at Saint Mary's at 2:00 p.m. on July

10th and includes artists Teresa Onoda, Warren Dresher, and Susan Kendall who painted outdoors with Pam over the years. The panel and the reception to follow are free. For more information go to www.hearstartgallery.org or call (925) 631-4379.

Fourth of July Fun in Lamorinda

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Down the road in Moraga, children and bicycles flooded the path at the Moraga Commons Park, if ever so briefly, during the 4th of July Bike Parade.

The tables were turned on Moraga Police Officer Michael Dreyfuss. Dreyfuss, who usually tails others in a police cruiser, found himself being followed by an array of decked-out-for-the-holiday bikes, trikes, scooters and wagons. Dreyfuss said he feels fortunate that Police Chief Robert Priebe allows him to swap his car for a bicycle "one day a year."

The bike route began at the flag pole and wound through display booths over to the band shell, where the group dispersed as quickly as they had assembled. The plan was two laps around, but the reality was a bit shorter—the lure of cotton candy, shaved ice,

bounce houses and games proved too distracting.

The earlier part of the morning was for the dogs. They waited patiently, in the shade, politely socializing with others; the short and the tall, the large and the small, redheads, brunettes, blondes and the raven-haired, all decked out in their 4th of July finery. The annual Dog Parade featured over 420 legs and 70 tails, as the dogs and their proud owners joined the furry tradition. Red white and blue was the theme, and the dogs obliged by wearing hats, ties, sweatshirts, dresses and all manner of flag-print clothing. Every dog was a winner, said emcee and former mayor Rich Avanzino. The dogs earned a biscuit, water and lots of attention while their owners received a ribbon. Everyone, it seems...lapped up the attention.

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Editor:

In 1995, Lafayette residents passed a bond measure to fix a number of the City's more heavily traveled roads. The proceeds from this \$13 million bond measure, which generated \$2 million in matching funds, has now been spent. This bond measure was highly successful in fixing a number of our roads, but the City does not have enough funds to fix all the remaining failed roads, which total 25% of the City's public roads. Now, we need to finish the job started in 1995. The City Council has stated they will place a ten-year flat annual parcel tax of \$89 per equivalent residential unit on the November ballot, if the residents of the City can obtain signatures from 10% of the registered voters. A group of residents has undertaken this task to obtain 1,600 signatures by early July. This parcel tax would raise about \$10 million over ten years, and be spent on a pay-as-you-go basis to fix the failed roads.

If the measure passes, the Council will contribute \$3 million up front from their reserve funds to fix the failed roads. They will contribute another \$1.7 million annually for repair and maintenance, of which \$600,000 is subject to annual review by the Council and availability of funds. This past year the Council reduced their annual budget expenses by over \$500,000 to allow them to maintain a balanced budget and contribute to fixing and maintaining the City's roads in good condition on an ongoing basis. In order to finish the job, we need your help to obtain these signatures in the next few weeks. A website at www.fixourroads.net has been set up to inform residents about the parcel tax, to provide the necessary petition forms and instructions, and whom to contact. Our neighbors need our help. Let's finish the job we started in 1995. Please go to the website, download the petition and begin getting your friends and neighbors to sign, whether you live on a failed road, or not. Instructions for submitting the signed petition are available on the website.

Thank you,
Guy Atwood
Lafayette

Correction, issue date 6/22: We inadvertently published letter writer Robert Blits' place of residence as Moraga; we are informed Mr. Blits is a resident of Lafayette.

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Treating Movement Patterns

By Rebecca Eckland



Dana Hemmingsen conducting the Functional Movement Screen on a client Photo provided

Three months ago, 27-year old Chris Porter was in constant pain from a degenerated disk in his back caused by years of snowboarding and weightlifting. Everything from playing softball with friends to gliding down snowy terrain left him bedridden for days. "I was in a ton of pain," he remembers, "I took at least eight ibuprofen a day."

Porter had seen several specialists and physical therapists, but nothing prescribed eased his discomfort or amended its cause. Porter decided he was "just too young to be feeling this way" and sought out local Functional Movement Screen Specialist Dana Hemmingsen.

Hemmingsen began Porter's treatment as he does with everybody: with a Functional Movement Screening (FMS) Test that rates the body's quality of movement. This test identifies specific asymmetries and limitations in basic movement

patterns. Hemmingsen knows the dangers of injury. At 14, he sustained a substantial leg injury and was forced to rehab himself in order to continue playing the sports he loved.

Years later, after a desk job at Chevron proved unfulfilling, he began unofficially coaching football players at Monte Vista High School. "A big part of why I do this is my son," said Hemmingsen, whose son now plays football for UC Davis. "He would get injured and I'd help him to understand his limitations so he could do corrective exercises and work through those injuries. And he overcame them."

Unlike more conventional tests designed to locate the problem, Functional Movement Screening (FMS) seeks the larger cause.

"So many athletes get so much training thrown on them that their muscular-skeletal system can't han-

dle it. Frequently, the medical community treats only symptoms," Hemmingsen said. "But they don't treat the movement pattern which caused it. Instead it's recurring visits, surgery or anti-inflammatory drugs. However, FMS focuses on the whole movement pattern of a body: your knee might hurt, but it's the inflexibility in your hip that causes it."

"It was interesting to see where I really was," said Porter, whose screening test revealed he had exceptionally weak hips in addition to his compromised back. "But Dana's good about not letting you get too down on yourself."

Since Porter's first screen, he has followed Hemmingsen's rehabilitation and strengthening program which he described as "methodical" and "progressive." Now, he is no longer in pain and enjoys an active lifestyle again.

In April of this year, the Vallejo Firefighters joined the San Francisco 49ers, the Oakland Raiders and the US Military in implementing FMS department-wide. Captain Ray Jackson said his decision was based on various studies that show FMS cuts on-the-job injuries. One study, published in the Journal of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology in 2007, demonstrated a 62 percent reduction lost work time due to injury as well as 42 percent reduction in injuries themselves. The test was conducted over a 12-month period on 433 fire fighters in Tempe, AZ.

Jackson said it's too early to see any major differences in his department but believes the individualized and tailored nature of the screening makes it a beneficial tool.

Jackson admitted he notices small improvements: "I'm an athletic guy, but I had this tightness in my hip when bent down to put my left sock on." He paused, as if revealing a secret. "Now, I don't feel tightness anymore."

"I just want to help people," said Hemmingsen. "I want everyone to get the most out of their training."

Eating To Perform

By Sophie Braccini

Jenna A. Bell, Ph.D., R.D., C.S.S.D., and author of *Energy to Burn*, participated in the Saint Mary's College annual free athletic performance colloquium.

Bell made her presentation during the Graduate Kinesiology Program four-day class called "Human Performance: Building the Ultimate Athlete," at Saint Mary's College June 13-16. The colloquium covered areas for improving athletic performance including: proper hydration; nutrition; stretching and warm up preparation; and sleep.

Bell addressed proper nutrition and proper hydration in her

presentation.

She said that trial and error is the best strategy for determining proper nutrition for athletes since each person reacts differently to various food intake. She still gave recommendations for carbohydrates and proteins.

Bell said whole grain, vegetables, fruits and beans for the carbohydrates, fish, poultry, beans, eggs and low fat dairy for the proteins, vegetable oils, nuts, seeds and avocados for fats and supplements like vitamins B, C, D, calcium and iron.

"What is important for athletes is to fuel before, during and

after exercise," she said. According to Bell, the carbohydrate intake should start two-to-three days prior to competition.

Bell spoke about the importance of eating after workouts as equally critical. She noted that food should be consumed within half hour after the action: "It is critical to glycogen replenishment."

Bell also emphasized the pivotal role of proper hydration in increasing performance. "Start your exercise or event fully hydrated, re-hydrate all along the exertion period, and continue to drink while you recuperate," she said.

Water Polo Defeats Top Teams

Submitted by Kelly Ratchford



Charlie Wiser (Miramonte), Colin Chiapello (De La Salle), Tucker Stone (Acalanes), Ryan McCracken (Acalanes), Clay Smudsky (Miramonte), Connor Reid (Acalanes), Nick Solit (Miramonte), JD Ratchford (Campolindo), Jake O'Malley (Acalanes), Tommy Bush (Acalanes), Jacob Welcomer (Acalanes), Tyler Kirchberg (Miramonte), Adrian Shestakov (Acalanes), Thomas Carroll (Marin Catholic), Grant Sivesind (Campolindo), Jack Fellner (Miramonte), Not in picture: Drew Holland (Miramonte), Coach Trent Calder

Photo Lisa Dirito

The Lamorinda Boys' Water Polo team won the California Cup State Championship in Norco, California on June 26. The tenth grade team went undefeated against the top water polo programs in the state, beating Stanford 9-5 in the semi-finals and

Orange County 11-6 in the finals. Lamorinda competes in two national tournaments this summer, the US Club Championships in the East Bay mid-July and the Junior Olympics in Orange County in late July.

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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!
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SPORTS LAMORINDA'S LOCAL SPORTS



Lamorinda Swimmers Battled to Win

Submitted by Kristi Buck



LMYA Dolphins, 6th place Team Honors (pictured LMYA Coaches Caroline Lukins, Anne Everett, LJ Fassler, Julianne Bozzini) Photo Rob Schussman

Nearly 20 teams from throughout the East Bay gathered to compete in the 20th Annual Battle of the Ages Swim Meet in Pleasant Hill June 25-26. Considered one of the area's premier invitational meets, the competition was fierce. While Crow Canyon Country Club placed first overall, the Lafayette teams put in a strong showing as well. Springbrook and LMYA battled for top team honors placing fifth and sixth respectively.

Lamorinda swimmers captured top individual honors in their respective age groups this weekend and were recognized as High Point Winners: Sean McKenna of Sun Valley (12 yr old boys); Nicholas Inserra of Springbrook (14 yr old boys); Megan Schussman of LMYA (15 yr old girls); Barbara Lanier of Springbrook (17 yr old girls); and Ryan Connolly of Springbrook (17 yr old boys).

Coaches from all the teams could be seen distributing gold caps throughout the weekend to signify a swimmer's qualification for the County Championships in August. The 2011 swim season got off to a wet start, forcing many teams to postpone their time trials and pre-season meets due to the unusually rainy spring. Despite the weather, spirits are high as the competitive season is finally taking shape. LMYA head coach Marc Cavallero remarked "I am excited to bring the team back to our home pool. Acalanes has been our team's home for over 50 years and the new pool will be a fantastic venue for the upcoming Lafayette City Meet and County Championships. I expect we will see many records broken this year!"

CYO Athletes Honored

Submitted by Monica Chappell



From left, front row: Paige Winter, Jenny Gonser, Michael Samaniego, John O'Malley, Jack Eisner and Daniel Hogan; back row: Kevin Fisher (Athletic Director), Rob O'Reilly (Head Coach), Cindy Nelson (Widow of Ken) and Fr. John Kasper (Pastor); not pictured: Chris Hagmaier Photo Cliff Eisner

Six athletes were selected for CYO's Ken Nelson Award. The "Ken Nelson Award" is for the player on each CYO eighth grade team who best represents the values of CYO basketball, as voted on by their peers—leadership, sportsmanship, hard-work and respect for all. Ken Nelson was a long time CYO Board Member and CYO coach. He also coached Campolindo High School. Nelson passed away from cancer in 2008.

