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Letters to the Editor

Editor:

I like to see citizens recognized for making Moraga better, so here are my first three Walwark Prizes:

Dave Trotter, who was recently re-elected to the Moraga Town Council, took down his campaign signs on election day. That's right, even before the polls closed. I'm sure many Moragans would agree with me that the sooner the signs go away after each election, the better. Thanks Dave.

Bill Snider, the competitive proprietor of Moraga Hardware, was unable to provide what one customer wanted recently. As the man was leaving the store, Bill called out to him to try OSH. I couldn't believe my ears, and when Bill saw the look on my face he explained that he wanted to keep the money in Moraga. Sales taxes on Moraga purchases are paying for the work on our streets, he emphasized. Nice going.

Tim Freeman, a past president of the Kiwanis Club, came up with the idea a few years ago to raise money by selling See's candy at Christmas time. He then made it happen so effectively that this activity has become the Club's largest source of money for its charitable donations, from the three Lamorinda education foundations to the Food Bank. All of the profit from sales at the store next to Starbucks in Rheem goes to these contributions. Tim is still actively involved in this project. Good man.

Dale Walwark
Moraga

Editor:

Sheriff's Department Doing the Right Thing!

Noon time on Sunday, Nov. 23. I witnessed one single deputy pull over 35+ bicyclist, because they had no regard to the traffic laws (Stop Sign) on St. Mary's Rd. As I witness drivers moving slowly past the sheriff's vehicle, each driver gave a thumb's up to the officer. I just realized, I was not the only one frustrated with the bicyclist not following basic traffic laws. Thanks again for the Lafayette Sheriff's Department leadership in this ongoing issue.

Daniel I Bernie
Lafayette

Editor:

I believe your paper should do a front page article in the next edition on the issues that Mr. Cohn brought up about the Moraga-Orinda fire district's major unfunded pension and health care liabilities. If I interpreted Mr. Cohn's math correctly the unfunded liability is \$80,000,000 which will continue to grow. As a Moraga resident I am concerned that this will continue to grow and that the Orinda/Moraga taxpayer will be stuck with the bill. I am sure a majority of Orinda/Moraga residents are unaware of how serious this problem is. I just want this issue to be transparent so that we as a community can decide what should be done. Thank you.

Best,
Tom Frainier
Moraga

(Editor's note: Please visit our archives to read our past coverage of the above issue -www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0714/Reality-Is-Setting-In-MOFD-acknowledges-painful-times-ahead.html; www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0720/Soaring-Pension-Debt-Confirmed.html; <http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0717/Task-Force-Speaks-Out.html>).

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