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A blanket of gold covers Lamorinda hillsides.

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## Spring blooms offer respite during difficult time

With Lamorinda residents under a shelter-in-place order, many are able to hit the trails for solitary walks while still keeping the required six-foot distance from others to avoid spread of the novel coronavirus, and are finding an abundance of color – especially the golden poppy – on hillsides and along walking trails.

According to our gardening guru, Cynthia Brian, the March rains and cooler temperatures

have created a boom of wildflower growth, and we may soon start to see our local hillsides graced with a poppy superbloom. Turn off the TV, close the computer and put down the phone to take some time to drink in the colors of spring. Gather branches of blooms to make arrangements (see Cynthia's story on page D1), or simply pay attention to the colors around you while making the weekly trip to the grocery or the pharmacy.

Spring reminds us all of renewal and the hope of good things to come. In the words of author Ann Bradstreet, "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." As we slow our lives during this crisis, we can all be grateful that we live in Lamorinda – one of the most beautiful areas in California.

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## On the front lines at senior living facilities



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A Moraga Royale caregiver gardens with a resident.

By Sophie Braccini

Caregivers at senior living facilities are on the front lines in the fight for safety in Lamorinda and beyond. Staff is mobilized at these establishments 24/7, applying the utmost precautions to support the most vulnerable population.

At Moraga Royale, Dianne Wilson explains that admission of new residents and tours have been interrupted. She worked with the owner of Berg Communities to establish the procedures for the group's four residences, talking to professionals including her brother-in-law who works for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and gathering as much information as possible.

The first line of defense happens when staff members arrive. They change into fresh clean uniforms, their shoes are disinfected and they scrub their hands thoroughly. Throughout the day everything such as door knobs and elevator buttons are disinfected, including supplies coming in. The mail, for example, is wiped with disinfectant as it arrives and waits for 24 hours before it is delivered to the residents.

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**Lamorinda Weekly to stop production during SIP**

After much consideration, we have decided to halt the paper during the remainder of the shelter-in-place order. We hope to be back on your driveway again soon!

Lamorinda Weekly Team



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## Local nonprofits hit hard by shelter-in-place order



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**Former board member Kathy Merchant (left) hands over supplies to Las Trampas Day Program Supervisor Kate Hartline in front of a list of much needed donation requests. Items should be dropped off weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

**By Pippa Fisher**

Among many finding themselves in the completely uncharted waters of COVID-19 and the shelter-in-place order are the area's nonprofits serving some of the community's most vulnerable, for whom the consequences are potentially devastating.

Spring is a prime fundraising time of year with many organizations planning large galas and auctions – all now canceled. Las Trampas, Lafayette's day center serving adults with developmental disabilities, is particularly hard hit. The center had to

cancel its April Spring Benefit Dinner, upon which it relies for funding for its current fiscal year budget, ending in June.

"Even if we are able to postpone the event," explains Executive Director Daniel Hogue, "it will leave the organization with an estimated \$250,000 shortfall during our current fiscal year resulting in significant impacts on our programs and services."

Las Trampas Board Vice President Liz DeForest notes that this comes "on top of the challenge that the state budget this year once again underfunds the services we and other entities provide."

Hogue says the center's main focus as it navigates through these unprecedented events "is to ensure that our programs will be there on the other side, especially for future participants who will be aging out of the school system," adding, "To do that, we need financial support to get us through this storm."

DeForest says that the center is currently providing additional support staff from the day program to all residential programs and engaging individuals throughout the day in the home setting to minimize emotional and mental health issues.

"We are allocating nec-

essary supplies and personal protective equipment to residences, setting up grocery delivery services for participants to minimize community exposure," says DeForest, adding that they are also maintaining essential administrative staff who are working remotely and supporting staff needs to take time off for child care or personal care.

Las Trampas has issued a community appeal for desperately needed hygiene and basic food supplies. Items can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 3460 Lana Lane off Moraga Boulevard opposite Leigh Creekside Park. For hands-free pickup from home, email merchant70@aol.com. Las Trampas also welcomes donations through its website.

The organization is not alone in its struggle. Lafayette Partners in Education has had to cancel its main auction fundraiser. Instead it is urging support of its online bidding, with live items bidding ending at 5 p.m. April 3.

"The cancellation of our annual event/fundraiser has a huge financial impact on LPIE. From expecting this event to raise over \$350,000, we are now very concerned that we will fall far short of the \$4.5 million fundraising goal needed to meet our commitments to our districts and schools," explains LPIE Executive Director Myrna Kimmelman.

Kimmelman says she is heartened by the generosity of parents, businesses, and community members who have donated to the auction, and have been bidding and contributing to LPIE since. "Their support is not dimin-

ished by our cancellation, but instead gives us hope that as a community, we can work together to fund essential school programs for our students."

Nonprofit Lamorinda Village, a volunteer-dependent organization supporting seniors, also recognizes the good in the community.

"At our last Lamorinda Village board meeting in early March, we anticipated there would be a great need for senior support as that age range had been marked as the most vulnerable so we started sending out requests for volunteers," Lamorinda Village Operations Manager Kathryn Ishizu explains. "We managed to mobilize a large crew of volunteers overnight so when Connie from Diablo Foods asked if we could help them deliver groceries to their elderly shoppers, we were ready."

Ishizu says that since that partnership started it has added stores and pharmacies, over 80 community volunteers, and has served over 75 senior households with grocery shopping and pharmacy pickups. "And that number will climb as the news spreads. Lamorinda Village is here to help all at-risk seniors in our community stay safe during this time," says Ishizu.

Lamorinda Village Vice President Don Jenkins observes, "I believe that Lamorinda Village has helped the community see the strength that is derived when we all work together to help care for the people that need the most assistance in our community."

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## How Will the Coronavirus Affect the Lamorinda Housing Market?



First, my group and I would like to express our concern with the current pandemic crisis. The health of our families, friends and loved ones worldwide is foremost in our minds. With everyone doing their part in the short term to flatten the curve through social distancing, we are optimistic that if we stick together our lives will return to some form of normalcy in the near future.

Due to the economic uncertainty and historic declines in the stock market, some buyers are retreating and some sellers are holding off from selling. These two groups will

lead to lower demand and lower supply, leaving our market with "real" buyers and sellers but at lower inventories.

Currently, real estate activities do not fall under Shelter in Place essential services so accessing listings will be done online. We are hopeful that this restriction will be lifted so we can get back to the business of helping people buy their dream homes. Being part of a community is more important than ever right now. If you have real estate questions, we are here for you and can set up a Q & A on the phone or through ZOOM.

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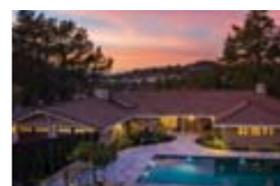
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Information about COVID-19 can be found at <https://bit.ly/LafayetteNotifications> and additional county-wide information can be found at [www.contracosta.ca.gov](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov).

The city of Lafayette continues to process applications for housing development. The Terraces of Lafayette project is moving forward with the City's environmental consultant, Impact Sciences, continuing to prepare the addendum to the certified Environmental Impact Report. When completed, the addendum will be published with the staff report for the next planning commission meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for April 27. There will also be self-service information including zoning, application forms, and staff contact information at [www.lovelafayette.org/city-hall/city-departments/planning-building/-fsiteid-1](http://www.lovelafayette.org/city-hall/city-departments/planning-building/-fsiteid-1). Other maintenance projects and engineering department operations will continue during the COVID-19 emergency. Visit [lovelafayette.org](http://lovelafayette.org) for more detailed information.

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Many of our wonderful restaurants are open during the month of April for take-out only. You can find a complete list on the Lafayette Chamber's Website:

[www.lafayettechamber.org/whos-open](http://www.lafayettechamber.org/whos-open).

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## Moraga Historical Society puts even more info at your fingertips



Moraga Historical Society's History Center

Photo Vera Kochan

### By Vera Kochan

If you love history, especially

Moraga's, you'll be happy to know that the Moraga Historical Society has revamped

its website to offer users more information than ever before.

MHS was founded in 1965 when Saint Mary's College's Brother Dennis Goodman and Moraga resident Maggie Skinner began storing town history at SMC. With a mission to "preserve knowledge about the history of the Rancho Laguna de los Palos Colorados, land now occupied by the Town of Moraga and portions of the cities of Orinda and Lafayette," the basis for today's MHS was formed.

