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21st Annual Lafayette Art & Wine Music Festival
 September 17 & 18

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The always-popular Lafayette Art & Wine Festival will be bigger this year, offering more bands, vendors and an additional Kids Zone. Photos Gint Federas

More on Tap at Art & Wine in '16

By Pippa Fisher

Now in its 21st year, the Lafayette Art, Wine and Music Festival, which takes place annually in downtown Lafayette on the third weekend of September, will be bigger than ever as it has been extended to include the eastbound side of Mt. Diablo Boulevard all the way up to Moraga Road.

This annual event, which is consistently voted one of the East Bay's top festivals, draws roughly 80,000 visitors from all over the bay during the weekend, with over 260 artist booths,

plus two kid zones, four live stages, food and one of the largest selections of wine, beer and ale of any San Francisco Bay Area festivals. Entry to the festival and access to the stages remains free, although patrons pay for drink tickets and food.

Proceeds support the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce's many programs and others, including Lafayette Partners in Education (LPIE) and local nonprofits. Jay Lifson, the chamber's executive director, spearheads the event.

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The 12th Annual
Orinda Classic Car Show Weekend
 Saturday, September 10th, 10am - 3pm
www.OrindaCarShow.com
Plan to Attend – Admission is FREE!

Moraga Native Hits it Out of the Park as MLB Network Host

By Nick Marnell



Matt Vasgersian grew up in Moraga. Photo MLB Network

For a fellow who never played organized baseball, either in high school, in college or professionally, MLB Network studio host and Moraga native Matt Vasgersian has risen to near the pinnacle of the baseball media profession.

"I wasn't interested enough to be competi-

tive and probably not good enough anyway," he said. Nonetheless, Vasgersian couldn't get enough baseball in his life, as he listened to Bill King broadcast the Oakland A's games on the radio through the 80s.

Vasgersian, 48, grew up in the Camino Pablo section of Moraga, attending Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School and Campolindo High School. "My best childhood memories are based on warm summer months, no air conditioning, playing outside until 9:30. It was a Rockwellian existence, safe and perfect. I never felt threatened," he said.

Not that he didn't push the limits. "One day at JM, as a bunch of us were leaving school, a girl came running onto campus shouting, 'Eddie Money is getting married!' It was right across the street, at St. Monica's, so we stormed into the church." An usher busted the miscreants, but displaying some empathy, he told the gang they could stay if they sat down and kept quiet.

Through high school Vasgersian worked at Eric's Rheem Shell station.

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New Local Dads Group Focuses on Giving Back to Others

By Pippa Fisher



From left, Matt Griffin, Brian Britton, Colin Harter stand with their group's mascot, LAMA. Photo provided

Many Lamorinda families will say that fathers today are more involved than ever in their children's lives. But one local group of dads is taking it a step further, proving that they are not only helping out at home, but in the community at large.

It all started when a group of friends got together in January and the conversation turned to ways in which they individually give back to the community. They started to realize that, having concentrated most of their time establishing their careers, they could and should be doing more now to give back. From this conversation, Lamorinda Gives Back was born.

This small group of men each sent emails to encourage others who might be interested and before they knew it the group had grown to 75 men, 90 percent of whom are from within the Lamorinda area — and most of them dads — clearly demonstrating the need for such an organization.

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