Rancho Colorados Tennis Takes League

Submitted by John Sharpe



From left, back row: Rita Hock, Lauren Webster, Katie Kresnak, Marlou Eyl, Lori Langley, Bev Maechling, LeeAnn Gove, Sharon Nagle; front row: Sally McKay, Cari Thrasher, Casey Sasner, Catherine Franklin; not pictured: Tracy Brewer, Melanie Brinkman, Charlene Condy, Kathy Kessenich, Lynn Salazar Photo provided

The A2 tennis team from Rancho Colorados, Costa Spring Tennis league. They went undefeated and as a result qualify for A1 play next spring. ling, recently captured first place in the Contra

Gaels get Drafted



Mickey McConnell Photo Tod Fierner

Two Gaels were selected in the 2011 Major League Baseball draft.

A surprise pick came from the Los Angeles Dodgers who chose Mickey McConnell. McConnell, a four-year varsity basketball player and West Coast Conference Player of the Year, has not played baseball competitively since high school. The Dodgers picked McConnell in the 31st round with the 944th pick.

McConnell comes from a baseball family. His older brother was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in 2009.

Junior starting pitcher Kyle Barraclough was selected in the 40th round as the 1,228 pick by the Minnesota Twins.

Barraclough was named to the All-West Coast Conference First Team. He is seventh on the all-time career strike-out list with 210 and eighth on the all-time career wins with 16.

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Kyle Barraclough Photo Tod Fierner

Lafayette Golfer Wins Tournament

Submitted by Paul Griessel



Paul Griessel, Jr., 12, took first place at the Junior Golf Association of Northern California tournament at Buchanan Fields Golf Course in Concord on June 15. Griessel shot par, earning a score of 62 for 18 holes, to win the boys' 12-13 age group.

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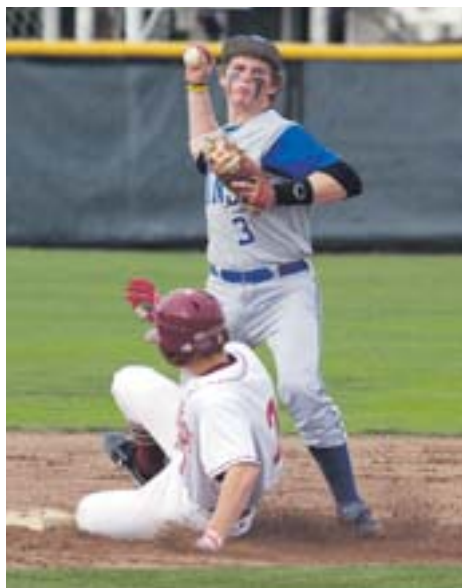
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Spring Sports All-DFAL Teams



| Sport | School | Award | Student |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Softball | Miramonte | Second Team Honorable Mention | Claire Ramer Alex Trujillo Ashley Kawaguchi |
| | Acalanes | First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Taylor Gray Mia Monopoli Natalie Goepel Alexie Shurtz Maddie Maderious |
| | Campolindo | First Team Second Team | Shelley Suhling Emily Streeter Paige Edwards Rebecca Crisp Kristen Ghamghami |
| Lacrosse | Miramonte | First Team Second Team | Lauren Dougherty Dani Albo Alex Seclow Caroline Cook Mary Doyle |
| | Acalanes | Most Valuable Player First Team Second Team | Elizabeth Landry Devon Frazer Casey Reid Taylor Ewing Courtney Neff Niki Quinn Annie Belliveau |
| | Campolindo | First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Hannah Perkins Eliza Pedder Brooke Martini Erin Nakahara |
| Swimming | Miramonte | Second Team Honorable Mention | Sierra Robbins Erin Schonfield Shelley Caron Megan Howard Meredith White Allison Light Annie Larsen Sam Swinton Jenna Haufler |
| | Acalanes | Second Team | Nora Vance Katie Records Emily Giambastini Natalie Chan |
| | Campolindo | First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Courtney Whyte Dana Holt Maren Kjell Sam Flower Megan Bicomong Alyssa Parsons Hannah Grubbs Padon Sivesind Alexis Cravero Cassidy Fuller |
| Track and Field | Miramonte | First Team Honorable Mention | Megan Reid Kera Deakins Devon McDonald Kirby Schulz Rebekah Ent Alyssa Wendt |
| | Acalanes | Second Team | Jordan Hines Amy Hollswander Katie Salmon Anja Simonsen Haley Kisner Tara Bozzini Katie Berge Katie Barton Brianna Wilkinson |
| | Campolindo | First Team Honorable Mention | Carrie Verdon Hadley Swanson Juliet Farnan Rhea Jayachandrad Margaret Macy Rachael Meadows Meghan Nelson |

| Sport | School | Award | Student |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Baseball | Miramonte | First Team Second Team Gold Glove | Peter James Tyler Davis Paddy O'Brien Drew Jackson Andrew Joss Spencer Marx Drew Jackson |
| | Acalanes | First Team Second Team Gold Glove | Spencer Henderson Grant Diede Connor Hornsby Evan Heptig Zac Schoenrock Tommy Beritzhoff |
| | Campolindo | Most Valuable Player First Team Second Team Gold Glove | James Marvel John Cushing Trent Shelton Robbie Tenerowicz Brett Stephens Vance Vergara Austin Rei |
| Golf | Miramonte | Second Team | Patrick Fabian Henry Cassriel |
| | Acalanes | Most Valuable Player First Team Second Team | Will Brueckner Parker Ramsey Harrison Kim Chris Childers |
| | Campolindo | First Team | Matt Klein |
| Lacrosse | Miramonte | Co-Most Valuable Player First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Carson Mead Alex Nicolaou Chase Hildeburn Carson Mead Brian Raaka Nick Sheehan Mike Sappio Gabe Gillerman |
| | Acalanes | Co-Most Valuable Player First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Harrison Bagdan Chris Lee Justice Fleischmann Ryan Mitchell Harrison Bagdan Peter Mitchell Nate Vance Trevor Felt Robbie Stern Michael Leamy |
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| Swimming | Miramonte | First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Tennyson May Charlie Wiser Nick Deaver Alec Ryner Gabe Ostler Kyle Weikert Robbie Fluegee |
| | Acalanes | First Team Second Team | Piankhi Gibson Asher Lichtig David Palley Brett Usinger Zach Newman Tanner Cullen |
| | Campolindo | First Team Second Team | Sven Campbell Robbie Ashby Nick Zolantakis Jeff Strausser Tor Jensen Steve Stumph JD Ratchford |
| Tennis | Miramonte | First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Andrew Pises Luke Bohuslav Chad Boersma/ Andrew Tan Brian Tan Michael Krakaris Casey Nichol/ Drew Jones Trevor Rechnitz Philip Shamash |
| | Acalanes | First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Dan Cardiff Ascher Lichtig Alex Mogensen/Greg Hanson Alex Schperberg Karin Masarweh Chris Wool/Michael Lin |
| | Campolindo | First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Maks Tvetkov Nolan Richard Inno Asuncion/Matt Reshke Sina Dadafarin/Pete Jourgensen Hans Aasman Baudewijn Aasman Will Howard/Matt Cimino Trent McCormick |
| Track and Field | Miramonte | First Team Second Team | Nick Bhacho Marshall Deutz Kevin Booze Ashraf Mathkour Jamie Fehrstrom Zati Williams Micah Solit Tyler Hanson |
| | Acalanes | First Team Second Team Honorable Mention | Michael Walton Joe Dreyer Matt Thomas Nick Karp Adler Faulkner Nathan Chung |
| | Campolindo | First Team Honorable Mention | Thomas Joyce Griffin Brumbaugh Vinson Compestine Darren Brodowy Dylan Laucher Andres Del Valle Vance Precott |
| Volleyball | Acalanes | First Team Second Team | Cole Marley Daniel Inouye Evanre Amos Dan Kennedy Josh Bulos |
| | Campolindo | Most Valuable Player First Team Second Team | Dylan Blackstone Jason Lee Bryan Lee Alex Mangels Carl King Kevin Honda Ethan Stevenson Ryan Alva Markus Sommer-Wuestehube |

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Life in LAMORINDA

Winemaking – the New Lamorinda Lifestyle

By Sophie Braccini



Newly developed vineyard across from Rancho Laguna Park

Photo Doug Kohen



Over 3000 vines have been planted.

Photo Doug Kohen

Is there an American Viticultural Area (AVA) designation in the future of Lamorinda? A few years ago the Lamorinda Winegrowers Association (LWA) included people who grew grapes and dreamed about making their own wine. Today that dream is a reality with three bonded Lamorinda wineries, and several new vineyards in the ground or in preparation. Some of these vineyards are quite large and, because the project manager is Sal Captain of Captain Vineyards, they are being created using the Captains' concept of sustainable agriculture – according to Captain, it's just taking advantage of the unique characteristics of Lamorinda's soil and climate.

"When I tested Salah's (Sal Captain's) Cabernet from a #196 root stock, the same as the Opus 1 Cabernet, I started to become very interested in becoming a winemaker myself," says Jamie Rector, "so when we bought 56 acres of unincorporated county land just across from Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga, I asked him to become a partner in developing some of that land."

The Rectors used to be neighbors of the Captains, who have set their vineyard in the Bluffs area of Moraga; they witnessed how Sal and his wife Susan became professional winemakers over the years. "When Jamie asked me to help, the first thing we did was test the soil," says Captain, "it is a typical Moraga/Orinda soil made of clay loam with silt and sand stone, a perfect combination for a vineyard."

Together they choose a 2.5 acre expanse with a good orientation and slant, and with the help of a GPS company to maximize sun positioning, Captain designed three contiguous areas on which to plant 3150 vines. "Most of it is planted with the #169 Cabernet Sauvignon rootstock that has produced some phenomenal Cab for us," adds Captain.

The cultivars were planted a few months ago and are already growing nicely. Two wells were drilled on the property. "We will train these plants the way we did on our property, to use less and less water over the years," says Captain. Last year, he watered his six- year-old vineyard only three times during the whole season. In

addition to conserving water, Captain explains, "When you train the roots to grow deeper into the soil to get their water, the system expands and extracts a more diverse range of nutrients from the soil," he says, "the result is more complexity and better testing wine. And when people hear that we don't add anything to it, they like it even more."

"There is something very artistic and soothing looking at the vineyard," says Rector, "this is part of the pleasure of having it, along with seeing it grow from the start."

Paul Coletta, the owner of Humblebee Vineyard in Orinda, agrees that growing vines is a life-changing experience. "For me it is a lifestyle," says Coletta who also asked Captain to manage his new vineyard, "I love the people, the food and wine aspect of it, and the connection with nature." Coletta, along with his wife Catherine and

two children, started by installing bee hives on his property (thus the name of the vineyard), then added owl boxes to control gophers, and a solar energy system to power his future production. 200 plants of Syrah have already been planted and his planned addition of 300 more in the fall – Viognier and Mourvèdre – will make him one of Orinda's largest growers.