The MHS home base now resides in the History Center, a three room structure attached to the Moraga library located at 1500 St. Mary's Road. Archives, vertical files, books, photos, historical paperwork and a meeting room are manned by volunteer members of the historical society. Past long-time archivists have included Elsie Mastick, Margaret DePriester and Mary Ostrander.

MHS president Susan Sperry is excited about the new website and how it offers users a wider range of information that was previously only accessible by visiting the History Center. "John Kaiser and Susan Skilton are responsible for upgrading our website," said Sperry. "Rather than continue mailing out a newsletter, we've discovered that we can save money by setting one up electronically."

The new Key People Archives page is probably one of the more impressive additions. It lists persons of historical interest, where they resided and birth/death dates. Under "Notes" there's a brief description of their ties to the area along with what sources for further research are available at the History Center.

The website also offers

maps of Saint Mary's College, the town of Moraga and Rheem, while the history section describes turning points in Moraga's history along with historical sites and a section on railroads with photographs.

A timesaving feature is the Repositories section where numerous regional historical society websites and libraries offering historical sections are just a click away for anyone doing an extensive research project or merely satisfying their inner history-buff cravings.

The online store offers Moraga-related items such as a large throw depicting historic locations, note cards and books.

Lest we forget one of Moraga's agricultural icons, there is a History of Pears in Moraga section that contains an award-winning Moraga Pear Pie recipe.

Several MHS members have received awards from the Conference of California Historical Societies through the years. The website lists 14 of its recipients who have won recognition in the fields of merit, preservation, author/scholastic and individual accomplishment.

"We had a much larger membership in 2000, but people have either moved or passed away," said Sperry. "Our membership has declined from several hundred to about 100 now." The MHS makes its presence known with booths at the Moraga Community Fair, the Fourth of July celebration and the Pear Festival. It is hoped that the new website will be an attractive lure to increase interest and membership. To that end, there is also a Contact page with information about becoming a member or volunteer.

To check out the new MHS website, visit [Moragahistory.org](http://Moragahistory.org). For additional information call (925) 376-3053.

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## Town Staff continues to serve Moraga through shelter-in-place order



By Vera Kochan

Public buildings in Moraga continue to remain closed through May 1 in accordance with the Contra Costa County Health Department's shelter-in-place mandate. Included in the closures are the Town Office at 329 Rheem Blvd., the Hacienda de las Flores at 2100 Donald Dr., and the Corporation Yard at 335 Rheem Blvd. Additional closures include the library, the skate park, play structures, picnic areas and basketball courts in the hopes that this move will prevent a possible transfer of the coronavirus. All of the town's non-essential events and meetings have also been canceled to comply with the order.

Several of the town's departments remain functional throughout the shelter-in-place

period in order to continue to serve the residents and businesses of Moraga. The Administration Department's town manager, town clerk, finance, human resources and risk management personnel are available by phone or email.

The Moraga Police and Moraga-Orinda Fire Departments remain on duty. For any police emergencies call dispatch at (925) 284-5010 or 911.

According to Parks and Recreation, trails and open spaces remain available for use by the public as long as social distancing is practiced. Park restrooms will remain open for the use of their hand washing stations. However, the Commons Park parking lots will be closed.

The Planning Department staff is available to answer any general planning or zoning questions via phone or email and are still processing applications that were submitted prior to March 16. New applications must be submitted by mail or a delivery service.

The engineering staff of the Public Works Department will continue to monitor and respond to emails and phone calls. Several construction projects around Moraga are exempt from stoppage and continue as scheduled. These include the Rheem sinkhole abatement, utility or street repairs and the Canyon Road Bridge project.

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## Like other cities, Orinda moves to next stage of Covid-19 response



Photo Sora O'Doherty

The Thursday food truck event in Orinda was cut to just one Taste of the World food truck March 26, with many residents heeding the order to stay home.

By Sora O'Doherty

Following the adoption of a proclamation of local emergency March 16 by the Orinda City Council, the business of local govern-

ment has changed as dramatically as the lives of city residents and businesses in the intense effort to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus and its sometimes deadline result, COVID-19. The council is

required to renew the emergency declaration every 60 days, if necessary.

The city is trying to maintain essential services, such as public works, and to provide assistance and guidance to citizens. All city offices, facilities, and parks are closed but most of the city employees are working remotely. Orinda will hold its first virtual city council meeting on April 7 via Zoom. The public will be encouraged to use email to bring their concerns to the attention of the council.

Staff are continuing to accept planning applications and respond to public inquiries, just not in person. The city has begun accepting electronic filing and staff can access desktops, open files, and use programs as if they were in the office. Planning Director Drummond Buckley said that the county is continuing to accept most types of permits, and county building inspections are going ahead because it is considered an essential activity. Senior Planner Mayank Patel is continuing to work on developing proposals on downtown development that will be brought to the city council.

In an effort to support local restaurants, Mayor Darlene Gee issued a letter to the public, urging residents to order take-away or delivery meals. The city has prepared a list of all restaurants and the services they are providing at this time: <https://docs.google.com/>

[spreadsheets/d/1AwLEAv2gdxMfuswsY9dbzBPjxlmDjs31TfyFuyitGE/edit#gid=0](https://www.cityoforinda.org/444/Virtual-Recreation)

The city of Orinda also created one go-to resource for the community on nutritional, educational, recreation and just fun resources at

[www.cityoforinda.org/444/Virtual-Recreation](http://www.cityoforinda.org/444/Virtual-Recreation)

### Schools

At its March 27 virtual meeting, the Orinda Union School District extended school closures to May 1, as with other school districts in Lamorinda, though Director of Curriculum David Schragg has said that it is possible that the closure may extend to the end of the academic school year. OUSD Board President Cara Hoxie said that owing to lack of social distancing and challenges of wiping down play equipment, all OUSD playground equipment is now closed and marked with yellow caution tape. OUSD teachers and staff are being paid and the district has handed out over 100 chrome books to families that have requested them.

During the first phase of distance learning teachers were providing enrichment and social and emotional support. Schragg also said that OUSD is developing a single site where parents will be able to see all the resources available to them. He also said that in phase two, OUSD will be reaching out to individual students to assure that each student will be able to avail of phase two distance learning. The Director of Technology told the OUSD at the meeting that they are doing their best to distribute devices to students for distant learning use, as well as building a virtual support system. Orinda schools cannot, at this time, offer real time online teaching due to a variety of factors, such as the fact that teachers are home with their own children to look after, and because of legal issues involving equal access to education for all students.

### Business

The Orinda Chamber of Commerce has canceled plans for the Orinda Restaurant Tour, the Member Appreciation Party, networking mixers and other in-person events until further notice. The Chamber also encouraged the public to support local restaurants as well as local retailers through their online stores.

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## Nonprofit food delivery service finds that when the world closes a door, it opens a window



Photo Helen Jones

**White Pony Express volunteers offer food donations, many from Starbucks, to hungry recipients.**

**By Sora O'Doherty**

White Pony Express was founded by Dr. Carol Weyland Conner in September 2013 on the simple idea that super-

markets had excess food that was being thrown out while people who couldn't afford food were going hungry. Today, with everyone sheltering in place, supermarkets are no

longer having the problem of excess food to get rid of, but White Pony Express has acquired other large donors so that they can continue to provide food for the hungry.

Helen Jones, White Pony Express's Food Rescue Operations Manager, says that grocery store donations are now one-fifth of what they were, because grocery shelves are pretty empty. "If they don't have abundance, we don't," she said. But White Pony Express has managed to tap into some big distributors who have donated pallets of food to the nonprofit organization. These large donors have been keeping White Pony Express afloat. Some of these donors serve restaurants, so they actually have excess food now. One is a subscription food service. "If they don't receive as many orders as they projected, then we can pick up the excess," Jones added. Another big donor to the project is Starbucks, now limited to only take-out or drive-through at its stores.

Noting that this is "definitely a very vulnerable time," Jones said that another big program of the nonprofit is

their food pantry program. They operate 11 food pantries throughout the county where they provide fresh food to schools that have free and reduced food programs currently not operating. "On certain days," Jones explained, "we deliver to some churches and community centers, mostly in East and West Contra Costa County, including Richmond, Antioch, Pittsburg, and Bay Point."

