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## business briefs

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Joy Distacio at Divine Consign Photo Rob Lucacher

### Divine Consign

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Joy Distacio recently opened her first consignment store, Divine Consign. "I am a realtor trying to retire from real estate," explains the new owner with a smile. "I volunteered at a consignment store and loved to do it. I decided I wanted to start one of my own." It took Distacio over a year to find the perfect location. "I wanted a place where I could choose my own hours and where I could take my little dog," she says. When she found the spot next to popular Millie's Kitchen on Oak Hill Road that included a garden, the Moraga native knew that was the place for her. Since opening in March, business has been booming. "It's way better than expected," she says. "Every day people come in and bring me interesting things." She says that she has something for everyone in the store, from \$1 items to a \$15,000 18th century German dresser. "In the store, I sell

vintage clothing and jewelry, furniture, decorative objects and table ware," she says, "and in the garden I have backyard arrangements." Distacio also features original art pieces. Since she's next to Millie's, a popular brunch site, she decided to open on Sunday. The store is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. "Everybody has a great time coming here," she says.

### Orinda Safeway Gets a New Manager

Safeway Inc. has promoted Jaclyn Soares to manager of its store at 2 Camino Sobrante in Orinda. "We're very proud and honored to help professionals like Jaclyn grow and succeed in their Safeway careers," said Tom Schwilke, Northern California Division President. Soares has risen through the Safeway ranks as courtesy clerk, food clerk to assistant store manager and relief store manager and enjoys seeing employees with potential move into higher positions.

### Santos Named Employee of the Month

Erwin Santos, a popular personal banker at Wells Fargo Bank, has been named the Moraga Employee of the Month for May. Santos has been in banking for the past two decades and has served as a financial adviser and personal banker for the past six years at the Moraga Wells Fargo. He started the bank's "Bow Tie Friday" employee program, which has become popular with the customers. The Moraga Rotary and Chamber of Commerce will award Santos a gift card to Safeway as well as a gift card to the Peninni's in Moraga at an upcoming Moraga Rotary lunch in June.

### News from the Three Chambers of Commerce

#### Lafayette

Rock the Plaza will feature The 925 Band at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 5 at the Plaza Park and on Friday June 12 featuring The Megatones.

Entrepreneur's Club at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, June 18 at Merrill Gardens, 1010 Second Street.

June Mixer at Bonehead's Texas BBQ starting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at 3422 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Moraga

Chamber mixer starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23 in the lobby of the Moraga Executive Plaza located at 346 Rheem Blvd., Moraga. Non-members interested in joining the Chamber are welcome.

Orinda

Breakfast mixer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 23 at Shelby's, 2 Orinda Theatre Square.



From left: Kevin Reneau, Erwin Santos, Purima Kalra and Roger Gregory Photo provided

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