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American Viticultural Areas (AVA), designated by the federal government to highlight wine areas of special significance, are typically 1,000 acres or larger. The smallest AVA in the US is the Cole Ranch AVA in Mendocino County with 189 acres, with 55 under vine (2007). The specificity of Cole Ranch is its relatively cold micro-climate, which gives its wines distinctly different characteristics than those from surrounding areas.

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MOFD's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

By Sophie Braccini



MOFD's new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Dennis Rein
Photo Sophie Braccini

The Moraga Orinda Fire District recently hired Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commissioner Dennis Rein as its new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Rein is a multi-generational Lafayette resident who spent his professional life in law enforcement and fire fighting with the Regional Park District.

Since his retirement in 2006, Rein has been a member of the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness

Commission. He started his new part time job on July 1st with a vast and simple mission: Ensure that Moraga and Orinda are fully prepared to handle any emergency. Rein is fully aware of the complexity of the task at hand.

Rein says his interest in natural resource management started with 4H when he was just a kid. While studying Recreation and Resource Management at Oregon State Uni-

versity, he volunteered as a ranger for the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) at the San Pablo Reservoir and was hired there when he graduated. EBMUD sent him to the Police Academy and he became part of the police and emergency response team; when the team's responsibilities were transferred to the Regional Park District in the 80's, Rein followed the job.

Rein served the Park District as a police officer and fire fighter until he became the East Bay Regional Park Fire Chief, in charge of 60 parks and more than 100,000 acres. "After retiring in 2006 I continued to consult for the Parks, and when my friend John Stuart asked me to join him on the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission I was glad to contribute to their excellent work."

The opening of a new position with MOFD gives Rein the opportunity to serve once again in his area of expertise.

"(MOFD) is very fortunate to have someone with Dennis' qualifications and experience to fill this position," said MOFD Fire Chief Randy Bradley in a press release, "...he's already spent much of his professional life preparing for and managing emergencies in this re-

gion."

Rein sees his first priority as integrating the different groups that would have to work together in case of an emergency. "I see myself as a liaison officer between the municipalities, the schools, and the general population," says Rein who is aware that at any given time there are a minimal number of first responders (police and fire) on duty in Lamorinda. "An emergency plan will aim at linking together the groups of residents and schools with the emergency operation centers," says Rein, "but people need to realize that they are their own best first line of defense. During the 1991 tunnel fire, many issues were resolved quickly by the people who were right there."

Rein believes that the real challenge of his position will be to keep the general population engaged. "If you're not prepared, you become part of the problem," he notes, adding that he thinks the best way to communicate during an emergency is at the small area level and face-to-face, which requires the creation of a multitude of basic neighborhood units. "I will work with the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)," he says, "and hopefully will do some outreach, too."



Moraga Orinda Fire District

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Winemaking – the New Lamorinda Lifestyle

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The vineyard plots were oriented to optimize sun positioning with the help of a GPS company. Photo Doug Kohen

Captain's third vineyard management project is scheduled to go in the ground in the spring of 2012, and has the potential of becoming the largest and most visible Lamorinda vineyard. The 22 acres bought last winter by Andrea Wood form the hill that faces the Rheem Center and parallels Rheem Boulevard. It used to be a buffalo ranch and Wood, who lives in Orinda, wants to cover the entire hill with vines.

"Initially, we will plant 10 acres (about 12,000 vines) with Cabernet Sauvignon and Sal (Captain) will do it," says the self-assured young woman who has already planted 100 manzanita olive trees on the property with the intent to produce olive oil. Her objective is to have her own label, Packwood Vineyard, named after her late husband. "This project will put Lamorinda wines on the map," believes Wood, "and it has to be the highest quality, as well as sustainable."

Sustainable Film Series

By Sophie Braccini

The non-profit Sustainable Lafayette has organized a Sustainable Film Series this summer. *The Economics of Happiness*, a well-made film that argues the benefits of localization over globalization for the average individual, was presented at a screening on June 28. The next two movies will be screened at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center on July 12th and July 26th at 7:00 p.m.

The July 12 movie is *Gasland*, by filmmaker Josh Fox. When Fox was

asked to lease his land for drilling, he started asking questions about the safety of the drilling method and especially about the Halliburton-developed drilling technology of "fracking," or hydraulic fracturing. The film tells the story of Fox's cross country odyssey in search of the truth.

The last sustainable movie of the summer, to be presented on July 26, is *Queen of the Sun – What Are the Bees Telling Us?* Most have heard of the phenomenon called Colony Collapse Disorder, from which bees dis-

appear in mass numbers from their hives with no clear explanation. The movie by director Taggart Siegel examines the global bee crisis through the eyes of biodynamic beekeepers, scientists, farmers, and philosophers. On a pilgrimage around the world, 10,000 years of beekeeping is unveiled – highlighting how our historic and sacred relationship with bees has been lost due to highly mechanized industrial practices; the movie also suggests natural solutions to restore our relationship with the bees.



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The Great Used Book Battle

By Lou Fancher

(Editor's note: We visited the Orinda Safeway at press time and there were no traces of the blue bin.)

In every battle, iconic images capture the essence of the conflict.

In World War I, it was Uncle Sam, pointing out of a poster and stating, "I want YOU for U. S. Army."

Today, in Lamorinda, blue donation bins bearing the words, "Donate to Charity," have come to represent the struggle between Thrift Recycling Management (TRM), a national used book reseller, and local library groups.

Based in Lakewood, Washington, TRM is a for-profit entity founded by CEO Phil McMullin. A recent \$8.5 million venture-capital investment is allowing the company to expand its partnerships with its non-profit branch, Reading Tree, and local charities across the country.

TRM's stated intention is to capitalize on the resale value of used literature while supporting charitable organizations and reducing the number of books headed to landfills.

Linda Landau, treasurer of Friends of Orinda Library (FOL), offered a different perspective on used books.

"Learn the facts before you donate," began a letter from Landau to library supporters. "Our Friends groups do a great job recycling books and we don't need to have them (and our source of funds) going out of the area," she continued. "Please keep the value of your donation here, not enriching an out-of-state for-profit corporation," Landau concluded.

When the first blue bins appeared in Orinda, and later, when an announcement from nearby Oakland heralded the collaboration between Safeway, Reading Tree and Reading Partners, an East Bay non-profit, Landau and her associates were alarmed.

The Oakland initiative, which will result in a total of 2,500 books being contributed to Brookfield Elementary School, Learning Without Limits, Think College Now Elementary, Berkeley Maynard Academy and Hillside Elementary School, will benefit the area's early reading programs.

Landau voiced concern that FOL's efforts not be construed as Orinda versus Oakland. "We are concerned that an important source of revenue for all libraries and Friends groups is threatened. We have the time and resources to work on this. Many communities, those who would suffer the most from the lost income, aren't able to take on this kind of effort," she wrote in a recent email. Although Oakland itself is not in Contra Costa County, Landau noted that everything in the Orinda library is available to all residents of this county through inter-library loans.

Sharon Lingane, Manager of the Lafayette Friends Corner Book Shop, agreed. "The Friends of the

Lafayette Library have been selling used books since 1967. They were able to donate over a million dollars to build the new library. We have 20,000 books. We have 150 volunteers. We sell hundreds of books every single week," Lingane wrote.

A call to McMullin asking him to respond to the objections—and to explain what percentage of the sales are actually donated to charity—garnered an immediate answer.

"If there is a library that is feeling threatened, I would be thrilled to know who they are," McMullin said. "I'm interested in making sure that they know we are there to support them."

Far from feeling supported, Lingane said TRM will interfere with the Friends' ability to help their library. "I would like the bin not to be at Safeway – unless the bin is put there by someone in the community and the proceeds go back into the community," she stated flatly.

With confusion about the relationship between TRM and Learning Tree and varying donation figures published in media reports, McMullin was asked for further clarification.

A Q and A fact sheet he forwarded about Reading Tree stated the following:

Frankly, about half the books placed in the bins are damaged, unusable or unsalable for one reason or another. TRM converts them to pulp that is sold to paper mills. Some of the revenue from selling pulp, together with a portion of the revenue from selling books online, helps cover Reading Tree's operating expenses.

Pressed to provide a more specific donation figure, McMullin said, "We take the books and process them. Out of that processing we have a commitment to give back to the companies the books they most use. As a general rule, we give Reading Tree what they need: mostly children's books."

"They take the best books that get the best prices. If TRM sells them online, that directly cuts into our sales," Lingane stated.

"We are not skimming and taking the very best books. It's disingenuous to say that," responded McMullin.

But Lingane was insistent, saying, "In the long run, it's not going to be helpful for this community. It will end up in our bookshop not being able to survive, depending on how many people decide dropping the books at Safeway is easier. I don't want [people] to find another place to donate books that will compete with us."

The competitive challenge has galvanized both Orinda and Lafayette activists to request a meeting with Safeway. An offer to allow library groups to collect books from the bins was rejected as impractical, because many library volunteers are seniors.

Kathy Merchant, Executive Di-

rector of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, encouraged library trustees to express their concerns to Safeway's senior management.

At press time, plans for a meeting with Safeway had stalled, after tense negotiations about who should have access to the community's books.

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Cuisiner Dans Le Jardin

(Cooking in the Garden)

By Susie Iventosch



Philippe Chevalier

Photo Eugenie Hurld

If you love to cook and enjoy a beautiful garden setting, then perhaps you'd find pleasure cooking your meal right in the garden! Chef Philippe Chevalier is hosting a series of cooking class demonstrations this summer. What makes them so special is not only the food, but the fact they are held in the beautiful garden outside his Lafayette restaurant!

Every other Saturday, cooking enthusiasts gather amongst the roses and geraniums to prepare, and devour, a menu designed to incorporate locally grown, seasonal produce. Wine

pairings are available for those wishing to sample French wines to accompany the various courses.

"People had been asking me to offer cooking classes," Chevalier said. "I think it helps to take their minds off the economy and helps them to focus on something pleasant, like learning to cook special meals at home. I love that."

Students dine family style in the garden, which also gives them an opportunity to meet new people.

"In France we have a saying, 'adorer la

vie', meaning to take the time to cook and enjoy a nicely prepared dinner with family and friends at home," Chevalier mentioned.

Obbe Knoop, who attended the first class on June 11, said it was a wonderful way to spend the afternoon. "We dine at Chevalier a lot. I'm European and moved here from Holland 10 years ago. Chef Philippe's food is very authentic French—upscale food, great taste, beautiful presentation and the atmosphere is awesome, too."

So, when Knoop received an email about the cooking class in the garden, he didn't hesitate.

According to Knoop, Chef Chevalier served foie gras right off the top to settle any hunger pangs, and then started explaining all about the ingredients he was using and demonstrated exactly how to make the dishes. He offered tips and welcomed questions about what he was doing, too.

"The weather was gorgeous," Knoop pointed out. "And, it was a beautiful day in the garden, with wonderful food and wine. We all sat family style, so my wife Shannon McDaniel, our friend Lesli Nordgren and I enjoyed the afternoon dining and learning with brand new acquaintances, which was all part of the fun."

Upcoming class menus are listed on the website, but folks are also welcome to phone the restaurant directly. The July 9 class will feature Wild King Salmon Tartare with baguette and chive whipped cream, Rack of Veal with roasted potatoes and fresh herbs, and Fresh Black Mission Fig Salad.