Jones explained that many of its volunteers fall into the category of persons who must now stay at home, but nevertheless staffing is going better, because community groups, church groups, and families who are now at home together have been coming down and volunteering.

To volunteer to help White Pony Express, email [volunteer@whiteponyexpress.org](mailto:volunteer@whiteponyexpress.org) or go to its website, <https://www.whiteponyexpress.org>, where you can also make donations.

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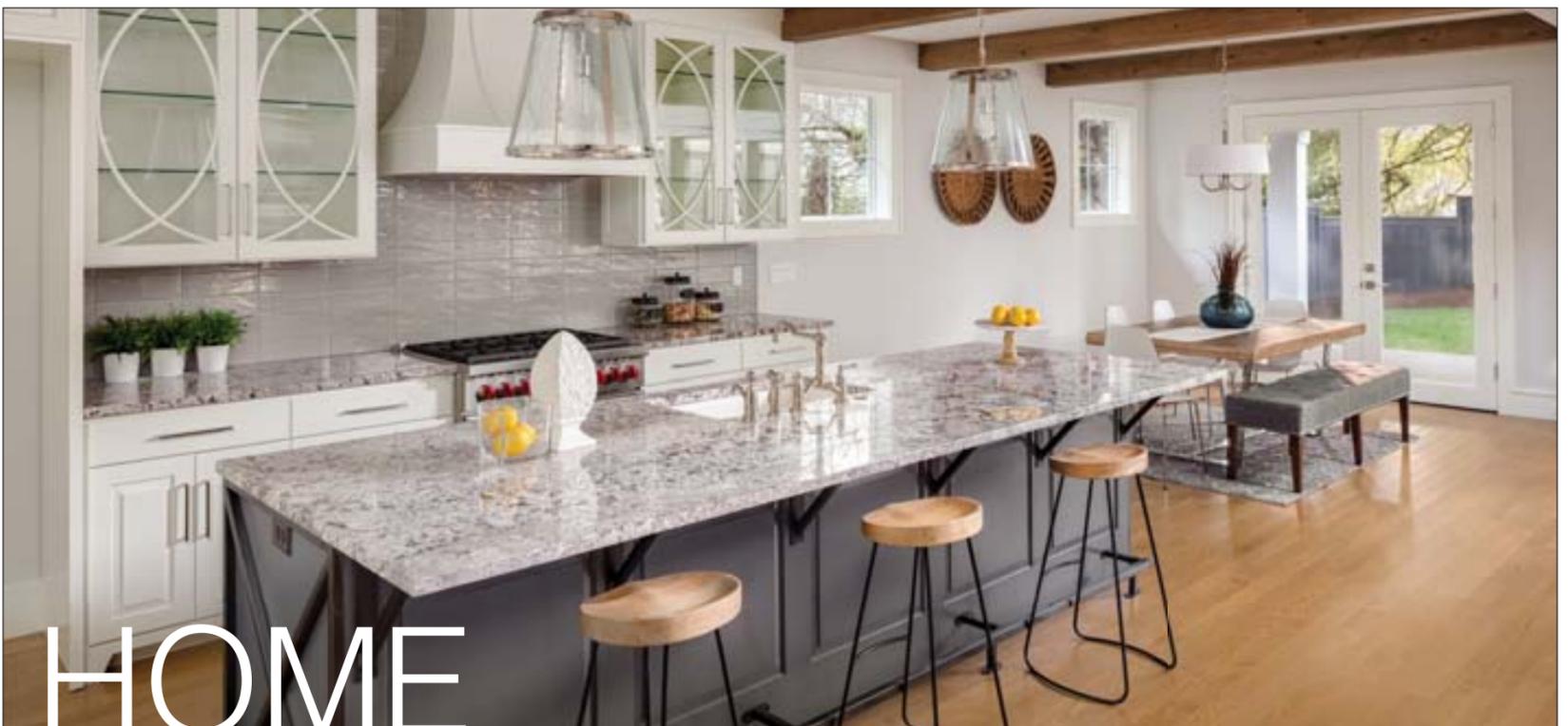


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# Lamorinda fire agencies in solid shape to confront pandemic

By Nick Marnell

Officials from both Lamorinda fire agencies stressed that their ability to deliver emergency medical care during the COVID-19 crisis has not been compromised, assuring residents that proper protocols are in place to halt the spread of the virus among both emergency personnel and district residents.

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District has expanded its cleaning and decontamination of fire stations, apparatus and turnout gear, and has ordered a large supply of gloves, masks and gowns for use by personnel on emergency calls. "Residents can be assured that we are taking extra precautions to prevent exposure to the coronavirus, both to ourselves and to the patients we treat," Chief Dave Winnacker

said.

If MOFD employees show flu-like symptoms – cough, fever, headache – they are tested, and if positive for COVID-19, are isolated at home or at a district shelter. Through the last week of March, no MOFD suppression personnel had tested positive for the coronavirus.

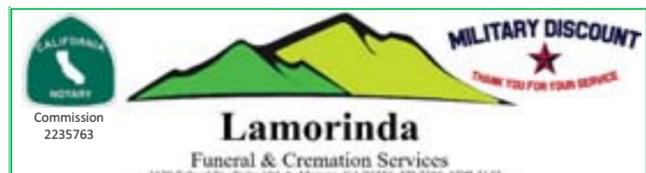
The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, an agency more than five times the size of MOFD, announced that 18 of its employees had been tested through late March, with 12 confirmed as negative, two isolated off-duty awaiting results, and four testing positive. Those four remain off-duty and await a return date based on federal guidelines. ConFire had instituted emergency dispatch protocols and personal protective equipment protocols for added

safety early in the crisis.

"It is very understandable for the patients we treat to have many concerns about exposure to the coronavirus but, in our view, treatment by well-protected first responders should not be one of those concerns," said Peter Benson, ConFire medical director.

Both districts said that the pandemic has not imperiled day-to-day operation. According to ConFire spokesman Steve Hill, the district is fully staffed for the foreseeable future, with volunteers taking overtime assignments. "People need not panic over the lack of emergency medical services," Hill said.

MOFD will add four new firefighters to its roster in April and Winnacker said he does not expect any immediate problems with district staffing.



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## Letters to the editor

Regarding coronavirus coverage

Notwithstanding the disclaimer on page 1 of your March 18, 2020, edition (as to the unavoidable possibility of outdated coronavirus information being included), you still have the obligation to accurately dispense what facts you do have with the solemnity warranted by this unprecedented emergency. Sadly, editorial decision-making got off to a bad start with the inclusion of the photo at the top-left of page 1 showing church board members gleefully practicing "safe distancing" without actually doing so, let alone doing so correctly. In spite of your disclaimer, this photo was outdated before it was even taken -- whenever that was. In fact, truly safe social distancing should have resulted

in a few of the attendees not even being present for the photo. (As a 64-year-old, I have standing to make a guess, and my guess is that at least four of the seven persons pictured should have stayed home to effect proper social distancing for seniors.) And whatever it is they are doing with their arms, it's definitely not humorous nor, more importantly, is it the least bit instructive for social distancing purposes. With regard to the coronavirus pandemic, please stick to the facts and present them in a way that does not detract from the seriousness of this situation. Doing so will provide a valuable service to your readers.

Randall Richmond  
Lafayette

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## On the front lines at senior living facilities

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The residents spend a lot more time in their rooms where meals are now served. To avoid disruption of the stable routine for some residents, a few are allowed to eat in the dining hall, one at a time.

Tana Gall, president of the Blue Harbor Senior Living Group that manages Merrill Garden in Lafayette, also said that visits are no longer permit-

ted and residents have to stay in their apartments where the meals are served. Those who decide to go live with family are not allowed to return until the crisis is resolved.

Moraga Royale resident Cliff Dochterman says that he feels fine, though the time spent in his apartment can be lonely. He adds that just like everybody else, the residents have a lot more questions than they have answers, and they follow the directions, which he says seem reasonable.

Activities still happen, but only in small numbers. Wilson explains that the popular bingo, for example, is played several times a day with little groups sitting far apart. One-on-one activities are also encouraged to relieve the anxiety that can manifest with some residents.

