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## business briefs

Holiday Open House at Venture  
3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette  
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Venture Men's Goods of Lafayette is getting ready for its Holiday Open House on Thursday, Nov. 29. "We'll have the founders from Taylor Stitch shirtmakers of SF, wine from Rock Creek Vineyards, appetizers from Postino, and paintings from local artist Tom Matousek," says co-owner Rosylyn Stenzel. Venture is also participating in the holiday warm clothing drive organized in partnership with DoGood Vines and Town Hall Theatre (see story on page B8).

Yan's Restaurant Opens in Orinda

1 Orinda Way  
(925) 253-9852

You remember when Yan's Restaurant closed in Lafayette? While Susan Yan had two other restaurants that were also started by her parents in Walnut Creek and Alamo, she could not leave Lamorinda. A few weeks ago, Yan's re-opened, this time in Orinda, at 1 Orinda Way. Yan promises the same high-quality cooking that made the Lafayette restaurant so popular. Her dad still cooks using his own recipes. For more information, visit [www.yansrestaurant.com](http://www.yansrestaurant.com).

G.J. Gardner Homes Opens in Lafayette

3704 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Suite 312  
[www.gjgardner.com](http://www.gjgardner.com)

One of California's largest custom home builders, G.J. Gardner Homes, will open a new franchise in Lafayette owned by father-son team and Lafayette residents Lance and Jordan Engeldinger. "I've been both a long-time resident of Lafayette and a veteran of the construction industry. I'm honored to be a part of the G.J. Gardner team," said Lance Engeldinger. "And, most importantly, I'm excited to be working alongside my son in an industry that we both share a passion for." The company offers clients the ability to design and build a new custom home at affordable prices; it also works with several banks that offer both land and home/land financing. G.J. Gardner Homes has been operating worldwide for over 25 years. Each G.J. Gardner Homes office is owned and operated by local licensed custom homebuilders.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce  
Lafayette

Annual Holiday Mixer from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 at Wells Fargo Bank 3630 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Admission: \$10, or free with a donation of three canned food items.

Ribbon cutting for Lan's Skin Care at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 3416 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Moraga

Holiday Party sponsored by Mechanics Bank from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Moraga Country Club. "There will be dancing, countless appetizers and wine," says Chamber administrator Kathe Nelson. Cost: \$10 per person. Reservations required by Friday, Nov. 30 to [kathe@moragachamber.org](mailto:kathe@moragachamber.org). Optional: Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to Toys for Tots.

Orinda

Hospice Tree Lighting ceremony at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 31 Orinda Way, in the Bank of America parking lot. Every year, the Chamber and Hospice of the East Bay bring local school choirs and Santa together to welcome the holidays.

Holiday Party at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 at Mechanics Bank, 77 Moraga Way. All are welcome and encouraged to bring guests interested in joining the Chamber. For info, visit [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org).

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