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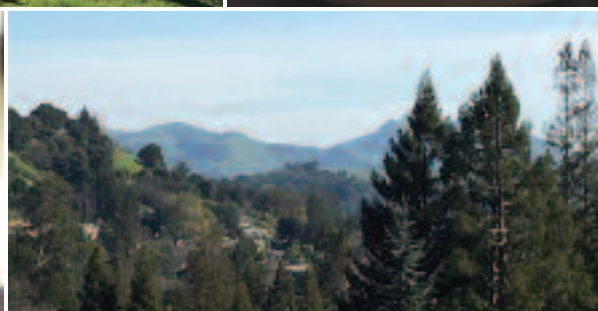
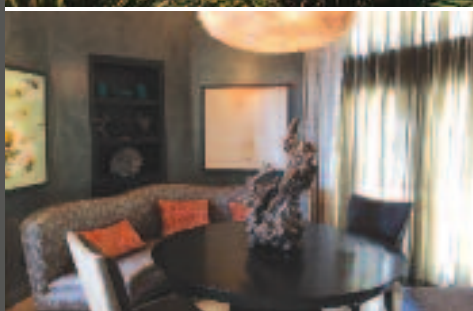
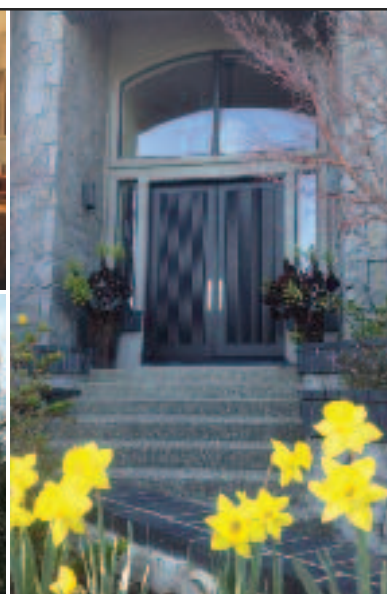
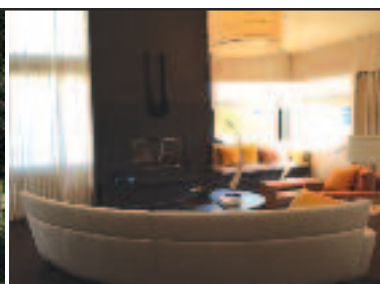
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Four More Years for Supervisor Andersen

By Nick Marnell



Candace Andersen Photo A. Scheck

Candace Andersen received the announcement via email at 5:03 p.m. March 11. "You're in. Another four years," said Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, Joe Canciamilla.

With that message, Andersen virtually clinched reelection as Contra Costa County District 2 Supervisor.

Since no other candidate filed paperwork by the March 11 deadline, Andersen will run unopposed in the June 7 primary election. County supervisor is a non-partisan office; voters can vote for any candidate from any political party. So the candidate who secures a majority vote in the primary is automatically elected and does not appear on the November ballot.

Only a technicality can prevent Andersen's June victory.

District 2, which includes Lamorinda, comprises 131,110 registered voters as of Nov. 2, according to the

county election guide. If a qualified write-in candidate receives 65,556 votes — 50 percent plus one — in the June primary, that candidate becomes the new District 2 Supervisor. To qualify, a write-in candidate must file paperwork by May 24.

Calling that scenario a long-shot is an understatement. "I'm not aware of any jurisdiction where that has ever happened," Canciamilla said.

"I am honored and humbled that no one has challenged me," Andersen said. "With all of the mayors and council members of our cities, any one of them could have taken on this race and presented a real challenge."

Andersen's second full term will commence Jan. 2.

Moraga Five Surveillance Cameras

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But one resident, Steve Spiker, who works for the Urban Strategies Council as research and technology director, said that he supported Reconyx systems and neighborhood private cameras, but that license plate readers raised huge privacy and liability concern, and were ineffective.

There was unanimous support of the project from the four council members present, with council mem-

ber Roger Wykle leading the pack and asking Administrative Director Amy Cunningham if the budget operating surplus was enough to purchase the system immediately.

The council directed King to start drafting an RFP while reaching out to a local foundation, such as the Moraga Community Foundation, to raise funds for the project.

Coffee with the Cops

On March 28, Moraga police officers will come to Si Caffe at 910 Country Club Dr. to meet residents and answer any questions they might have. The visit will start at 10 a.m. The department staff said that similar events will be announced and take place in different parts of town.

Letters to the Editor

Opinions in Letters to the Editor are the express views of the writer and not necessarily those of the Lamorinda Weekly. All published letters will include the writer's name and city/town of residence -- we will only accept letters from those who live in, or own a business in, the communities comprising Lamorinda (please give us your phone number for verification purposes only). Letters should be 350 words or less; letters of up to 500 words will be accepted on a space-available basis. Visit www.lamorindaweekly.com for submission guidelines. email: letters@lamorindaweekly.com; Regular mail: Lamorinda Weekly, P.O.Box 6133, Moraga, CA 94570

Waiting on New Orinda Roads

Dear Editor,

We were excited when our street was selected to be repaired and repaved but little did we realize how long it would take. Before repairs could begin, PG&E had to inspect their poles and lines. Then all of the underground utilities had to be located and marked: the water lines, the sewer lines, the drainage culverts, the gas mains and the electric lines.