Wilson adds that procedures have been established should a resident become ill. What they need most at this time, besides tests, she says, is masks.

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925-299-3221  
Police Department Tip Line  
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Police Department Traffic Issues  
94549Traffic@gmail.com

**Moraga Police Department:**  
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055  
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049  
**Orinda Police Department:**  
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Chief of Police, David M. Cook  
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**Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report**  
**March 8 - March 21**

Alarms	45
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	14
Traffic	132
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subject	24
Suspicious Vehicle	18
Service to Citizen	54
Patrol Req./Security Check	51
Public/School Assembly Check	7
Supplemental Report	18
Vacation House Check	5
Welfare Check	21
<b>Vehicle violations</b>	
Auto Burglary	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3900 Block N Peardale Dr.	
3100 Block Old Tunnel Rd.	
Olympic Blvd./Reliez Station Rd.	
Grand Theft From Vehicle	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Petty Theft From Vehicle	
3100 Block Old Tunnel Rd.	
900 Block Dolores Dr.	

Reckless Driving  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Olympic Blvd.  
Moraga Blvd./2Nd St.  
Martino Rd./Vista Bella  
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Hwy 24 / Central Lafayette  
Stolen Vehicle Recovery  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Vehicle Theft  
3400 Block Golden Gate Way  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3100 Block Linda Vista Ln.

**Other criminal activity**  
Attempt - Shoplift  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Grand Theft  
10 Block Westminster Pl.  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Identity Theft  
600 Block Burton Dr.  
Police Department  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Boyer Cir.

Panhandling  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Petty Theft  
10 Block Westwind Rd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)  
3100 Block Old Tunnel Rd.  
900 Block Dewing Ave.  
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.

Petty Theft Bicycle  
900 Block Hawthorn Dr.  
Shoplift  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (5)  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Stolen Recovery  
Magnolia  
Warrant Service  
400 Block Helen Ave.

**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
3600 Block Robertson Rd.  
3300 Block Ridge Rd.  
900 Block Village Center  
3600 Block Robertson Rd.

Loud Music  
Huntleigh Dr./Lucas Dr.  
Loud Noise  
3200 Block Sweet Dr.  
Loud Party  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
3500 Block Rowe Pl.  
Sweet Dr./Jennie Ct

Public Nuisance  
900 Block Dewing Ave.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Glen Rd./Monticello Rd.  
1600 Block Taylor Blvd.  
Vandalism  
3400 Block Moraga Blvd.

**Other**  
Ordinance Violation  
1000 Block Dewing Ave.  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
10 Block Eleven

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
900 Block Hough Ave.  
1700 Block Ivanhoe Ave.  
3100 Block Camino Diablo  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (20)  
3500 Block Oconner Dr.

Threats  
3200 Block Sweet Dr.  
Trespass  
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.  
Unwanted Guest  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.

Violation Custody Order  
1200 Block Warner Ct.  
3300 Block Helen Ln.  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Violation Restraining Order  
800 Block Acalanes Rd.

**Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report**  
**March 3 - March 22**

Alarms	24
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	18
Traffic	100
Suspicious Circumstances	3
Suspicious Subject	8
Suspicious Vehicle	14
Service to Citizen	58
Patrol Req./Security Check	73
Supplemental Report	10
Vacation House Check	10
Welfare Check	4

**Vehicle violations**  
Accident Property  
Corliss Dr./Ashford Pl.  
Auto Burglary  
Not Available  
Dui Misdemeanor  
Rear Parking Lot of Golden Palace  
Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr.

Excessive Speed  
Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd. (2)  
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr. (2)  
Rimer Dr./Walford Dr.  
Dollar Tree  
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.  
Carter Dr.  
Hodges Dr./Camino Pablo  
Rheem Blvd./Center St.  
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (2)  
Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd. (5)  
Moraga Rd./Commons  
Moraga Rd./Paseo Linares  
CanyonRd./El Pablo  
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2000 Block Donald Dr.  
Petty Theft From Vehicle  
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.  
Reckless Driving  
Campolindo High School  
Rimer Dr./Oxford Dr.  
St. Marys College  
Moraga Rd./Moraga Way  
Sky View Ct/Knoll Dr.  
Moraga Rd./Canyon Rd.  
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.  
Safeway

Tc - Property Damage  
St. Marys College  
Moraga Rd./Via Granada  
Trespass W/ Vehicle  
Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd.  
Vehicle Theft  
1900 Block Ascot Dr.

**Other criminal activity**  
Fraud False Pretenses  
30 Block Carr Dr.  
Identity Theft  
Police Department  
3800 Block Paseo Grande  
Residential Burglary  
200 Block Calle La Mesa  
Warrant Arrest  
Moraga Rd./Al Ta Mesa Dr.

**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbing The Peace  
50 Block San Pablo Ct.  
1600 Block Camino Pablo  
CVS  
Loud Music  
80 Block Miramonte Dr.  
Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd.

Loud Noise  
200 Block Corliss Dr. (2)  
2100 Block Donald Dr. (2)  
Loud Party  
3300 Block N Lucille Ln, Laf  
2000 Block Ascot Dr.  
Public Nuisance  
Rheem Valley Shopping Center  
Vandalism

100 Block Ascot Ct.  
1400 Block Camino Peral  
500 Block Moraga Rd.  
300 Block Constance Pl.  
St. Marys College  
**Other**  
Battery  
300 Block Rheem Blvd.  
Joaquin Moraga Int School  
Battery Sexual  
Campolindo High School

H&S Violation  
200 Block Corliss Dr.  
Ordinance Violation  
Woodford Dr./Wimpole St.  
Library  
Rheem Valley Shopping Center  
Rimer Dr./Juniper Way



### Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report Feb. 23 - March 7

Alarms	25
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	9
Traffic	52
Suspicious Circumstances	3
Suspicious Subject	8
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	81
Patrol Req./Security Check	96
Public/School Assembly Check	13
Supplemental Report	2
Welfare Check	5

**Vehicle violations**  
Accident Injury  
Moraga Way/Leslee Ln.  
Accident Property  
Loma Vista Dr./El Toyonal  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
Van Tassel Ln./Lombardy Ln.  
Reckless Driving  
Orchard Rd./Brookside Rd.  
St Stephens Dr./Eb Sr 24  
Moraga Way/Orchard Rd.  
Camino Pablo/Monte Vista Rd.  
Charles Hill Pl/El Nido Ranch Rd.  
Wildner Rd./Rabbie Rd.

Tc - Property Damage  
Wb Sr 24 At Camino Pablo  
Honey Hill Rd./Honey Hill Ct.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Found Property  
California Shakespeare Theater  
Fraud False Pretenses  
10 Block Las Piedras  
Grand Theft  
Police Department  
Identity Theft  
Police Department  
10 Block Madrone Pl.

Warrant Arrest  
Shell Gas  
Camino Pablo/Camino Sobrante  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Loud Music  
60 Block Charles Hill Rd.  
Loud Party  
100 Block Moraga Way  
Vandalism  
100 Block Fiesta Cir.

**Other**  
Unwanted Guest  
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3500 Block Mt Diablo Blvd. Lafayette  
20 Block Orinda Way





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## Local nonprofits hit hard by shelter-in-place order

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Chief Development Officer Peter Dudley of the Cancer Support Community, which is planning a new Lafayette campus, says it has rescheduled the Annual Hope Walk for October. "We get over 1,000 registered walkers and raise a large part of our annual budget with this event, so it's a big deal to us and we're glad we could reschedule. Otherwise, we are suspending regular

fundraising activity for the moment, reaching out to many of our donors to make sure they are doing okay and see if there is anything we can do to help them." The CSC is accepting donations on its website.

Dudley says that while staff is working from home, they are still offering support through virtual group meetings. He points out that as a cancer organization they are used to helping people navigate unexpected, dramatic crises.

CSC had its support groups and counseling moved to a secure, HIPAA-compliant online platform and many workshops and movement classes are now

offered online as well.