On July 14, in honor of Bastille Day, Chevalier will roast a whole pig on the spit out in the garden. This special will be in addition to the regular menu.

TIPS

In case you don't own an egg poacher (like me), Chef Chevalier has a tip for poaching eggs in a pot of water. You simply add approximately 3 tablespoons of white vinegar to 2 cups of water and crack the eggs, one at a time, into the boiling mixture. The vinegar helps to coagulate the egg white. Once, cooked, extract the poached egg from the water with a slotted spoon. It worked for me!

"Cuisiner Dans Le Jardin" classes are every other Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and include lunch.

The cost per student is \$45 for the demonstration and lunch, and \$18 for the wine assortment to pair with each of the three courses. Wine is optional.

For class or dinner reservations please call or visit:

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Menu from June 25 Class

Brochette de Crevettes avec Salade et Fenouille

(Shrimp skewers with salad and fennel)

(For 2 People)

INGREDIENTS

- 4 branches fresh rosemary
- 4 jumbo shrimp, uncooked
- ¼ bulb fennel, thinly sliced
- Mixed baby greens
- Dressing
- 1 Meyer lemon (juice of)
- 1 teaspoon honey
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme
- Salt and pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS

Prepare salad plates with mixed greens topped with sliced fennel. Mix dressing in a separate container. Peel and devein shrimp. Skewer each shrimp onto a rosemary spear. Brush with olive oil and season lightly with salt and pepper. Grill or pan-sear over medium high heat until just cooked. Serve shrimp over greens and drizzle dressing over all.



Photos Susie Iventosch

Risotto au Parmesan avec Petits Legumes de Saison et Oeuf Poché

(Parmesan Risotto with steamed seasonal vegetables and poached egg)

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup Arborio rice
- 2½ cups white veal stock
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons white vinegar (for poaching eggs)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Baby carrots
- Baby turnips
- Baby fennel
- ½ ounce Parmesan cheese (plus a little extra for garnish)
- Fresh chervil or chives, snipped for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Prepare risotto by sautéing rice in a little bit of olive oil in a sauté pan. Add stock one half cup at a time, stirring often, until all stock is used and rice is al dente. Season with salt and pepper and stir in Parmesan. Meanwhile, steam veggies and poach eggs until yolk is still soft, but whites are cooked. Spoon risotto on plates and top with veggies and poached egg. Sprinkle with extra grated Parmesan and snipped chives or chervil as garnish.

NOTE *I added two finely chopped shallots to the risotto when sautéing it in the pan.

Pêche Jaune Caramelizé et Noisette Grillées

(Caramelized yellow peach with toasted hazelnuts)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 yellow peaches
- 1-2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 vanilla bean
- ½ ounce toasted hazelnuts, broken into pieces
- 1 cup whipped cream (whip with 1 ounce of powdered sugar below)
- 1 ounce powdered sugar
- 2 mint leaves for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Blanch peaches in pot of boiling water for 30 seconds to a minute, just to loosen skins. Cool, peel and cut into quarters, working around the pit. Discard pit and set aside peach quarters. In a medium sauté pan, melt butter. Add peaches, sugar and scrapings from vanilla bean. Cook over medium-high heat just until peaches and sugar begin to caramelize. Cool and reserve any pan juices to drizzle over peaches and cream. To serve, spoon peaches onto plate, garnish with whipped cream, hazelnuts and mint leaves.

Susie Iventosch is the author of Tax Bites and Tasty Morsels, which can be found at Across the Way in Moraga, www.amazon.com, and www.taxbites.net. Susie can be reached at suziven@gmail.com. **These recipe is available on our web site** www.lamorindaweekly.com If you would like to share your favorite recipe with Susie please contact her by email or call our office at 925-377-0977.



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Bitten by the Bug

By Cathy Dausman



Ron Wake with his race car

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What does Ron Wake, D.D.S. have in common with Rick Mears, Niki Lauda, Dan Gurney and Paul Newman? They all race sports cars. On weekends the Lafayette dentist races Sports Car Club of America sanctioned Formula Vee cars. That's Vee, as in VW, or Volkswagen, Bug. A vintage, 1960's-era Bug. Don't snicker just yet: these ram air-cooled, open wheel racers are 10 feet long, weigh 1,000 pounds and cruise at an average 75 mph (top speed 115, "almost terminal velocity," says Wake) along asphalt road courses. To build the racer, Wake says "we take the wheels, axel and transmission and throw the Bug away."

As a child, Wake raced go-carts on his family's central California valley farm. His interest in organized racing grew out of a conversation he had with a patient who raced cars and did his own mechanical work. Wake had a BMW 2002 that needed work, and asked his patient for help. That was 1974. Soon Wake was acting as his patient's pit crew and watching from the sidelines. He bought his first Formula Vee in Oakland a couple years later, and has been racing ever since.

Now Wake owns two race cars, employs a Redwood City "motor guru" for mechanical work, and shops I/O Port Racing in Lafayette for supplies. Asked if his patients know about his "other life," Wake shrugs. He'll tell them about racing, but he doesn't flaunt it. No checkered flags adorn his office walls.

Wake has raced locally at Laguna Seca, Infineon, and Thunder Hill, in Willows, as well as in Southern California at Autoclub Speed-

way (Fontana), Willow Springs (Rosamond), Buttonwillow, and Los Angeles' old Riverside Raceway. He's competed in Wisconsin, Oregon, Nevada and Georgia. Wake maintains dual membership in the San Francisco region SCCA and the LA-based Cal Club, which allows him to race in the Southern Pacific Division. Formula Vee competes against Formula Ford, Formula C and Formula 500 (the snowmobile category...let the snickering begin.) "We're the slowest [group]," says Wake. But it's real racing, head to toe.

Like other racers, Wake suits up in Nomex and dons a crash helmet; he uses head and neck support (HANS) and clips into a 7-point body harness. Races run rain or shine; participants simply swap out rain tread tires for the dry weather slicks when needed. With its low center of gravity, Formula Vee cars rarely flip (unless the wheels are clipped) but Wake recalls spinning repeatedly after being hit in one race.

Wake competes from January through October. The three-time Northern California Region winner also placed in the Southern Pacific Division two years in a row. He finished 18 out of 45 the last two years in Wisconsin's "Road America" race. Wake's trophies are housed in his garage, and there they'll stay, says wife Sharon. But she does approve of his hobby ("When we met I was racing," says Wake) and even acts as his pit crew alongside their daughter.

On a normal weekend, Wake runs three half-hour races. He says SCCA racing is "fairly inexpensive" for a serious hobby, and race spec-

tators are admitted free. "It's a great opportunity to see professional race courses." Wake's next race weekend is July 23 and 24 on Thunderhill in Willows; he then races at Infineon September 3 and 4. It's clear he'd love to see some friendly faces lining the track.

After over 35 years of competition, the dentist who races and the racer with a dental practice says he won't retire "until my competitors tell me [to]." Even then there's another option—vintage racing, with "older cars and older drivers." For now, he's still gunning for that checkered flag.

SCCA Formula Vee racing began in 1963. Explore the San Francisco chapter of SCCA online at www.sfrscca.com, or watch video from Wake's car-mounted camera online at

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By Eric Pawlakos

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If it is available on Amazon or iTunes, there is a link to download it. Two outstanding features of this app are the abilities to look up the lyrics for the song, and to find future concert dates (if any) for the artist.

Douglas McKinley, also a Miramonte junior, said, "Those features make SoundHound one of the best song-identifying apps on the market."

Eric Pawlakos is a junior at Miramonte High School.

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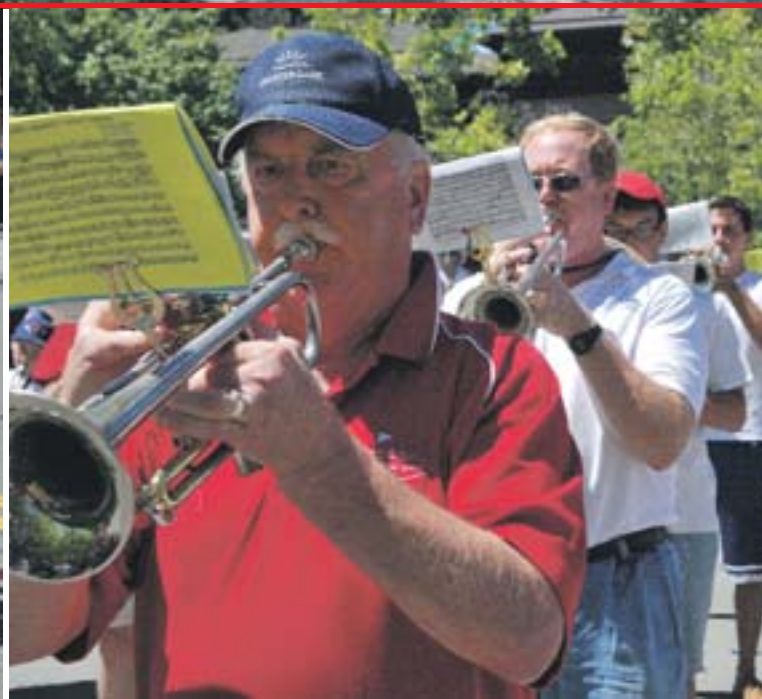
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Campolindo Leo Club's New Officers

Submitted by Bob Murtagh



From left: Campolindo teacher Lisa Herzig (Leo Advisor), Brenna Williams, Elodie Kwan, and Immediate Past President Lynn Hsu Photo provided

past District Leo Coordinator, swore in new Campolindo Leo Club President Elodie Kwan and new Vice President Brenna Williams.

The Campolindo Leo Club is a service club comprised of students and provides approximately 500 hours of community service to Moraga and the surrounding area. In addition to supporting the Moraga Lions Club at various fundraisers, the club provides manpower for the 4th of July celebration, Breakfast with Santa, and the recent triathlon. Through fundraising activities, the club has donated \$250 annually to the Moraga Education Foundation.

The Leo Club also collects and cleans eye glasses which are then recycled to third world countries.

During the annual picnic of held on June 22 at the Moraga the Moraga Lions Club Commons, Lion Dan Hagan,

Town Manager Updates Moraga Movers

Submitted by George Fisher



Jill Keimach

Photo provided

Jill Keimach, Moraga's Town Manager, gave a very informative talk about Moraga, its challenges and successes, at the Moraga Movers dinner June 13 at the Soda Center.

She elaborated on her definition of "minimal government" which means lower taxes with more efficiency that she, as a manager, can utilize to insure that her staff is accountable for what they do.

Minimum government doesn't mean lower expectations. It means keeping your expectations high, keeping your service level high, and not having bureaucracy. Her definition of bureaucracy is when you work for an organization, disappear, and not have accountability. There are no secretaries in the Town Office.

With pride, Keimach pointed out that Moraga's cost per capita for town government is \$384, considerably lower than the surrounding communities, and much lower than Piedmont's \$1857 (Piedmont is smaller than Moraga!)

Keimach gave the Movers a detailed analysis about five potential sites for a Community Meeting Room and Council Chambers, plans

for the Hacienda, and road conditions. Do we want to pay \$4 a square yard soon to fix our neighborhood roads or pay \$33 as is presently faced in Orinda?