Next came the Bay Cities prep team to dig out the bad pot holes and prep them. Then after all this was done, in came the tree trimmers to make sure that the large equipment could work on the road with proper clearance.

Finally we thought we would see some real road repair action. But one neighbor refused to have their tree trimmed. That took two more weeks to resolve. Now we are ready for our new street which will take 10 clear weather days for a full depth reclamation (FDR). Guess what — here come our badly needed rains. Yes, we are waiting, but it will all be worthwhile in the long run because we voted "yes" for new roads in Orinda.

Dick Burkhalter
Orinda

Lafayette Acalanes Career Day

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Topping the list of requirements is a college degree and a minimum of three years of professional work experience, and the ability to work in any of the Bureau's 57 offices. In addition, applicants have to pass a drug test, a polygraph test, psychological testing and a background check.

Parents may be pleased to hear about the necessary skills to become an agent, which could apply to many other careers: ability to write and communicate well, be an effective listener, ability to read people and to have confidence in your own judgement. Once the screening process is complete, would-be FBI agents go through the Academy, which the presenter characterized as "20 weeks of hell."

Across campus in room 509, Lisa Schreiber, who is a group vice president at Oracle, provided an overview of a variety of careers in high tech and computer science. Her advice: don't

take the easy path, be curious, learn to communicate well and remember that, "you are relevant — you're ability to be agile learners makes the difference."

Karr reflects that many teenagers don't have specific ideas about the career they will ultimately find, but do have a general feeling for science or the arts, and that Career Day offers them a great way to investigate potential avenues to pursue. She feels all of the stories provide a great experience for the students, who learn that career paths are not always logical or linear. Graduates from past career days have reported that the sessions guided them to what is now their profession, as well as ruled out a particular field that may not have been a good fit.

This was Karr's last Career Day, she'll be retiring at the end of the school year. Hopefully her replacement can continue the tradition.

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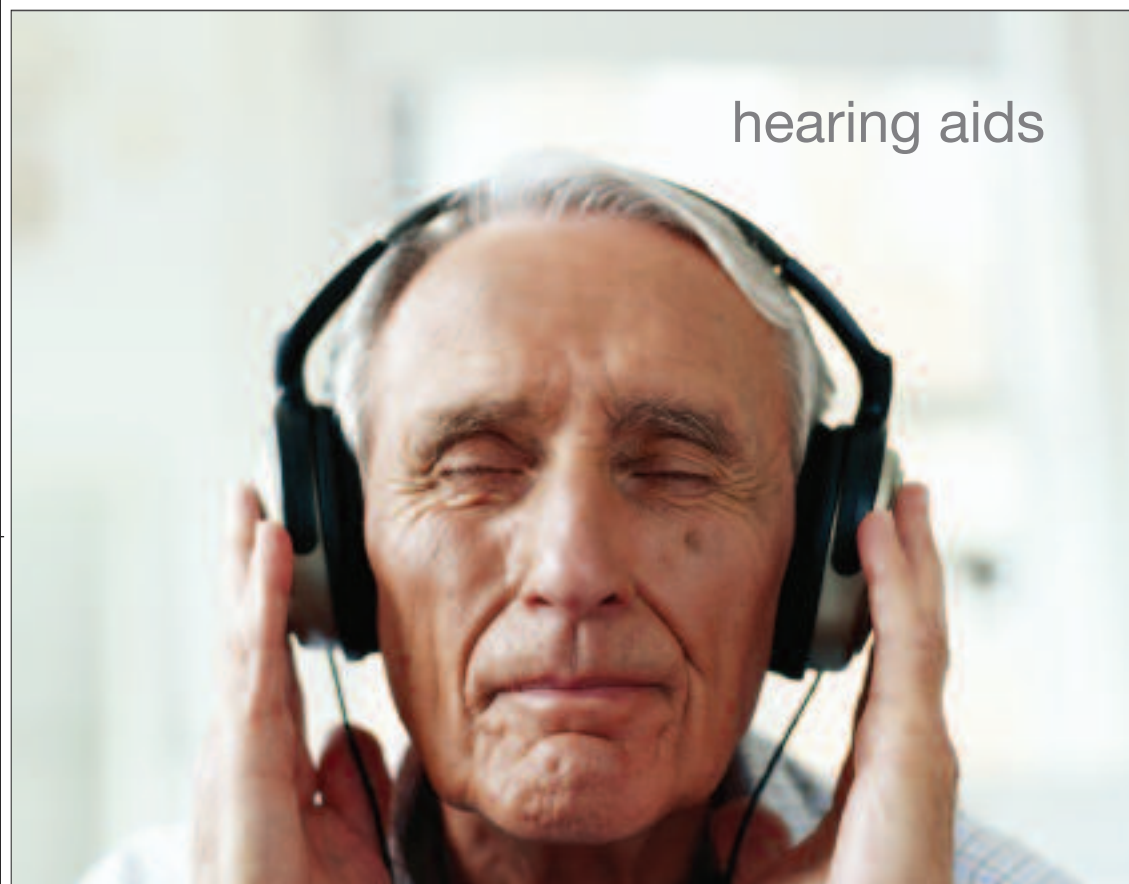
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