Lafayette Community Foundation, which has helped hundreds of nonprofits over the years, voted on March 29 to extend its March 31 grant deadline through April and is launching a matching program. Its goal is to give out \$100,000 to local nonprofits. Information on how to donate or volunteer for these nonprofits can be found on the organizations' websites: Las Trampas <https://lastrampas.org> LPIE <https://www.lpie.org/> Lamorinda Village <https://lamorindavillage.org/> Cancer Support Community <https://cancersupport.net/> LCF <https://lafayettelcf.org/>

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**2. Lafayette needs jobs and local businesses, not more housing units.**  
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Mayor Anderson, East Bay Times 3/18/20

**3. The city is backlogged four months in sharing relevant proposal information for the project on the city website.** Citizens are entitled to have that information well before a decision on the project is made.

**4. Conflict of interest for Traffic Study review.** TJKM, the traffic consultant hired by the city, was recently on the payroll of the Terraces developer for another project.

**5. It is not true that the decision to approve or deny the project must be made in April.** The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) must be reviewed and certified as complete by the city before a decision is made about the project.

**6. The update to the 2013 EIR should be a Supplemental EIR, which allows public input and review. The developer prefers an Addendum because it can be done without our input.** The Supplemental EIR is appropriate because of the size and complexity of the project, and new information has become available since the original 2013 EIR.

### What you can do:

- Insist on a public City Council meeting on the updated EIR. An on-line meeting is not adequate for this project, which hundreds of citizens have strenuously opposed
- Email your concerns to the City Council, care of [jrobbins@ci.lafayette.ca.us](mailto:jrobbins@ci.lafayette.ca.us)
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Lafayette City Council regarding The Terraces 6/14/18



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## Could new fossil discovery lead to a Jurassic Canyon?



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Prehistoric fossil imprint of three claws/talons (left) and heel imprint (middle right)

### By Vera Kochan

As with many inconceivable scientific discoveries the first step begins with an accident of fate or a case of just being in the right place at the right time. The latest chapter in a potential new find comes to the scientific world much like an opening scene of a Steven Spielberg movie.

In August 2019, two hikers ventured into the Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve on the Contra Costa/Alameda County border. Joshua Blague and Laura Scherzo, both recent graduates from the University of California, Los Angeles, were visiting Scherzo's family in Moraga for the summer. "I'm an archeology major," said Scherzo. "I'd heard that Sibley was a great place to explore, and the idea of uncovering any fossil remains in a region known for prehistoric volcanic activity was too tempting to pass up."

Blague, an economics major and outdoor enthusiast, was more than happy to tag along for the amateur expedition. "Anytime we go on hikes, Laura can't help but investigate odd shapes in the rocks," said Blague. "She always wants to be the one to make a discovery that'll rock the

archeology community's world – pardon the pun."

Scherzo may just have gotten her wish. It was during their hike that she made a discovery of a lifetime – a fossil, approximately two feet long, with what appears to be either three claws or talons at one end and a flat heel at the other. After taking numerous photos of the fossil, marking the immediate area and noting their coordinates, the hikers all but ran back to their car, several miles away, to begin Scherzo's quest for scientific notoriety.

Recalling a guest lecturer at UCLA, Kaman I. Gotcha, Ph.D., Scherzo was quick to contact the expert paleontologist and member of the American Paleontological Research Institute League.

"We are still undergoing extensive testing of the fossil itself along with the surrounding area," replied Gotcha, "but it appears that the imprint could date as far back as the Cretaceous period, nearly 66 million years ago."

The discovery of dinosaurs in California is extremely rare which is what makes this find such a boon to scientists like Gotcha. "Given the fact that the surrounding area was once part of the Pa-

cific Ocean, to make an encounter such as this helps us to understand what the topography was like while these creatures roamed our planet. For instance, could this hill have been a small island of refuge?"

Additional assistance at the site comes from team members of Fossils Organisms and Osteology Liaison. Lead scientist Jeeime Kiddin, MSc., has a preliminary theory as to what creature Scherzo's fossil may have belonged to. "I would hazard a guess that this could very well belong in the mosasaur family which was a marine reptile-like predator of other marine species ranging in length of 40-ft long and 5-tons in weight." Kiddin added, "However, we cannot rule out that it could also be a member of the tractorus amphibicus family, not unlike the more popularly known pterodactylus, that could have flown into the area." Time and tests will tell.

At any rate, it would seem that Scherzo's "imprint" on the archeological community has made its mark. The scientific world is in agreement that the discovery couldn't be in better hands than those of APRIL and FOOL.

## Neighbors find safe ways to socialize at a distance



### Submitted by Trudy Deutz

A few Moraga neighbors found a way to share an evening over cocktails with "social restrictions." Although the weather wasn't great,

hence the warm clothes and blankets, a good time was had by all – even with a good 6-foot distance guaranteed by the traffic cones. Pictured participants, from left: Mike Tolajian, Rene Tolajian, T.J. Deutz, and Trudy Deutz.



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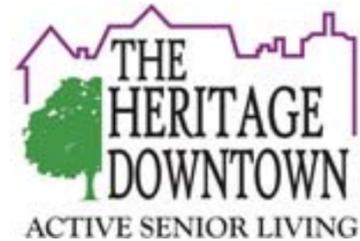
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## The impact of COVID-19 on our high school juniors and seniors

By Elizabeth LaScala, PhD

Without a doubt, your life has been already been impacted by the spread of the novel coronavirus. Social distancing, self-quarantine, voluntary or mandatory school and business closures clearly show we are not doing 'business as usual' in any shape or form. I have assembled the timeliest information possible so I could offer substantive advice to you. The following information was correct and current as of March 26.

### JUNIORS

**Standardized Testing:** The College Board canceled the SAT scheduled for May 2. All make-up tests dates for March were also canceled. For the most current College Board information go to <https://pages.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-covid-19-updates>

**ACT** rescheduled its April 4 exam to June 13. Further updates are available at [www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html](http://www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html)

If you're going to have a long break between the end of your prep and your official test, you need to take one or two practice tests and make time to review content the month leading up to your official test administration.

**Summer School Courses:** An informal survey of both community colleges and state universities informs us that most institutions are deploying distance learning options for summer classes. Concrete decisions about if and how courses involving hands-on lab work will be conducted are not yet available, with decisions forecasted to come in by May, at the earliest.

**Summer Programs:** Students who plan to attend a summer program should visit the program's website for the most up-to-date information on program status, availability of refunds, and so on.

**2020-21 College Applications:** Currently, it appears that most colleges and universities plan to accept applications per their individually designated fall 2020 and winter 2021 schedules (Early Application, Early Decision, Regular Decision application deadlines). These schedules may change, depending on a wide variety factors well beyond our control now.

**College Visits:** For now, research your college list, and visit your favorite colleges' websites. Take virtual tours, write to undergraduate admissions representatives and get on college mailing lists; open and

read the mail you receive from your favored colleges, ask intelligent questions not easily answered on the college website, and check the college's LinkedIn page to see if you can connect with current students to learn more about the school. In other words, demonstrate interest in the many ways that do not involve leaving your home.

### JUNIORS AND SENIORS

**AP Exam Administration:** On March 20, College Board announced that traditional AP exams will not be administered; instead, students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home. For each AP subject, there will be two exam dates offered so you can choose to take the test when the material is freshest in your mind or take additional time to study. The full exam schedule will be available on April 3.

**College Board plans to soon announce portfolio submission deadline extensions for AP 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, Research and Seminar courses. Check their website often for updates that are important to your academic standing.**

### SENIORS

**Transcripts:** Due to high school closures through at least May 1 some students may find it difficult to obtain transcripts in a timely manner and it appears most colleges and universities will be accepting late documents on a case-by-case basis.

**Registration/Orientation:** Given the volatility of the current situation, colleges and universities nationwide are reluctant to say much about how business will be conducted regarding the 2020-21 school year. The most reasonable course of action is to adhere to each school's most current guidelines, submitting all deposits and housing requests in a timely manner. As the pandemic unfolds and its trajectory becomes clearer, schools will undoubtedly reevaluate and adjust deadlines and other policies as necessary. Visit the websites of the schools you plan to send applications for updates.

**College Selection:** Many seniors must select the school they will attend in the fall without the benefit of revisiting the campus or, in some cases, without having visited at all. This is a very difficult topic to address because one size does not fit all, and I am painfully aware of the fact that this is one of the most important decisions of your life. If you are torn between two or more schools, try the virtual visits and other tips I offered above for juniors; also review the

list of factors that were most important to you when you first constructed your college list to help you to decide what college might be the best fit for you now.