The 5 sites considered for the Community Meeting Room/Council Chambers were 329 Rheem, the Library, LaSala, the Casita, and JM. The Council will consider later this month adding a six-foot extension to the second floor at 329 Rheem creating a room to accommodate 100 people. The projected cost is \$170M which would be the same cost of staying at JM for 10 years.

The evening ended with a spirited number of questions which were very capably handled. In a straw vote concerning our road conditions the majority of Movers opted for a general bond issue as opposed to a neighborhood benefit assessment tax. In the coming months there will be many facts presented to our citizens to help them decide the best course for our town.

The Moraga Movers welcomes all active adults age 55+. For more information go to www.morag-amovers.org.

Racing for a Miracle

Submitted by Mary Sue Erickson



David, Mary Sue and John Erickson of Lafayette Ace Hardware

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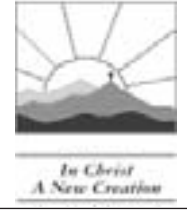
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ART

The Hearst Art Gallery at Saint Mary's College in Moraga will reopen on Sunday, July 10, with Pam Glover: A Life in Art. 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. until 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. See article page .

The Lafayette Gallery's exhibit, "Sun Kissed," runs through 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 an outdoor artist market on July 16th. Free to attend; www.lafayettgallery.net, (925) 284-2788.

Moraga Art Gallery Member Donna Arganbright and Guest Artist Sharon Tama will be featured in the 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 at the show's opening reception, June 11, 3-5 p.m. The Moraga Art Gallery is located at 570 Center St in Moraga. For more information, go to www.moragaart-gallery.com or (925)376-5407.

A themed exhibition by the members of the Contra Costa Camera Club (CCCC) is currently on display in the Doug Adams Gallery at the Orinda Community Church with a total of 34 photographs depicting a cross-section of American landscapes, peoples and imagery. The exhibit is open for public viewing every Sunday until August 21st from after church at 11am-12pm. See www.contracostacameraclub.org for more information.

MUSIC

Summer Concert Series will feature Ramana Vieira with "the new voice of Portuguese world music." Vieira sings soulful Portuguese Fado., July 10, 1pm; Community Hall, Lafayette Library and Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For reservations call (925) 284-5050. Fee: Members \$3; Non-members \$5.

The Orinda Library summer concert presents Eastern Strings on Wednesday, July 27 at 6:45pm. Playing traditional instruments, Nathan and Yosifah Craven with a percussionist, perform the classical and popular music of Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iran and Iraq. Along the way, they will share the history and legend of "musiqat Al'Arabiyya." The Orinda Library is at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda and the Summer Music Series is free and open to all. For more info visit www.ccclib.org or telephone (925) 254-2184.

Tuesday Summer Concerts in the Park- pack a picnic dinner and join your friends and neighbors at the Orinda Community Park from 6:30-8:30pm for some food, fun, and music. July 12: Stone Soup Classic Rock, July 19: Orinda Idol Variety, July 26: Pladdogh Celtic Rock. Sponsored by the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary.

Summer Concert Series every Thursday night at the Moraga Commons Park located at 1799 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. The free concerts are from 6:30-8:30pm. The volunteers of the Moraga Park Foundation will be serving delicious grilled dinners at the concession stand. Thursday, July 14: LADY K & THE KINGS OF SWING, Big Band & Swing; Thursday, July 21 MOONALICE, Early SF Rock; Thursday, July 28: MIXED NUTS, Standards & Covers. For info go to www.moragaparks.org.

The third annual Orinda Rotary-sponsored free opera concert in the park will be held at 4pm on Sunday, July 31 in the Orinda Community Park. Free parking. Children welcome. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orinda. Food, wine, beer and sodas will be available.

THEATER

Cal Shakes presents the world premiere of "The Verona Project," written and directed by Amanda Dehnert, July 6-31. The Verona Project tells the story of two boyhood best friends com-

ing of age, the boy and the girl who come between them; and their journey toward figuring out who they all want to love, who they are, and who they want to become. For details and to purchase tickets go to www.calshakes.org.

Woodminster musical theater will present "Oliver!" the musical retelling of Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist under the stars in Oakland's beautiful Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland, July 8-17. For exact show times and tickets call (510) 531-9597, or visit www.woodminster.com, \$26-\$42 (\$2 discount for children/seniors). On preview night July 7, 8pm, all tickets are \$10 at the door.

Berkeley Playhouse Presents Seussical, the Musical! on July 9 - August 14, Weds-Sat 7pm; Matinees: Sat 2pm, Sun 12pm and 5pm, at Berkeley Playhouse at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 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 http://www.berkeleyplayhouse.org or call (510) 845-8542 or email boxoffice@berkeleyplayhouse.org.

July 15th thru August 6th Orinda Starlight Players present "Send Me No Flowers" by Norman Barasch and Carroll Moore, Thursdays @ 8pm, Fridays & Saturdays @ 8:30pm and Sundays at 4pm 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 for reservations. Be aware that this is an outdoor theatre and dress appropriately/bring blankets. Bring a picnic and enjoy the show! See www.orsvp.org for more information and to check future show dates.

YMTC - Youth Musical Theater Company presents Jesus Christ Superstar on July 15-30, Wed.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm, at The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave, Berkeley. Cost: \$22 General, \$17 Senior, \$12 Students, 22 and under. For more info see http://www.ymtcberkeley.org or call (510) 595-5514 or email info@ymtcberkeley.org.

Outdoor Move Night in the Plaza, Thursday, July 21, 8pm, "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark." Invite your friends, family, and neighbors, bring a blanket or two, shop at the farmers market for a fresh and delicious picnic or pick-up a meal to go at the nearby restaurants, and stake out your spot on the Lafayette Plaza greens for the free family entertainment. The free movie will follow the farmer's market at sundown. Sweets and drinks will be available for purchase.

"People Say I'm Crazy" movie and discussion with the artist/director, Thursday, July, 21 7-9pm, Concord Campus of John Muir Medical Center, 2540 East St., Concord, (925) 682-8200. Free and open to the public. In the movie, mental illness is viewed from the inside out as the audience becomes witness to a first-hand account of the symptoms of schizophrenia and the disease's effect on one man and his family. To find out more about John Cadigan's award winning film visit www.peoplesayimcrazy.org.

LECTURE & LITERATURE

The Lafayette Library and Learning Center will be hosting a book launch for "Our Place Lafayette" on Thursday, July 14 at 12pm in the Children's Room. Authors Carla Sakrisson and Gaylen Nash will be on hand to read from the book, and copies will be available for purchase. For more information please call (925) 385-2280.

KPFA Radio 94.1 FM presents Jane Fonda: Prime Time: Making the Most of Your Life on Wednesday, Aug 17, from 7:30-9:30pm, at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Jane Fonda will discuss her new book, Prime Time: Making the Most of Your Life, answer questions, and sign books. Hosted by Chris Welch. Cost: \$15 advance, \$18 door. For more info see http://www.kpfa.org/events or call (510) 967-4495.

from 2-3pm for free entertainment throughout the summer (ages 2-8 yrs). July 6

Camp-o-rama! Storytime and Sing-along, July 13, 7-8pm, Lafayette Library and Learning Center, 3491 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette. Join us for camp songs, fun stories, a craft, and more. This is a free event for all ages, located in the Community Hall. July 6

Lawrence Hall of Science presents Dinosuars Unearthed on now - January 1, 2012, 10am-5pm daily at Lawrence Hall of Science, 1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Explore the world of dinosaurs as never before with Dinosuars Unearthed, featuring amazingly real robotic dinosaurs, hands-on dig sites and more! Cost: LHS members, \$4; Non-members \$5 + general admission (\$6-\$12). For more info see http://lawrencehallofscience.org or call (510) 642-5132 or email lhsweb@berkeley.edu.

Norcal Kids Triathlon will take place on Saturday, August 27, from 9am-1pm at Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda. The competition will be divided by age divisions: 6 & under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15+ in HS; as well as into girls and boys categories. Each participant swims, bikes and runs the triathlon course and courses are adjusted for age appropriateness. Register at NorCalKidsTri.org but sign up early, as there is a max of 500 participants.

OTHER

The Orinda Arts Council proudly presents "Arts in Bloom...in the Park" on July 19. Family and friends are invited to gather at the park for this fun and free event. Beginning at 5pm, 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 6:30pm, the Concert-in-the-Park featured performers will be the 2011 Orinda Idol Finalists (grades K-12), providing a special sneak preview of the Orinda Idol Finals coming up on September 11 at the Orinda Theatre. Net proceeds from the event will benefit The Orinda Arts Council.

7th Annual Summer Wine Festival on Sunday, August 14, 2-5 pm in the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. \$35 per person until August 7 (\$45 thereafter) Ticket price includes SMC logo wine glass, appetizers and wine tastings. Proceeds to benefit student scholarships. For tickets and information, call (925) 631-4200 or visit stmarys-ca.edu/wine.

Support Group. Monday, July 11, 18, & 25 (every Monday of each month), 7-8:30 pm. OCD/Anxiety Support Group. This will be the second meeting of a new support group for those struggling with OCD and anxiety. Crestwood Healing Center (the conference room next to the NAMI-CC Office), 550 Patterson Blvd., Pleasant Hill. For more information, call Steve (510) 690-7901.

Peter deVries will speak on Systemic Constellation Therapy and how it can help us support the challenges we encounter in family, relationships, health and business. Homeopathy Every Day Study Group, Thursday July, 23, 6-7pm, 43 Quail Court Office Park, Rm. 215, Walnut Creek. \$9. Contact Myra Nissen, CCH, RSHom(NA), (928) 826-3858. HomeopathyEveryDay.com.

The American Red Cross Northern California will hold a blood drive on Thursday, July 28, noon-6pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3776 Via Granada, Moraga. Individuals who are at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission) and in good health may be eligible to donate blood. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: InterfaithCommunity).

Campolindo High School Class of 1971 40th Anniversary Reunion on Saturday, September 17th from 5-9pm. Place of reunion: Era Art Bar, 19 Grand Ave. @ Broadway, Oakland, CA www.oaklandera.com. Please RSVP to Ken Churchill at ken@churchill-cel-lars.com or (707) 578-5393.

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Your Orinda Idol Finalists Are...

Submitted by Britta Glade



Steve Patton and Katie Marino walking in the Orinda 4th of July parade
Photo Ohlen Alexander

Tryouts for this year's Orinda Idol competition took place at the end of May, with almost 200 students from the Lamorinda area, representing 27 schools, vying for a spot in the competition to be held on September 11 at the Orinda Theatre—and the chance to be your next Orinda Idol.

Finalists and Runner-Ups include:

- Grades K - 2**
- Grace Barmmer
- Audrey Biles
- Amelia Chen
- Sophie Lurie
- Ava Schmitt
- Grades 3 - 5**
- Emily Barlow
- Isabel Fine
- Kiera Glenn
- Avery Hansen
- Nicholas Karr
- Garrick Manz
- Kate Marvin
- Jackie Patton
- Michaela Sasner
- Lindsey Wallace
- Middle School**
- Grace Baer
- Sarah Cain
- Lucy Clearwater
- Danica Dabasinskas
- Ellie Glade
- Casey McGonigle
- Jocelyn Purcell
- Eleanor Roeder
- Skylar Sjoberg
- Leah Woodcox
- High School**
- Kate Avery
- Matt Barber
- Sophie Belinn
- Kevin Depolo
- Lindsay Kathryn Ford
- Katie Marino
- Amrita Newton
- Paige Powell
- Montana Rowson
- Sofie Woodlee

Watch for Orinda Idol participants at these summer and fall events:

- July 19, 2011**
Orinda Community Park performance for Finalists and Runners-up.
- TBD** Orinda Farmers Market performance and other performances for Finalists and Runners-up.
- September 11, 2011**
Finals.
- September 24, 2011**
Orinda Car Show performance for Finals winners.
- September 27, 2011**
EFO/Chamber of Commerce Dine Around Town performance for Finals winners.

