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Campolindo defeated Moreau Catholic Aug. 27, winning the opener 28-17.

Photo Jeff Heyman

# After undefeated openers, hope springs eternal for Lamorinda football

By Jon Kingdon

Coming off a season where all three Lamorinda football teams made the playoffs, highlighted by Campolindo's NCS championship, there's nothing but optimism pervading the high schools as they began their seasons this past Friday.

### Miramonte

With a solid group of returners from last year's squad and a number of talented players from last year's JV squad, head coach Jack Schram sees things looking up for the Matadors: "We've got a really good returning senior class," Schram said. "They've gelled and played through seasons when we only had about

20 players and they've supplied great leadership. Along with a good junior class, the team has done a good job of coming together."

The offense will be leaning heavily on Luke Duncan, a UCLA commit, who had a quarterback rating of 98.2 last year with 30 touchdowns and only 12 interceptions.

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# 18th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show focuses on trucks; supports Seniors Around Town

By Sora O'Doherty

B.C. Forbes once said, "There is more credit and satisfaction in being a first-rate truck driver than a tenth-rate executive." Fortunately, Lawrence Siegel doesn't have to choose, being the very satisfied owner of a business, Cuesta Antiques, and a vintage truck: his prized Diamond T. If you missed it in Orinda's 2022 Fourth of July parade, you'll have another chance to view this elegant truck in the 18th Orinda Classic Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show will feature vintage pickup trucks (stock and custom or resto-mod). There will also be all other types of vehicles, including some exotic, electric vehicles.

This year's theme, "Keep On Truckin'!" is well embodied by Siegel's lovingly restored vintage vehicle. Siegel acquired his truck about a decade ago. At the time, he saw it advertised in Hemmings auto trade vintage book. The truck, which was located in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, was about 60% restored, but had no wood and no hubcaps. The man who had begun the restoration had died, and his son needed money for college. Siegal bought the Diamond T for \$35,000, and reckons that he has invested that much and more in completing the restoration, although, he notes, restoration of a vintage vehicle is always ongoing.

Siegel and his wife own and run Cuesta Antiques in Lafayette, and you can often find the Diamond T parked near Whole Foods. Siegel says the truck attracts a lot of business for the shop. Siegal has always had a vintage vehicle of some type. He's participated in many car shows, including every one that has been held in Orinda. "We like to participate in the community," he said. Siegal and his wife have lived in Orinda for 35 years.

The truck stays pretty close to home. The farthest Siegel has driven it was to Napa to work on the truck's unique bed made of wine barrel slats, which he installed over the original steel bed. The bed is made of French oak, while the wooden sides are Sapele Mahogany from Brazil.

Siegel kept the original commercial license plates on the Iowa farm truck. While



Photo Sora O'Doherty

Theme, Keep On Trucking, entry, 1948 Diamond T one-ton pickup truck owned by Lawrence and Sarah Siegel of Orinda.

Ford and Chevrolet had pickup trucks back in the day that carried loads of a half or three-quarters of a ton, the Diamond T hauled an amazing one ton. To cope with that heavy load, the truck originally had springs so firm, Siegel says, "your teeth would chatter." He made adjustments to soften the ride. He was able to find original Coker replica tires, and restored the original wheel rims and hub caps. The Diamond T now has a 1995 Chevy Corvette engine, which replaced the original Hercules engine. It runs on premium 91 octane gasoline, and the tank holds 15 gallons.

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## Planning Commission moves forward on resolution for EV charging capability in multi-family housing