**May 1 National Decision Deadline:** As the coronavirus disrupts the admissions process, a growing number of institutions are giving students more time to decide. But others are holding fast to May 1. Check your colleges' websites for more information. Once you make your decision, monitor incoming emails from the school for the most up-to-date information.

**Independent Education Consultants:** For the most part, we educational consultants are working and available by phone, Skype, Zoom and FaceTime. Reach out to us with your questions or concerns.

As we go through these challenging times, I firmly believe we will emerge stronger and better as a country and as individuals. The good news is that technology has made it so much easier to stay in touch. You are not alone. Be strong, be safe and stay well.



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# A hearty appetizer for the home-bound



Photo Susie Iventosch

**Fresh Ricotta Cheese with Chickpea Flatbread and Tomato-onion Relish**

## By Susie Iventosch

Even though making your own cheese at home sounds a bit daunting, this ricotta recipe is super easy and really fun to do. This cheese is delicious as an appetizer, but also works great in the filling for homemade lasagna. It takes about 20 minutes or so to heat the milk and cream to the right temperature and then it's just a matter of how firm or soft you want your cheese to be that will determine the total time involved. Whole milk makes a much better

ricotta than low-fat milk, and it's best to find one that is not ultra-pasteurized. Ultra-pasteurized milk is not recommended because it has already been heated to a very high temperature of 280 degrees Fahrenheit which prevents it from curdling properly. Normally-pasteurized milk has been heated to a much lower temperature of between 145 and 161 F. You need the curds and whey to separate for making ricotta, so just stick to normally-pasteurized milk for this project!



Susie can be reached at [suziventosch@gmail.com](mailto:suziventosch@gmail.com). This recipe can be found on our website: [www.lamorindaweekly.com](http://www.lamorindaweekly.com). If you would like to share your favorite recipe with Susie please contact her by email or call our office at (925) 377-0977.

## Homemade Ricotta

(Yields approximately 2 cups)

### INGREDIENTS

- 8 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt
- 2 tablespoons fresh squeezed lemon juice (pulp strained out)
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar (can also use white wine vinegar)

### DIRECTIONS

In a medium-large pot, slowly heat the milk and cream together until it reaches 185 F, stirring occasionally along the way. The best way to measure the temperature is to clip a candy or instant read thermometer to the side of the pot when you first begin the process.

While the milk mixture is heating, line a colander with cheesecloth and sit it over a bowl. Set aside. Mix the lemon juice and vinegar in a small container.

Once the temperature reaches 185 F, remove the pot from the heat and immediately stir in the salt. Slowly drizzle the lemon juice and rice vinegar over the top. Stir gently with a silicon spoon or spatula until the curds begin to form.

Ladel the curds into the colander and roll any loose edges of cheesecloth over the top of the cheese. Allow to drain until it reaches the consistency you desire. This can take anywhere from 20 minutes to a few hours, depending upon how firm you like your ricotta. Store the cheese in an airtight container for up to two weeks in the refrigerator.

## Chickpea Flatbread

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup garbanzo bean flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

### DIRECTIONS

Mix flour, coriander, cumin and salt with water. Stir well and cover with plastic wrap. Allow to sit on the counter at room temperature for about 2 hours. When ready to cook, preheat oven to broil. When hot, place cast iron skillet in the oven for about 5 minutes. Very carefully and using a thick hot pad or mitt, remove pan from oven and spray with cooking spray. Pour half of the batter into the pan and swirl to coat bottom of pan. Put pan in the oven and cook for about 3-5 minutes, or until the bread is beginning to brown on top and the edges are looking crispy. Remove from oven and slice into wedges. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve with a scoop of ricotta and a spoonful of tomato-onion relish.

## Tomato-onion Relish

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1 cup chopped fresh tomatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil in frying pan. Add onion and cook until translucent. Add garlic and tomato and continue to cook just until tomatoes soften and onions begin to brown. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over ricotta on chickpea flatbread.

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# International Film Showcase offers films online during shelter-in-place order

Submitted by Efi Lubliner

Lamorinda residents can go online to see the trailers for three films available for rent through the International Film Showcase: "Corpus Christi," Poland's Oscar finalist this year in the International Film category, "Sorry We Missed You," an English drama which addresses coping in the modern world of work from director Ken Loach, and "Balloon," which portrays two German families in 1979 who prepare to es-

cape from East Germany in a homemade hot air balloon – a wonderful family film. Both "Corpus Christi" and "Balloon" are based on true stories. The films range from \$10 to \$12. Details can be found on the website links at <http://internationalshowcase.org/>

The International Film Showcase looks forward to returning to its commercial venues when they reopen. In the meantime, IFS hopes you choose to see these fabulous films in the comfort of your homes.

# Town Hall Theatre announces video of 'The Cherry Orchard'

Submitted by Susan Evans

Town Hall Theatre's production of Anton Chekhov's final elegiac comedy masterpiece, "The Cherry Orchard," in a new translation by Richard Nelson, Richard Peavear and Larissa Volokhonsky, is available to watch on video through April 18.

While Town Hall Theatre had to cancel the second half of the run of live performances of "The Cherry Orchard" due to COVID-19, Town Hall worked with the licensing agency ICM Partners, which generously allowed THT to offer a video recording of the show for a limited period of time. If you meant to buy tickets and weren't able to, now is your chance to see Chekhov's

prescient "human comedy" in a new translation of the playwright's original 1903 pre-rehearsal script. If anyone could make sense of challenging times, it was Anton Chekhov.

Tickets are \$27 to \$30, and are available through the Box Office at (925) 283-1557 or online at [www.TownHallTheatre.com/the-cherry-orchard](http://www.TownHallTheatre.com/the-cherry-orchard). Once you make your purchase, the box office will email you with web links for Parts 1 and 2; an email message from Artistic Director Susan E. Evans; and a password to enter which will let you view the show. The password will be active for 24 hours, and there's one view per ticket-holder.

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## Campolindo students sign National Letters of Intent



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Submitted by Chris Schofield

Two Campolindo High School football players signed National Letters of Intent to continue their football careers at the collegiate level. Quarterback Grant Harper signed with UC Davis and Linebacker Mason Mastrov signed with Southern Methodist University (SMU).

Harper shined for the Cougars, finishing 22-6 as a starter while racking up 6,096 career yards and finished his Campo career with the school's second most all time touchdown passes (62). Harper was a First Team All-League quarterback both his junior and senior seasons. He earned Third Team QB honors from All Bay Area Preps and Honorable Mention QB honors on the San Francisco Chronicle All-Metro team.

"Signing day was an awesome day and something I had been looking forward to for a long time," Harper said. "The fact that I got to do it in Coach

Macy's room with all my teammates there was a great ending to my career at Campo."

Mastrov dominated the defensive side of the ball for Campo this year being named the league's Defensive Player of the Year. Among numerous awards, Mastrov was named an All Bay Area Preps First Team Linebacker. He also made the San Francisco Chronicle's All-Metro team as a Second Team Linebacker. In his career Mastrov had 16 sacks in just 13 games. Mastrov was also a First Team All-League Linebacker as a junior.

Over the past seven seasons, Campo has sent 22 players on to play college football. Harper and Mastrov will join five former Campo players currently in the college ranks for 2020 - John Torchio (Wisconsin), Ryan Regan (Cal), Lucas Allen (Cal), Logan MacDonald (Montana State), and Luke Campo (Amherst).

## St. Monica fourth grade boys National team goes to Diocese Championship



Submitted by Andi O'Toole

The St. Monica fourth grade boys National team (Red Division) was runner up in both the CYO Divisional and League Championship games, falling to the undefeated St. Perpetua boys (Blue Division) in two hard-fought games.

