

# All Creatures, Great and Small

By Cathy Dausman



Dolly and her new friends



Blessing of the animals, St. Giles Episcopal congregation

Cats, dogs and even a chicken named Beatrix took advantage of a Blessing of the Animals offered October 2 following St. Giles Sunday service at St. Mary's College.

The chapel plaza held dogs large and small, friendly and not so friendly, and a pair of cats safely confined in their carriers. Reverend Teri Gilmore presided over the brief prayer service. Each animal was sprinkled with water when blessed; more than a few dogs tried to drink from Gilmore's bowl. A basket of stuffed animals was also presented for blessing; the church runs a "comfort ministry" and distributes stuffed pets to children involved with the Contra Costa court system.

The service was just winding down when one participant noticed a late arrival. Her name was Dolly, and she made a grand entrance galloping up the long green chapel lawn. "Am I too late?" rider/owner Kate Sullivan asked breathlessly. Sullivan wanted to include her Belgian mare in the service. Gilmore was happy to oblige. And as Dolly cast a wistful look back at the delicious green grass she'd just trod, the other participants gathered 'round for a meet and greet.



Dolly outside St. Mary's chapel. Don't worry -- she didn't go in!...



Nellita Antezana, of Lafayette, with her chicken Beatrix



One cat ready for a blessing



Bless this Labrador...

Photos Cathy Dausman

please...



...thanks

Classified • Classified • Classified • Classified • Classified • Classified • Classified • Classified

**Music lessons**

**Piano/guitar w/Robbie Dunbar**  
All levels welcome!  
I travel to your home.  
M. A. Music Composition  
925-323-9706  
robbiednbr@gmail.com

Piano Lessons in Lafayette with professional instructor MTAC member. Competition, CM exam Preparation. Rita Yegiazaryan 283-7601

**Play Piano**  
**Breakthrough Method**  
Simply Music has beginning students playing great-sounding contemporary, blues, & classical pieces from the very first lessons! Children, teens, adults and seniors  
**Lamorinda Piano 925-300-7561**  
www.simplymusic-lamorinda.com

**Music lessons**

**Flute & Piano with Nika Rejto**  
Downtown Lafayette studio  
Beginning - advanced, all styles of music. I can travel to you!  
925 310-4415, fourflutes@gmail.com

**Piano Tuning**

**Experienced Piano Tuning**  
By local music teacher  
925-323-9706

**Insurance**

**Totalintegrityinsurance.com**  
20+yr Lamorinda resident.  
My independent insurance brokerage is here to serve you. Over 100 top carriers = great pricing and coverage for Biz Gen Liab, W Comp, Homes, Auto, Life. (925) 247-4356 0E90108

**College Advising**

**Affordable College Advising**  
College Search & Essay Help  
jari94556@comcast.net  
925-247-1978

**House cleaning**

**www.totalclean.biz**  
Serving Lamorinda since 1985.  
Insured and bonded 376-1004.

**Monica's Cleaning**  
Residential & Commercial Janitorial Services  
Lic. Free Estimates (925) 348-3761

**Windows & Gutters**

**Reliable Window Cleaning**  
Friendliness & remarkable results.  
Windows, Gutters, Pressure Washing. (925) 254-7622  
ReliableWindowService.com

**"Clean View" Window Washing**  
Great references! John Galovich  
Cell: (925) 787-3116 or 825-7115

**Plumbing**

**WE HOP TO IT!**  
(925) 377-6600  
LeapFrogPlumbing.com

**Painting**

**LET ME BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME!**

Specializing in high quality interior painting  
Lic.#953962/Bonded/Insured

**AN INSIDE JOB**  
Mark Alexander  
Owner

I'm local, and I'm a very nice guy!  
(925) 370-6558 • (925) 787-6684 cell  
grizzmark@sbcglobal.net

**Construction**

**SWARTS CONSTRUCTION**  
Foundations, drainage, remodel small repairs. 35 yrs. Lamorinda  
**www.swartso.com**  
Lic# 613717 INSURED BONDED  
Free Estimates: 925.250.6610

**Concept Builders**

Remodeling, Home Repair & New Construction  
Bonded & Insured. License no. 842563  
(925) 283-8122, Cell: (925) 768-4983

**Tree Service**

**East Bay Tree Service.**  
377-8733. Fine pruning, large tree removal, stump grinding  
License #805794

**Tree & brush removal.**  
Poison Oak removal. 376-1995,  
Licensed, insured & bonded

**Handyman**

**HANDYMAN**  
All types of repairs done. Woodworking, Electrical, Audio, Leak repair, Drywall, Painting and more. Clean neat & on time!  
No job too small, Senior Discount.  
**(925) 708-6053**  
www.mikeslamorindahandyman.com

Fix, Paint, Repair anything. Professional & Reliable  
Call Terry 925-788-1663

\$8 per 1/2" classified ad height Email to classified@lamorindaweekly.com