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Licensed to Thrill: Vanity Plates in Lamorinda

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Others enjoy their "wheels"—I♥MYCAR license was seen on a little red sports car cresting a local hill. Another sports car considers itself AMAESIN, and a red coupe promises FUN4IN1. There's a bit of retro/Beach Boys vibe going on with the paneled car with the KL WOODY plate spotted in Orinda.

Some cars get to travel, as evidenced by the license plates ECHO LKR, 4T2TAHOE, ISAIL, and LIK2DIV. One even brags about the ultimate northern destination with its 90NORTH (North Pole) nomenclature. Getting there must be half the fun for this vanity plate owner, who prefers to MOZEON. Some dance around their wordplay, like the car sporting CHCHCHA tags, while

others promote their occupations MRBLOOZ (a jazz musician?), SAYCHZ (photographer?), MC NANNI ("hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, even children don't upset us..."), and USAFCOL (retired?). Getting tired? Consult the owner of the car with plates recommending 40 WINX.

Is the owner of the SPEKTREM plates a chemist or physicist? And who wouldn't want to meet the financially secure MR401K? One Cooper car came adorned with MNI AHA, and someone HADABAL either coming or going somewhere. Another car gets lovey-dovey with its plate adorned with HNYBNI, while on Sundays you may find ALELUA or FRIAR82.

Speaking of Bears, we found

BEAR ECO, (a Cal natural science grad?), TWO4CAL, OLDOSKI and HAASMBA. Parents show off with plates like RAWK MOM and (my) IISONS. Is it the car they're driving, perhaps that is OLDAZUS? One woman feels the carpool pressure and calls herself TAXI GAL. Another plate is easy to unravel: KNIT WTY.

As with most stories, we've saved the best for last: *Lamorinda Weekly* staff feels a special kinship with the minivan spotted cruising along Olympic Boulevard recently. It said... and we quote: WE EDIT. We do, indeed.

Whether or not a vanity plate is in your future, you'll enjoy this link: <http://www-chaos.umd.edu/misc/>.

The Definition of "Suspicious Behavior"

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Jennings commended the citizen callers for their quick thinking, and reminded all residents that the personnel who staff the dispatch line are trained to evaluate whether the behavior being reported is actually suspicious or not. So, even if residents doubt

what they are witnessing or are hesitant to report, he urged members of the community to still call in for advice: (925) 284-5010. Delays in reporting by residents can cost investigators precious seconds to apprehend fleeing suspects and may also impact their

ability to gather evidence that may be critical to obtaining convictions.

Lafayette police are now also investigating the four suspects to determine whether or not the group may be linked to additional unsolved burglaries in their city.

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Planning Commission Looks at Signs

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Resident Dale Walwark was the voice of caution during the meeting. "It is important to determine what we want the town to look like," he said. "We have an overall goal for aesthetics. We don't want to look like Manteca. We have to be careful and conservative." With the election season approaching, Walwark also suggested that the Town's control of political signs be tightened.

Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, Kathe Nelson said she is in favor of changing the sign ordinance to tastefully support businesses and keep them in Moraga.

Resident Carolyn Wood sup-

ported the Stubblefield-Noggle proposal. "We make them (businesses) miserable over signs," she said. "We should be less restrictive and more supportive of businesses."

Planning Commissioners expressed concern about the enforceability of a new ordinance, but overall supported the idea of an amendment for business signage. "We want to do something for the businesses and Grant's (Stubblefield) proposal is a good start, but more work is needed," said Commissioner Dick Socolich, who chaired the meeting that night and proposed the creation of a subcommittee to study the issue.

"I was encouraged by the Commissioners' decision to create a subcommittee to help expedite the process," Stubblefield said after the meeting. "Despite lots of discussion regarding controversial signs relating to real estate, events, and various others, they were able to come to the conclusion that our proposal is the first of many amendments that will need to be made to the current sign ordinance. I agreed with the commission's statement that the only way to make progress on the ordinance is if we take on each issue separately and business signs are a good place to start."

Town Staff to Leave Hacienda

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"After the Town offices are finished we will move all the storage from the apparatus bay into the Town offices and will also paint and put in flooring for that room to serve as a Council Chamber/community meeting room," says Keimach, who expects that the first Council meeting

at 331 Rheem will be held at the beginning of 2013.

The new location will also serve as a Field Operation Center (FOC). The formal Emergency Operation Center will still be the fire station on Moraga Road in partnership with the Moraga Orinda Fire District. "In

practice this means that if 331 Rheem is structurally safe during an emergency, we will hold our operations from there," adds Keimach. "If it isn't safe or operational, we will move to the fire station since that was built to a higher standard structurally."

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