From left: Riley O'Toole, coach Andi O'Toole, Luke Childers, Garrett McLemore, Jacob Wagner, George Chan, Matthew Morelli, coach Bob Morelli, Jameson Lompa and Alex Bellusa; not pictured: Peter Angelo and Ryan Williams

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# LAMORINDA SPORTS

## 2019-2020 Diablo Athletic League - Winter Sports



Aidan Mahaney



Nick Geannacopulos



Jordan Goularte

### DAL All-League – Foothill Division Boys Basketball – 2019-20

#### Most Valuable Player

Aidan Mahaney Campolindo

#### 1st Team All-League

Carter Mahaney Campolindo

Emmanuel Callas Campolindo

Scott Ruegg Acalanes

Matt Meredith Miramonte

#### 2nd Team All-League

Matt Radell Campolindo

#### Honorable Mention

Ryan Schwarz Miramonte

Chris Watson Miramonte

Nick Watson Miramonte

Aidan Bodner Acalanes

Logan Robeson Campolindo

### DAL All-League Boys Soccer – 2019-20

#### 1st Team All-League

Nick Geannacopulos Acalanes

Will Easley Acalanes

Kent Barbir Miramonte

#### 2nd Team All-League

Simon Neuwirth-Stein Miramonte

Sean Donovan Campolindo

#### Honorable Mention

Owen Hansen Acalanes

Rhett Skuarna Acalanes

Charlie Peacock Acalanes  
Jamiel Liu Campolindo  
Justin Truax Campolindo  
Nathan Pearce Campolindo  
Greg Kornquth Miramonte  
Graham Ballantyne Miramonte  
Adrian Aroast Miramonte

### DAL All-League Boys Wrestling– 2019-20

#### 2nd Team All-League

113 Adrian Bautista Campolindo

120 Noah Hamann Campolindo

### DAL All-League – Foothill Division Girls Basketball – 2019-20

#### Most Valuable Player

Allie Cummins Campolindo

#### 1st Team All-League

Kaylee Pond Acalanes

Grace Gebhardt Acalanes

#### 2nd Team All-League

Lauren Kobashigawa Acalanes

Lauren Frechman Acalanes

Kate Brown Campolindo

#### Honorable Mention

Natalie Barkey Campolindo

### DAL All-League Girls Soccer – 2019-20

#### Most Valuable Defensive Player

Devon Ortman Campolindo

#### 1st Team All-League

Jordan Goularte Miramonte

Mia Colombini Campolindo

Ella Colombini Campolindo

Sami Kolin Campolindo

#### 2nd Team All-League

Cecilia Campo Campolindo

Sabrina Grant Miramonte

Tatum Zuber Acalanes

#### Honorable Mention

Aliye Wingate Acalanes

Ivy Souza Acalanes

Addie Bailey Acalanes

Juliet Adams Miramonte

Bea Whitaker Miramonte

Olivia Grillo Miramonte

Mallory Louis Campolindo

Cami Ingersoll Campolindo

Kendall Runckel Campolindo

### DAL All-League Girls JV Wrestling– 2019-20

#### 1st Team All-League

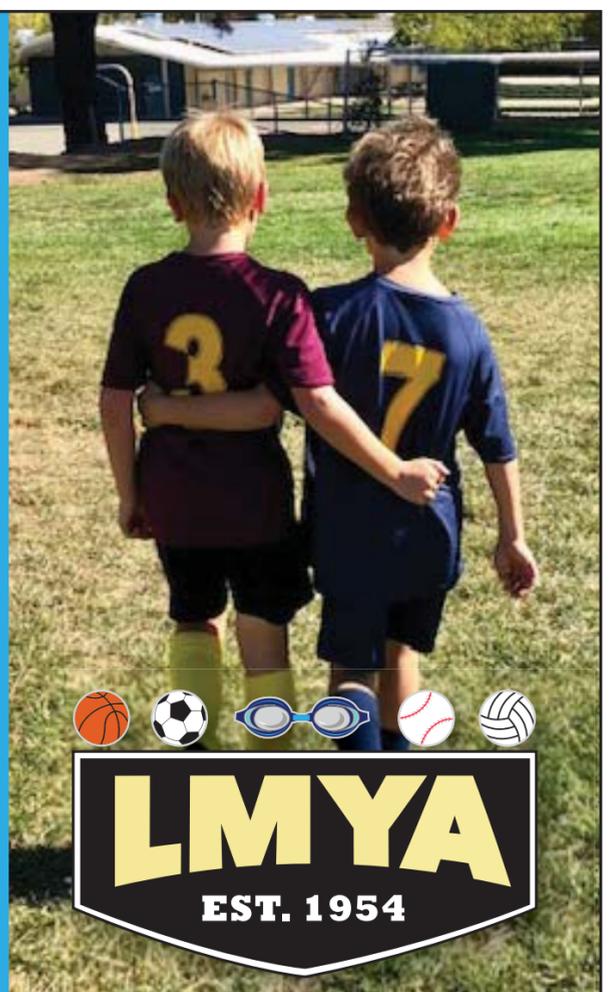
Girls 4 Arine Kim Campolindo

#### 2nd Team All-League

Girls 4 Madison Lee Campolindo

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but we will be back  
stronger than ever.  
Until then...**

*stay home  
stay safe  
stay positive*



# Lamorinda

# OUR HOMES

Lamorinda Weekly Volume 14 Issue 3 Wednesday, April 1, 2020



Lamorinda Home Sales

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*Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian*

## Blossoms and bouquets: gardening is not canceled!



A bouquet of tulips and roses add spring joy to any room. Photo C. Brian

By Cynthia Brian

*“We have it in our power to begin the world again.” – Thomas Paine*

What a difference a day makes! Who could have ever predicted that as the vernal equinox approached in the Northern Hemisphere the entire world would be mandated to stay home, pause, and practice social distancing?

Are you in compliance? As adults, we have the ability and the responsibility to be role models in keeping ourselves and our families safe and healthy whilst we are housebound. Thankfully, spring has sprung and our garden can be our protective sanctuary and our personal oasis. Although we can't share our gardens personally with others, we can go outside to exercise, dig in the dirt, and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. It's time to develop our green thumbs as gardening is open and we have the time.

In the weeks since I've closed my StarStyle® Productions LLC office to shelter in place, my garden has been my refuge and my workplace. Although I won't be consulting or coaching in person, I am working for hire via Skype, Zoom, and phone to offer assistance when needed. I've decided to reframe this crisis as a positive timeout to rebalance, readjust, rejuvenate and rest. Instead of rushing to cross items off my to-do list, I can pace myself and enjoy the process of weeding, sowing, planting, pruning, cleaning and repairing. The fruit trees in my orchard

are gloriously full of blooms, while spring-flowering trees and shrubs are triumphant in their abundance of pretty petals. It's been a joy to stroll through the landscape shooting photos of the emerging rebirth. Every day something new sprouts and I am so grateful to be able to witness Mother Nature in action. Taking snips of branches in bloom and flowers unfurling, I am filling my indoor spaces with hope for a healthy future.

When one of my girlfriends, Nancy Roetzer, retired from school teaching, she began taking flower arranging classes through the adult center. Her bouquets and arrangements are inspired by her hikes in the woods and especially by the many waterfalls she has experienced. Her waterfall style floral design shows movement, flow and layering. Featured in this issue is a spectacular showstopper using tulips, roses, carnations, cushion spray chrysanthemums (*Dendranthema*), cone bush (*Leucadendron*), ferns, vines, and moss.

What a terrific idea to experiment with creating floral displays during these dark days! Whether we cut a few stems and add them to a whimsical vessel or decide to be more formal with our innovations, this is an opportune moment to get our ingenuity fueled and fired.

We do have it in our power to begin the world anew. Listen to and abide by the mandates of the experts. We may not be able to predict the course of the virus, but we do have agency over our actions and reactions. My April Gardening Guide provides a plethora of ideas to keep you occupied, safe, happy and healthy as we navigate the next month together and apart.

Enjoy the blossoms, bouquets, and the colorful photos of our developing spring, a reminder that life goes on. Gardening is not canceled.

See Gardening Guide for April on Page D6.



Nancy Roetzer's "Waterfall" arrangement was inspired by the many waterfalls she's seen while hiking.

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**Lamorinda home sales recorded**

City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	5	\$834,000	\$3,805,000
MORAGA	7	\$209,000	\$1,412,000
ORINDA	1	\$1,385,000	\$1,385,000

Home sales are compiled by Cal REsource, an Oakland real estate information company. Sale prices are computed from the county transfer tax information shown on the deeds that record at close of escrow and are published five to eight weeks after such recording. This information is obtained from public county records and is provided to us by California REsource. Neither Cal REsource nor this publication are liable for errors or omissions.