Group Category K - 5

English Beat: Ellie Belshaw, Lila Insalaco, Kaylin Ishizu, Ava Jacuzzi
Rising Starz: Leah Douglas, Hannah Hoffman, Nicole Prozan
Arriana and Keira: Arriana Glenn and Kiera Glenn
Topaz Girls: Samantha Martin, Jennifer McFarlane
The Husky Girls: Grace Sterner & Sarah Westergren

Group Category 6 - 12

JAMin': Alex Meckes and Julia Meckes
Sister Act: Annalise Baer and Grace Baer
Maritza and Katie: Maritza Grillo and Katie Marino
PACK: Kevin Depolo, Amrita Newton, Paige Powell and Carter Soso
Hasler & Sanderson: Parker Hasler & Jamie Sanderson

Judges Named Runners-Up as Follows:

Grades K-2: 1st (name not available), 2nd Lucy Berkman
Grades 3-5: 1st Poppy Bovoso, 2nd Jennifer McFarlane
Middle School: 1st Madison Gibson, 2nd Cole Cronk
High School: 1st Carter Soso

Groups K-5: 1st The Crazy Girls: Emery Anderson, Malin Glade and Shelby Tse.

Runners-Up serve as alternates in their grade group for finalists who choose not to compete in September.

Troop 234 Honors Four new Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Dawn Plumb



From left: Jeffrey Smith, Zack Hazarabien, Scott Holmes, and Evan Gordon

Photo provided

Moraga Boy Scout Troop 234 conducted a National Eagle Court of Honor June 4th at St. Monica Catholic Church in Moraga to celebrate four outstanding young men earning the Eagle Award. Eagle is the highest rank that a Scout can attain, with only approximately five percent of all boys who enter the Scouting program earning this award nationwide.

Scoutmaster Emeritus Steve Israel presented the awards, and past National President of Boy Scouts of America, William F. "Rick" Cronk, was the keynote speaker.

This year's Troop 234 Eagle Scout honorees, and their Eagle projects, are:

Evan Gordon (Campolindo)

For his Eagle project, Evan solicited businesses, schools and religious organizations for funds and donated

items to ship to soldiers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. He collected, packed and shipped over 90+ care packages in six months. He also attended and participated in several special events to honor the soldiers including a surprise welcome-home party at the Lafayette Veteran's Building and the 9/11 Remembrance and Patriots Rally.

Zack Hazarabedian (Acalanes CIS)

Zack is a third generation Eagle and the eighth in his immediate family. He designed and built a bench for the Lafayette Christian Church for his Eagle project, replacing an older weathered one in use outside the church sanctuary and near a walking trail. While the old bench had only a horizontal seating surface, the new one, constructed of durable redwood, sports an angled backrest.

Scott Holmes (Campolindo)

Scott joined the troop in 2005. He designed and created new signs for the Town of Moraga's Hacienda de las Flores to help direct visitors and guests for his Eagle project. He also built a new navigational map and frame to scale with the correct building names and directions. Additionally, he designed an informal overflow parking lot at the former maintenance area on Moraga Road.

Jeffrey Smith (Campolindo)

Jeffrey built and replaced new stairs in Huckleberry Regional Botanic Preserve, outside of Oakland. The steps had become worn, and were falling apart. This project added two additional steps to the bottom to replace the unstable one. He also added several retaining walls to prevent erosion, and to prevent trail users from cutting the stairs.

Family Focus

Helping Your Older Child Who Procrastinates

By Margie Ryerson, MFT

Matt was a nineteen year-old college freshman who attended a prestigious private college. When he was in high school his parents felt they had to manage him and his schoolwork constantly in order for him to succeed. Matt scored in the upper ranks on standardized tests, but he was a chronic procrastinator. His parents breathed huge sighs of relief when he went away to college and seemed to be making a good adjustment.

Unfortunately, Matt's coping abilities in college soon failed him. After the first two months he fell behind in his assignments, started cutting his classes, and developed a significant video game addiction. His school gave him a chance to make up his missing work and stay for the second semester, but Matt's performance continued to decline. Matt had been giving his parents glowing reports of his success in school, so imagine their shock when he was told to leave after his freshman year.

As well-intentioned as Matt's parents were, they didn't do him a favor by micro-managing his education throughout the years. Matt never learned how to regulate his time or academic demands. In addition, he quite naturally developed resentment as his parents took almost complete control of him during these years. Matt complained along the way, but his parents were successful, forceful people who were able to prevail until he went away to college and was on his own.

Matt's parents came to me to find out how they could help him. They were very receptive and were willing to try a new approach with Matt. They needed to stop questioning him about his schoolwork (or grilling him as Matt would say later), and instead work on strengthening their parent-child relationship. Seven months after his parents began demonstrating their newfound patience and hands-off approach with him, Matt was finally willing to come in for therapy to address his procrastination and shaky self-discipline.

Like Matt, some children become procrastinators in reaction to authoritarian parenting styles. They rebel in this passive-aggressive manner; they don't study or turn in work and then spend a huge amount of time making excuses and arguing with parents. These children miss out on learning how to plan and execute in a timely way, and how to achieve a sense of accomplishment.

Like many procrastinators, Matt fears failure and would rather not try than try and be unable to succeed. And he sets the bar so high for himself that it becomes even more difficult to accomplish what he expects.

Angela, a graduate student I see, also rebels against very strict parenting. She says that her mother has been so controlling that she enjoys behaving completely opposite to what her mother would want. Angela has always taken pride in being a good student, but she is a thrill-seeker who enjoys the adrenalin rush of pulling one or two all-nighters to study or write long papers at the last minute. She has learned to wait until she feels a sense of urgency to start working. Then she feels euphoric as she challenges herself to get everything done within a short period of time. Angela recognizes the pitfalls of her procrastination: she is often sick and exhausted after her bouts of nonstop work, and she doesn't perform as well as she would like. In addition, what finally prompted her to seek counseling was a bout

with pneumonia that landed her in the hospital and set her back in her studies considerably.

Angela is working on finding other ways to stand up for herself with her mother. She loves her mother and knows she only wants the best for her. Angela needs to be more direct and assertive in their relationship so that she and her mother can form a more comfortable bond. And we are also addressing her alcohol problem. Many procrastinators use excessive drinking as a distraction to avoid dealing with their feelings and their problems.

So what can parents do for older children? Here are some suggestions:

*Establish a close relationship with your child. Be fair, supportive, nonjudgmental, and positive. Avoid letting your relationship be too intense or task-oriented. Spend time enjoying your child and having fun together.

*Help him set realistic expectations for himself.

*Ask your child if he wants your help with his schoolwork or other projects before you automatically step in.

*If your child doesn't want your help, see if he will set a goal for himself. Do this a little at a time, one goal at a time, so there isn't too much pressure. If he doesn't meet his goal, continue to be positive and encourage him to try again. Help him feel good about starting and making any amount of progress.

*Challenge (nicely) your child's all-or-nothing thinking. Help him see that most tasks can be broken down into small steps and that making a good effort is more important than an actual grade.

*Allow your child, as often as possible, to participate with you in decision-making so that he learns how to be decisive and solution-oriented.

*Have structure at home for family meals, doing chores, writing thank-you notes, and limiting television, computer time, and other electronic device use.

*THANK him when he helps out and when he performs household tasks promptly. It is essential to reinforce good behavior.

*Do not get angry or frustrated in hearing distance of your child. You don't want to establish grounds for rebellion. Breathe deeply and vent privately to trusted family and friends.

*If his behavior is persistent and entrenched, call your school counselor for intervention. Or contact a therapist for help. Even if your child refuses to participate, a counselor or therapist can work with you on strategies to change his behavior.



Margie Ryerson, MFT, is a marriage and family therapist in Orinda and Walnut Creek. Contact her at 925-376-9323 or margierye@yahoo.com. Her new book, *Treat Your Partner Like a Dog: How to Breed a Better Relationship* is available on www.amazon.com and at Orinda Books.

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Patxi's Pizza Opens to Crowds

By Sophie Braccini



Orinda resident Don Bleu, from radio station Star FM, cuts the ribbon of Patxi's Pizza with co-owners Bill Freeman (left) and Patxi Azpiroz (right) holding the ribbon, and Tara Fawcett holding the pizza. That's Lafayette Council member Brandt Andersson between Bleu and Azpiroz. Photo provided

Patxi's of Lafayette cut the official ribbon of its grand opening on June 22, 2011. The Chicago style (or deep-dish) pizzeria opened to the public in early June and has been bustling with customers. This is the 5th restaurant for the team of three partners, Patxi Azpiroz, Tara Fawcett and Bill Freeman, who, during the first years of their professional lives in the Bay Area, decided to start a business together. The young entrepreneurs have spent countless hours in Lafayette to launch their new restaurant right, and they've brought with them a local fundraising program to demonstrate their desire to become a part of the community.

The restaurateurs have completely transformed what used to be Doulah Designs, in the Clocktower Building. There is a narrow but functional outside patio and the interior has been divided into three parts: the kitchen, the bar with seating tables, and the 'family room' with two large televisions and a chalk board wall to keep kids entertained. "We want each of our restaurants to have the flavor of the community we settle in, while our recipes and cooking techniques stay consistent," says Fawcett. The triumvirate that leads Patxi's has worked together for eight years and each member has his or her own role. Along the way Azpiroz and Fawcett got married and Freeman started his own family. When

asked if he has children Azpiroz responds, "we have five restaurants!"

During the weeks preceding the grand opening, the three could be spending as much as 17 hours a day at their site. "We are working along with the team, so they learn our ways by modeling what we do," says Azpiroz after whom the restaurant was named. "Patxi is actually my nickname, I was born Francisco Azpiroz and inherited 'Patxi' from my father, a Basque tradition," he says.

The team is in sync with the Bay Area groove. They buy organic produce organic whenever possible and when it came to selecting a coffee for their morning espresso, Fawcett took training at Blue Bottle Coffee, the local micro-master of organic coffee that vows to sell coffee less than 48 hours out of the roaster.

When Freeman sought out Azpiroz to start a business 8 years ago, the two men traveled to Chicago to carry out onsite research. In hearing their stories, it's clear they had a lot of fun while shaping their own vision of a deep-dish pizza.

"One of our secrets is the tomato sauce," says Azpiroz. When you cut a piece of Patxi's pizza (yes, this is a fork and knife pizza!) and take it in your mouth, the first taste goes to the sauce on top, then come all your toppings — it makes for a real mouth full. The pizza is assembled by lining the bottom and sides of the pan

with dough, adding the toppings, and then sealing them in with another thin layer of dough; it's all covered generously with more sauce.

