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HOW COULD YOU ACCUSE ME OF FORGETTING VALENTINE'S DAY? WHY I EVEN BOUGHT YOU A CARD.



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Where's the Love, Lamorinda?

By Nick Marnell

It was an easy assignment: Find out how Lamorinda feels about Valentine's Day. After all, who doesn't like Valentine's Day? As I found out, at least on my excursion to local cafés, candy shops and drug store greeting card aisles last week, not too many.

Charlie, a patron at Geppeto's Caffe in Orinda, was

the first to comment. "It's too commercial," said the 70-year-old retiree from Lafayette. "And it's geared more toward the younger set. Businesses are taking too much advantage of us."

As soon as Jenny, 46, stopped texting, I hustled to her table. "Too cliché," she said, as she awaited her lunch.

"Valentine's Day is about the kids. It isn't so much about my husband." Ouch.

Steve, a late-50s Moragan, said that the day had no special meaning to him or his girlfriend, "other than the fact that our first date was on Valentine's Day." Heavens.

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Quote of the Week:

"As a Chinese person, I'm willing to work hard, not give up. The American side is more romantic: to dream."

Read *Orinda Student Named Finalist in Science Talent Search*, page B9.

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Glazer Announces Run for State Legislature

By Laurie Snyder



Steve Glazer

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Former two-term mayor Steve Glazer surprised area residents Jan. 29 when he declared his intent to run for the California State Assembly. Recently re-elected to another four-year stint

on the Orinda City Council and scheduled to become the city's mayor again in 2015, Glazer announced that he will actively campaign for the seat now held by Assembly Member Joan Buchanan (D-16th District) who will be leaving office in 2014 due to term limits.

The key advisor to Governor Jerry Brown said he is running "to be a voice for fiscal responsibility and a champion for public education." Appointed by Brown in 2011 to serve on the California State University Board of Trustees, Glazer recently helped to enact a policy change limiting trustee power to approve hefty salary increases for CSU execs. Locally, he co-chaired two parcel tax campaigns for area school districts.

"Orinda is in excellent financial shape. We have a balanced budget and prudent reserves. We do not have any pension or post-retirement healthcare obligations, and it is reflective of the council's fidelity to conservative fiscal management." In contrast, he noted that the state of California has wrestled with unbalanced budgets, continued borrowing, and other challenging fiscal issues over the years. "Under the leadership of Governor Brown, stronger fiscal management is in place. I want to continue that - helping to move the state forward in a financially responsible way."

Glazer has also advocated for improved foster care and domestic violence prevention programs.

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Nick Marnell talks to MOFD's Kelly Morris about the December accident on Highway 24.



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Lady Mats Dominate Rivals

Bragging rights go to Miramonte as the girls prepare for the playoffs. Hunter Hewitt has the story.



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Glenside Drive Home Goes From Fixer to Farm Fresh

Cathy Dausman spotted this major remodel and decided to check it out.