**LAFAYETTE**

164 Haslemere Court, \$834,000, 3 Bdrms, 1638 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 02-21-20,

Previous Sale: \$3,971,364, 05-28-98

24 Sanford Lane, \$3,805,000, 5 Bdrms, 5169 SqFt, 2007 YrBlt, 02-19-20,

Previous Sale: \$3,200,000, 07-21-15

18 Shreve Lane, \$960,000, 4 Bdrms, 1962 SqFt, 2013 YrBlt, 02-21-20

3386 Stage Coach Drive, \$2,195,000, 4 Bdrms, 4251 SqFt,

1989 YrBlt, 02-14-20, Previous Sale: \$1,541,000, 08-04-08

4030 Woodside Court, \$1,660,000, 5 Bdrms, 2823 SqFt,

1965 YrBlt, 02-11-20

**MORAGA**

142 Ascot Court #4, \$502,000, 2 Bdrms, 945 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 02-11-20

1984 Ascot Drive #D, \$580,000, 3 Bdrms, 1473 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 02-19-20,

Previous Sale: \$285,000, 10-01-08

2121 Donald Drive #18, \$209,000, 2 Bdrms, 896 SqFt,

1963 YrBlt, 02-10-20, Previous Sale: \$168,000, 12-07-11

8 Hansen Court, \$775,000, 2 Bdrms, 1211 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 02-11-20,

Previous Sale: \$350,000, 01-19-11

120 Natalie Drive, \$1,125,000, 3 Bdrms, 1918 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 02-14-20

315 Rheem Boulevard, \$1,412,000, 3 Bdrms, 1395 SqFt,

1956 YrBlt, 02-18-20, Previous Sale: \$845,000, 08-31-18

1128 Sanders Drive, \$1,360,000, 3 Bdrms, 1948 SqFt,

1960 YrBlt, 02-21-20, Previous Sale: \$315,000, 04-01-89

**ORINDA**

6 Culver Court, \$1,385,000, 3 Bdrms, 2279 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 02-12-20



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## 1045 Timothy Lane, Lafayette

5 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 3,320 Sq Ft | \$2,100,000

Beautiful 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath completely remodeled single-story home with open floor plan on .75 acre lot in Upper Happy Valley. Engineered hardwood floors throughout. Large master bedroom with two walk-in closets, a second master-bedroom with ensuite bathroom plus three additional bedrooms, hallway bath and a powder room. Top rated Lafayette schools, close to BART, shopping and the reservoir.

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## Which of These Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Lamorinda Home?

**Lamorinda** - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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**4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 2,828 Sq. ft.**

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**3D tour available at [www.1743SpyglassLn.com](http://www.1743SpyglassLn.com)**



**124 Via Joaquin, Moraga - \$765,000**  
**2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,354 Sq. ft.**

Bright open and airy single level in Moraga with 2 car garage! Vaulted ceilings and hardwood floors connect the kitchen/great room. Private patios front and rear. Close to town and community pool.

**\*\* A great Rossmoor alternative! \*\***

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**1003 Woodbury Rd. No. 207, Lafayette - \$965,000**  
**2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,110 Sq. ft.**

Built in 2015 this spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium home offers the best combination of style, location, utility and function. Large open concept living area connects the living and dining area along with a chefs level equipped kitchen.

**3D tour available at [www.1003WoodburyRd.com](http://www.1003WoodburyRd.com)**



**180 Willowbrook Lane, Moraga - \$2,195,000**  
**4 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 3,000 Sq. ft.**

Gorgeous 4 Bed + office home in vibrant Harvest Court community. Exceptional views and super outdoor living including recently completed pool & hot tub. Beautiful open design living area with gourmet kitchen. Don't miss the 3-car tandem garage.

**3D tour available at [www.180WillowbrookLane.com](http://www.180WillowbrookLane.com)**



**133 Donna Maria Way, Orinda - \$1,595,000**  
**3+ Bed | 2 Bath | 2,285 Sq. ft. / .24 Acres**

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## Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for April

- **SOW** seeds that will attract birds to your garden. Suggestions include coneflower, anise hyssop, bachelor's button, Mexican sunflower, cosmos and black-eyed Susan.
- **SHOOT** photos of the abundant flowering trees including tulip magnolia, crabapple, peach, plum, prune, cherry, pear and apple.
- **CLEAN** debris from berms and drainage ditches to prevent flooding. The soil and leaves can be added to your compost pile.
- **PULL** weeds while the ground is soft.
- **PLAN** your vegetable garden for the foods you love the most.
- **PLANT** seeds of greens, beets, carrots and turnips now.
- **CUT** a branch or two from your favorite flowering trees or shrubs. Redbuds, crabapple, plum, and peach are glorious in vases.
- **INTRODUCE** plants that will make you smile. I planted sunflowers, sweet peas, nasturtiums and purple hyacinth bean.
- **TAKE** a garden class online or watch YouTube videos with gardening tips.
- **MAKE** teas and cocktails from herbs you grow including mint, rosemary, sage and fennel.
- **REPOT** houseplants.
- **BOOST** your immune system with a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, leafy greens, nuts and fatty fish. Adopt a Mediterranean style of eating.
- **WALK** around your garden to admire the spring growth.
- **BUILD** a planter box.
- **ORDER** gardening books to read. Be inspired and motivated by "Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul," "Growing with the Goddess Gardener," and "Be the Star You Are! Millennials to Boomers" available at [www.cynthiabrian.com/online-store](http://www.cynthiabrian.com/online-store).
- **INHALE** the perfume of fragrant plants. Roses are blooming and fruit blossoms are delightful.
- **LOWER** your stress by strolling alone in the outdoors amongst trees and on trails.
- **MEDITATE** in your garden, or on your balcony, patio or porch.
- **LISTEN** to the birds, frogs and insects as they begin their spring songs.
- **NOURISH** your spirit by sitting by a fountain or pond.
- **EAT** plenty of fresh citruses, especially homegrown, to increase your vitamin C intake. Oranges, tangelos, tangerines, grapefruit and lemons are ripe and ready for picking.
- **EXERCISE** includes all gardening chores: raking sweeping, weeding, lifting, pruning, planting, digging, fertilizing, and chopping wood. Workout outside.
- **TAKE** a nap and on a warm day, get your z's outside in the fresh air.
- **SHARE** your garden skills with your children. Let them plant seeds of vegetables and herbs they want to eat.
- **FERTILIZE** lawns. Lawn food is available at your local hardware store.
- **GROW** your own bouquets. Create a stunning floral art with a variety of roses, stock, tulips, iris, calla lilies and mock orange.

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The dense white blooms on this prune tree forecast a hearty harvest.



Varieties of tulip magnolias are blooming at varying times.



Rich rose blossoms on a flowering purple plum tree.

- **BEE** friendly by planting three or four types of native wildflowers to attract the honey gatherers as well as pest-resistant varieties of flowers, shrubs, trees and vegetables, thus eliminating pesticides. I've sown California poppies, lupines, bee balm, and morning glories.
- **WATCH** the blossoms in the breeze float to the ground like snowflakes.
- **PREPARE** your garden patches to sow seeds of potatoes, tomatoes, peppers and eggplant by rotating these crops. For best production, do not plant these in the same place every year.
- **ENJOY** a peaceful Passover and Easter without an in-person gathering.
- **STAY** informed about Covid-19 depending only on reliable information. Visit Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov>; The World Health Organization at <https://www.who.int>; State Department: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/covid-19-information.html>;

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- **STAY POSITIVE!**
- **STAY SAFE!**
- **STAY HEALTHY!**
- **STAY HOME!**

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.



Cut a branch from a Western Red Bud tree to brighten your kitchen.



**Cynthia Brian outdoors on a cooler February day.**

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## ORINDA



### 50 El Castillo

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## ORINDA



### 6 El Caminito

Large 6 bed/ 4.5 bath home with an abundance of space near town, commute & schools.

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## ORINDA



### 16 Oak Court

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## ORINDA



### 511 Hawkridge Terrace

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**\$2,950,000**

## ORINDA

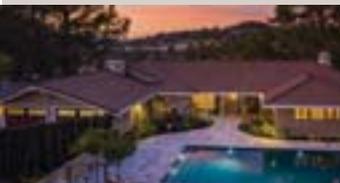


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## ORINDA



### 49 Overhill Road

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## ORINDA



### 18 Charles Hill Circle

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## MORAGA



### 1463 Camino Peral

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