The eating satisfaction that customers derive from the experience has made the success of Patxi's so far; Lafayette is the first East Bay location. "We wanted a restaurant that fit the families in this community," says Fawcett. One of their big ideas is to give back to the community that welcomes them. "We have a program called 52 Weeks of Giving that runs year round," explains Freeman, "during that time, any local non-profit that caters to education or children's health and welfare can choose a day when 10% of the total sales for the day in the restaurant of their choice will be donated to them."

Patxi's Chicago Pizza
3577 Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette 299-0700, <http://patxispizza.com>
Patxi's opens at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast and homemade pastries, and closes at 10:00 p.m. during the week and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Half-baked pizzas can be ordered over the phone and kept in the fridge up to a week before being finish-baked at home.

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business briefs

Lynn in the Big Apple
Ballou Plum Wealth Advisors, LLC
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Lamorinda Weekly's own financial columnist Lynn Ballou EA, CFP® and Principal of Ballou Plum Wealth Advisors in Lafayette attended the NASDAQ Opening Bell Ringing Ceremony on June 24. This special event was hosted by LPL Financial to celebrate the achievements of their top advisors. "I was invited by LPL Financial's top management to join them for the opening bell in New York City. I'd love to play it cool and say hey—it was no big thing—but it was definitely a huge thrill for me!" said Ballou.



Lynn Ballou at the NASDAQ

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Farmyard Darlings Feature Sita Rupe Mt. Diablo Nursery & Garden
3295 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette 283-3830



Farmyard Darlings, Carole Sinclair (left) and Kim Berry (right) Photo provided

Farmyard Darlings regularly display their one-of-a-kind vintage collectibles at Mt. Diablo Nursery & Garden, in Harry's House, at the end of the garden. Their next reception will be on Friday, July 16th from 5-8. In addition to their collectibles and furniture they will feature local artist Sita Rupe. "We specifically selected Sita Rupe because she was able to custom make silk screen paintings based on some of Farmyard Darlings inventory of horse shoes, cowboy/cowgirl silhouettes and our vintage '51 and '53 trucks," said 'Darling' Carole Sinclair. Kim Berry, the other Darling, added that another reason Rupe was invited was because

her artwork is reasonably priced for the beginning art collector and beyond. "When I saw Farmyard Darlings' Ioot I felt like I was home," commented Rupe, "I love all of their items. They both have an exceptional artistic eye and a unique knack of repurposing items that many people may not have seen as gems. It's been a pleasure working with them!"

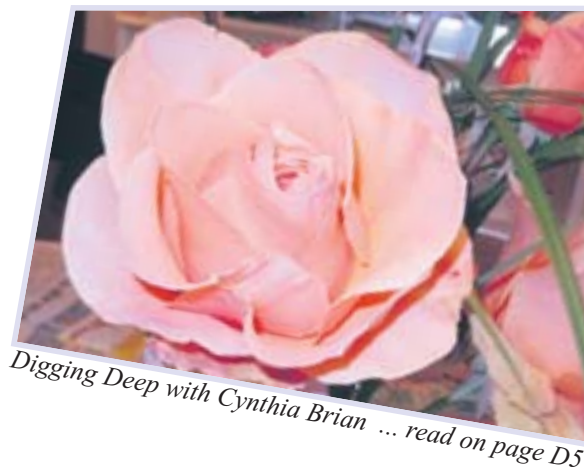
Mount Diablo Business Women: Ditch Your Diet!
The Mount Diablo Business Women's next meeting is on July 14, from 5:45-8:30pm at the Lafayette Park Hotel. The guest speaker will be Kelly Cornell, who will speak on the topic: Ditch Your Diet and Drop the Weight for Good. In her presentation she will show why diets do not work and can cause you more harm than good, and will also advise what to do instead. Mount Diablo Business Women is a business networking group open to business women seeking to enhance and grow their businesses. Guests are welcome to attend. More info at: <http://www.mtdiablobusinesswomen.org>. Reservations due by noon on July 11.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce
Joint "Cinco" Mixer with the Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek & Hispanic Chambers on July 13 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette.

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

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

Ikebana—The Art of Floral Sculpture

By Andrea A. Firth Photos Doug Kohen

It's 1:00 on Monday afternoon at the Orinda Community Center, and a large group of women and a few men cart bags and boxes filled with purple agapanthus, pink hydrangea, orange birds of paradise, indigo iris, carrot-colored day lilies, deep green lettuce leaves, and red and yellow peppers into the main auditorium.

The buzz of conversation punctuated by laughter permeates the room as the thirty students get settled. The students quiet down, and the class looks forward for guidance from their teacher, Soho Sakai, an expert in the art of Sogetsu Ikebana, the disciplined art form of Japanese flower arrangement that combines nature, humanity, and creativity with lines, shape, form, and color.

Today's Ikebana class is inspired by the super nova, an energetic, fleeting, luminous, colorful stellar explosion.

The theme for this 10-week session of Ikebana is natural forces, explains Lafayette resident Marilyn Kaplan, "Lava flows, water flows, avalanches, wind storms, we have done it all. And today we are doing super novas." After taking Sakai's Ikebana class for five years and mastering the four books to gain a diploma in the art, Kaplan has become a member of the "teacher's group." About twenty of Sakai's long-term followers have

achieved this deep knowledge of the flower art form, and they collaborate and help to implement a new theme for each of the three sessions that run through the fall, winter, and spring.

Sakai has taught creative flower arrangement at the Community Center for twenty years. She is recognized as a world class expert in Ikebana, but for her students she is revered as an inspiration, a counselor, and a friend. "She's a superstar," whispers one student.

For Sakai, Ikebana is a way of living and thinking. It brings peace. "The mere act of looking at flowers makes it impossible to harbor violent thoughts," says Sakai. She strives to promote cross-cultural understanding through the beauty of flowers, and her class is representative of this effort. While some of the students are of Asian ancestry, the majority is not.

"I have taken this class for 17 years, and that longevity is not unusual among Soho's students," says Orinda resident Mary Tischenko. Her arrangement consists of three pieces: a tall black vase with spiral arms, a multi-armed branch covered in neon orange spray paint, and a yellow and orange-tipped, spiked blossom. Placed just so, the simplicity of Tischenko's design effortlessly evokes the magnitude of a starry burst.

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Soho Sakai with Elinor Cullen.



Mary Tischenko's super nova.

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|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| LAFAYETTE | 18 | \$400,000 | \$1,635,000 |
| MORAGA | 8 | \$229,000 | \$1,200,000 |
| ORINDA | 8 | \$220,000 | \$2,700,000 |

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LAFAYETTE

- 3219 Andreasen Drive, \$655,000, 3 Bdrms, 1500 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 6-3-11
- 8 Brookwood Court, \$560,000, 4 Bdrms, 2049 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 6-9-11
- 3320 Deer Hill Road, \$535,000, 4 Bdrms, 1608 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 6-10-11
- 1832 Del Rey Street, \$650,000, 4 Bdrms, 1720 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 6-3-11; Previous Sale: \$295,000, 03-12-92
- 1050 Dolores Drive, \$805,000, 3 Bdrms, 1835 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 6-9-11; Previous Sale: \$453,000, 10-20-98
- 1330 El Curtola Boulevard, \$400,000, 3 Bdrms, 1084 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 5-31-11
- 1134 Garden Lane, \$850,000, 3 Bdrms, 1585 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 6-2-11; Previous Sale: \$725,000, 10-18-02
- 3392 Las Huertas Road, \$1,500,000, 3 Bdrms, 2090 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 6-3-11; Previous Sale: \$805,000, 11-02-01
- 3193 Lucas Circle, \$870,000, 3 Bdrms, 2120 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 6-3-11; Previous Sale: \$825,000, 03-15-01
- 553 Merriewood Drive, \$1,030,000, 3 Bdrms, 2397 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 6-1-11
- 688 Michael Lane, \$1,635,000, 4 Bdrms, 3838 SqFt, 2007 YrBlt, 5-31-11
- 3145 Padre Street, \$755,000, 4 Bdrms, 2920 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 5-31-11; Previous Sale: \$839,000, 12-15-03
- 1230 Quandt Road, \$670,000, 3 Bdrms, 1124 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 6-1-11; Previous Sale: \$489,500, 04-19-02
- 3188 Rohrer Drive, \$1,075,000, 4 Bdrms, 3060 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 6-9-11; Previous Sale: \$440,000, 11-21-01
- 1048 Silverhill Drive, \$1,312,000, 4 Bdrms, 3889 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 6-8-11; Previous Sale: \$1,072,500, 11-27-02
- 1311 Summit Road, \$1,325,000, 4 Bdrms, 3278 SqFt, 1993 YrBlt, 6-3-11; Previous Sale: \$1,530,000, 06-30-05
- 1214 Vacation Drive, \$635,000, 3 Bdrms, 1596 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 6-9-11; Previous Sale: \$850,000, 10-25-06
- 3311 Walnut Lane, \$955,000, 3 Bdrms, 1917 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 6-8-11; Previous Sale: \$279,500, 01-31-89

MORAGA

- 273 Birchwood Drive, \$1,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 2524 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 6-10-11; Previous Sale: \$1,211,000, 07-18-08
- 55 Carr Drive, \$980,000, 4 Bdrms, 2592 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 6-7-11

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Ikebana

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Sakai encourages her students to use interesting materials that they find in nature for their Ikebana creations. One woman had her husband stop the car along the highway so she could retrieve a tumbleweed from the side of the road. "I used a whole can of white spray paint on that," she exclaimed. She then interspersed white lilies and babies breath within the painted tumbleweed to create an arrangement emotive of a bright firework.

Gordon Ward, one of the male minority in the class, is a formally trained potter. He started taking the class five or six years ago with his mother, Anne, who has been a Sakai follower for over 15 years. Both Wards are longtime

Lafayette residents and enthusiasts of Japanese architecture and gardens. "I came to the class and quickly got hooked on Ikebana," says Gordon, who now creates ceramic vases and containers that are used by his classmates and Ikebana artists around the country.

During the last hour of the three-hour lesson, the critique portion of the afternoon, the class moves around the room as a group to observe each student's arrangement, and Sakai provides insight into what works and what does not. "This is very touching. It makes me cry," says Sakai in response to a student's work. "Are you a good cook?" she asks another who has created an arrangement with lettuce leaves and vegetables. Sakai freely moves branches and is not shy about pulling out her clippers to trim flowers to create better proportion and visual lines for the arrangements. For Sakai, less is more. She achieves the right balance of flower, form, and space with a few quick adjustments, and her students are left guided and inspired.

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MORAGA ... continued

- 1171 Cedarwood Drive, \$1,005,000, 5 Bdrms, 3146 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 6-10-11;
Previous Sale: \$1,074,000, 04-25-03
- 792 Country Club Drive, \$435,000, 2 Bdrms, 1262 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 6-10-11
- 2133 Donald Drive #8, \$229,000, 2 Bdrms, 1224 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 6-2-11;
Previous Sale: \$333,000, 08-29-03
- 3 Roberts Court, \$814,500, 3 Bdrms, 2162 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 6-1-11;
Previous Sale: \$545,000, 12-17-99
- 1844 St. Andrews Drive, \$715,000, 3 Bdrms, 1819 SqFt, 1983 YrBlt, 6-8-11;
Previous Sale: \$555,000, 02-14-03
- 50 York Place, \$1,000,000, 3 Bdrms, 2282 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 6-7-11

ORINDA

- 95 Acacia Drive, \$825,000, 3 Bdrms, 2056 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 6-10-11
- 73 Brookwood Road #49, \$220,000, 1 Bdrms, 673 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 6-8-11;
Previous Sale: \$129,500, 10-29-92
- 557 Dalewood Drive, \$1,595,000, 4 Bdrms, 3938 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 5-31-11;
Previous Sale: \$875,000, 04-24-90
- 95 Evergreen Drive, \$810,000, 5 Bdrms, 2296 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 6-7-11
- 1 Gardiner Court, \$1,935,000, 5 Bdrms, 5159 SqFt, 1990 YrBlt, 6-10-11
- 55 Lombardy Lane, \$1,345,000, 4 Bdrms, 2964 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 6-7-11;
Previous Sale: \$826,000, 12-16-99
- 89 Oak Road, \$820,000, 2 Bdrms, 2040 SqFt, 1997 YrBlt, 6-1-11;
Previous Sale: \$726,000, 03-13-09
- 25 Vista Del Mar, \$2,700,000, 4 Bdrms, 4255 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 6-10-11;
Previous Sale: \$1,360,000, 11-10-04

Lamorinda Foreclosures recorded

LAFAYETTE

- 587 Francis Drive, 94549, US Bank, 06-02-11, \$540,000, 1548 sf, 3 bd
- 3275 Vals Lane, 94549, RWW Properties, 05-27-11, \$1,000,000, 2656 sf, 3 bd
- 1 West Creek Court, 94549, GMAC Mortgage, 06-06-11, \$504,000, 1926 sf, 3 bd

MORAGA

- 24 Brandt Drive, 94556, RWW Properties, 05-31-11, \$898,000, 2843 sf, 5 bd

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Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

Life is a Bed of Roses

By Cynthia Brian

“Won’t you come into my garden? I would like my roses to see you.” Richard Sheridan

Poets, philosophers, and politicians praise the potency of the most popular plant in the world as a symbol of beauty, love, politics, and war. These ravishing blooms have been used as celebratory confetti and confections, as legal tender, perfume, cosmetics, decorations, and medicine. Long before man walked the earth, the genus *Rosa* flourished in Oregon and Montana according to fossil evidence dating back 35 million years. The colorful cultivation of the rose began in China 5000 years ago. Boasting 150 species throughout the Northern Hemisphere and thousands of cultivars and hybrids, 35 rose species are native to the United States, including repeat bloomers.

I adore roses. As Clement of Alexander pronounced, “If I give you a rose, you will not doubt of God,” I believe that roses are heaven sent and

heaven scent. These most coveted of flowers add the most magnificence to my garden with the least amount of maintenance. Many new gardeners fear roses, mistakenly thinking that roses are difficult to grow.

It takes no special skill or garden acumen to have roses traipse on trellises, climb arbors, billow in borders, spill over pergolas, decorate doorways, and magically transform a dining table. Whether roses are trained and coddled in a formal bed, or grow in wild profusion, cottage style, the rose is the queen of any garden plan. Shrub roses and old garden roses are especially popular as gardeners realize that roses are not very demanding, most requiring a minimum of disease control. Roses provide abundance in floral displays, sweet scents, and are winter hardy. They add color, texture, form, and depth to any perennial patch.



The prolific pink petals of a Bonica Shrub rose are perfect for borders and a cottage garden.
Photos Cynthia Brian

To grow healthy, beautiful roses, you need to follow only three steps:

1. Choose the correct plant for your area.
2. Plant the rose in a sunny spot that shines at least six hours of bright light per day.
3. Water appropriately.

Before you run out to buy roses, let me provide a primer on growing roses and the choices you’ll encounter. Depending on where you anticipate planting, factors to consider include flower color, size of the rose bush, growing habits, and disease resistance. For example, you may want a formal rose garden off your living room as I have with specific colors that reflect your interior design. Or you may be creating a cutting garden and want bountiful blooms in a rainbow of colors. The most important thing to remember with growing roses is to provide ample sunshine away from large trees and shrubs competing for sun, nutrients, and water. As in real estate, roses are about location, location, location. Everything else can be augmented or changed.

Choices

Rose choices with personalized characteristics include

- Hybrid Tea
- Floribunda
- Grandiflora
- Tree
- Climber
- Miniature
- Shrub and Landscape

Hybrid teas are tall, long stemmed, and popular for floral bouquets. They are the most popular cutting rose and are used by florists featuring a single specimen.



The classic long stem red rose in a Hybrid Tea is Mr. Lincoln.

Floribundas are versatile roses with clusters of three to fifteen blossoms instead of a single stem.

Grandifloras are repeat bloomers growing to six feet and are a cross between a hybrid and floribunda.

Tree roses are elegant, stately specimens grafted to a long stem from hardy wood stock that is then grafted to the top of a stem on a rose bush.

Climbers produce long canes with numerous flowers that can be trained over archways, along fences, pergolas, trellises, or other sturdy structures.

Miniatures are the smallest rose plant ranging from six inches to two feet, extremely hardy with continuous blooming flowers. They are great for containers, borders, and anywhere space is an issue.

Shrub and landscape roses are the newest favorite of almost every gardener because they require a minimum of care, including little pruning, spread low to the ground like a carpet, are naturally disease resistant, flower consistently throughout the season, and come in all colors, shapes, and sizes.

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Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

Life is a Bed of Roses

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Grades

The American Nurseryman Association sets the grades on roses as 1, 1 ½, and 2. The highest quality for the biggest and best canes that will bloom the first year is #1. Although the other grades cost less, they may take two or more years to bloom. A patented rose is registered by the breeder and simply means that no one else may duplicate or propagate it without permission, including taking cuttings.

After choosing the sunny location for optimal growth, these are the simple planting instructions:

- Soak roots in a bucket of water for a minimum of one hour when planting bare root. Thoroughly water a container rose for two days before planting.
- Prepare the soil by tilling compost and other organic matter. Roses thrive in acidic soil. Adding your coffee grinds will enhance the growing. Gypsum and

soil sulfur reduce the alkalinity.

- Dig the hole twice the size of the root ball and plant to the same depth.
- Plant roses three feet apart and away from other large bushes to allow for air circulation. Air movement discourages disease.
- Make sure the graft (the raised bump on the stem) is planted at least two inches above the dirt here in our warmer climates of Lamorinda. If you are planting another garden in a colder region, the graft goes two inches below the ground.
- Layer three inches of rich mulch at the base of the plant. It keeps down weeds, provides nutrients, and can be added any time during the growing season. Good mulches include wood chips, shavings, shredded bark, pine needles, cottonseed, chipped oak leaves, and peat nuggets.

- Water adequately from the bottom. Roses do not like to be sprayed. Keep moist, but not soaked.

My secret to healthy roses is that when planting, then again every March, I dig two or three cupfuls of alfalfa pellets into the dirt around the roses. Roses are heavy feeders. Start fertilizing with an organic rose fertilizer after a month. The more organic matter you use, including coffee grinds, the less supplemental fertilizer you'll need.

Companions

Many people like to combine other specimens with roses. The best companion plants are those with similar needs of sunshine, acidic soil, and water. Alyssum and lobelia are great choices as bottom breeders while lavender and sages offer pest resistance and attract bees and hummingbirds, adding beauty and perfume with their blue and purple flowers.

Care

Buy top quality roses for the best pest prevention precaution. If planted, watered, and fed properly, roses are healthy and prolific. If you have a specific problem, contact your local nursery or garden center for organic control options.

Deadhead regularly through the blooming season, cutting below the fifth leaf. Keep your pruning shears clean by wiping with alcohol between bushes. Always wear gloves to protect you from the thorns. Pruning promotes vigorous blooming and bigger plants. For the modern varieties, pruning keeps the roses blooming all season. Old-fashioned roses and climbers that bloom once annually need to be pruned immediately after flowering as next year's flowers bloom on this year's wood. For heavy winter pruning, mid to late January is the ideal time to prune roses in Lamorinda. To keep your roses blooming, don't allow the rose hips to form, which are the small reddish fruits that tell the plant it is "going to seed" and done blooming.

This is a short crash course in creating your own bed of roses. May you see life through rose-colored glasses and stop to smell your roses. Once you enjoy the ravishing beauty, flamboyant colors, delectable fragrance, and simple maintenance of the queen flowers, you may join the mantra of Emma Goldman and myself, "I'd rather have roses on my tables than diamonds around my neck!"



Cynthia's favorite miniature rose, *Sunshine Sprinkles*, with multiple yellow/tangerine blossoms on 12 inch stems.

CYNTHIA BRIAN'S GARDENING GUIDE FOR JULY

"I don't know whether nice people tend to grow roses or growing roses makes people nice." Roland A. Browne

- **HANG** canisters to trap yellow jackets only when entertaining outdoors. Look for holes in the ground where they make their nests and call Vector Control to spray when you find them. If you buy a commercial product at your local hard ware store, read directions carefully.
- **EMPTY** standing water from all containers on your property to deter the breeding of mosquitoes.
- **CONTROL** whiteflies with yellow sticky traps.
- **MULCH** with at least three inches of shredded bark, wood chips, or rich compost to keep weeds down and valuable moisture in.
- **PINCH** herbs before they bolt to keep them producing nutrient rich flavors!
- **DEADHEAD** roses when they are spent. Cut back to a stem with five leaves for continuous flowering through January.
- **JOIN** a garden club if you want to commune with other dirt diggers.
- **DETER** the slugs, snails, and cutworms by sprinkling eggshells around your vegetables. As a bonus, they provide rich organic fertilizer.
- **PHOTOGRAPH** your garden every month so you'll have a visual map of what blooms and ripens. Photos help with planning, planting, and partying.
- **GET** a tetanus shot if you have not had one within the last ten years. Tetanus loiters in the dirt.
- **WEAR** boots and gloves in the garden as well as long pants and long sleeves when mowing lawns or using any pest control, even if it is organic.
- **ELIMINATE** ants by spreading bay leaves from our numerous California Bays and mint leaves at their point of entry. Adding rosemary or sage to the barbecue while grilling will also keep the crawlies away.
- **DEDUCT** \$1.50 from your garbage bill by composting as I've been encouraging for years. Go to <http://www.wasstefiversion.org/certification>, answer a few questions, submit a photo, and keep the change. I am a fan of the Smith & Hawken Biostack. Purchase it at a deep discount from your waste management company. It keeps the critters out and the worms in resulting in rich, loamy compost in three or four months.
- **CLEAR** brush from the perimeter of your home. Weeds and dead limbs pose a fire danger.
- **THIN** fruit trees for a larger and tastier crop.
- **CLEAN** and fill bird feeders to keep a gardener's best friend at home. Babies are hatching this month. Help the mothers feed their young.
- **ADD** pesticide and insecticide free rose petals to salads, sauces, and soups to spark the flavor and color quotient of your outdoor meals. Enjoy a red, white, and blue July, go

into your garden and pontificate like a poet, philosopher, or politician. Your roses are waiting to greet you.

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