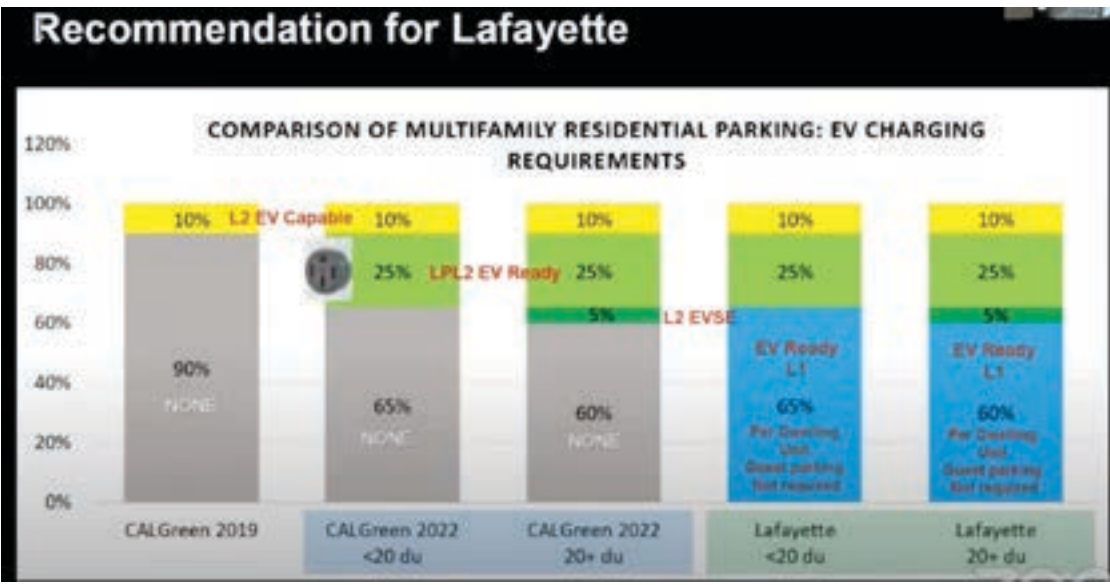


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By Lou Fancher

With electric vehicle popularity on the rise, finding locations to charge these vehicles – espe-

cially on multi-family and commercial properties – will become paramount. The Lafayette Planning Commission in a special meeting held on Aug. 22 discussed a recommendation

that the City Council adopt Resolution 2022-13 that amends Title 6 of the Lafayette Municipal Code, and closely mirrors the State of California's upcoming 2022 CALGreen Building Code revisions that go into effect Jan. 1, 2023. The standards in the CALGreen update recently signed into law by Gov. Gavin

Newsom establish that EV charging in new multi-family projects, whether they propose less than 20 or more than 20 dwelling units, are based on certain percentages of the required parking metrics and have varying degrees of EV charging speed (Level 1 and 2) and states of readiness (EV Capable, EV Ready, or EV Charger Installed).

Prior to the planning meeting, one of the action items of the city's Environmental Task Force that was endorsed by the council was to increase community access to Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging facilities and to update EV Charging requirements for multi-family and commercial development projects. A video presentation by Assistant Planner Joshua Muller summarized the study process and findings that determined the updates and resulted in the recommendation for adoption of the revised ordinance by the council.

The draft ordinance establishes that multi-family, resi-

dential properties having less than 20 dwelling units must be 65% L1 EV ready, 25% L2 EV ready, and 10 % EV L2 EV capable. Buildings having 20 or more dwelling units must be 60% L1 EV ready, with 5% L2 EVSE ready, 25% L2 EV, and 10 % EV L2 EV capable. There are no requirements for guest parking.

All EV Capable charging spaces have a service panel and/or subpanel capacity and space(s) and are marked "EV Capable" with a label on the service panel or subpanel. A conduit is installed from the breaker box to a parking space, but no wiring is installed in the conduit and there is no charging outlet. EV Ready has a similar conduit, but has wiring and a charging outlet installed. EV Installed, has the same standards as EV Ready, with a charging unit mounted and ready to plug into an EV. Different charging speed capabilities include Level 1 (120 Volts), Level 2 (240 Volts) and Level 3 of Fast Charging (480 Volts).

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## The story behind one volunteer commissioner with nearly 30 years of service to Lafayette



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Alison Hill shows off some long beans growing in the Lafayette Community Garden.

By Diane Claytor

There are more than 6,700 miles between Lafayette and New Zealand but, according to longtime Lafayette resident, Alison Hill, they are, in many ways, very much alike.

Having grown up in New Zealand, Hill de-

scribes her hometown as a "very outdoorsy place," where she hiked, spent time "out in the wild," and gardened alongside her mother. When Hill and her husband moved to the Bay Area more than 50 years ago, they looked for a similar environment. They found it in Lafayette. "We actually had been looking to buy something in the Oakland/Berkeley hills," Hill recalls. "As hard is as it may be to believe now, Lafayette was more affordable. It was a more modest community back then."

Hill raised two children and worked as a college registrar at several local colleges. She also quickly became involved in her new hometown, doing what she loved most – being outdoors.

She first began volunteering on the Lafayette Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission, serving on the Trails subcommittee; her tenure has lasted almost 30 years so far. As part of their duties, Hill, along with her subcommittee peers, check all the Lafayette trails on a quarterly basis to determine if any maintenance is required. They do minor pruning and cleaning up leaves and look for potential new trails and procure easements, if needed, so trails can be built.

Lafayette has seven city-managed trails, plus a trail network in the Community Park, totaling approximately 16 miles of trails. A new trail at the end of Rose Lane and Happy Valley is currently being constructed. Hill hiked this trail in the spring and reports that there were "all kinds of lovely wildflowers up there." ... continued on Page A10

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## Memorial plaque unveiling honoring Ashley Dias planned for Sept. 2

A memorial plaque honoring the late Ashley Dias will be dedicated at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 at Lafayette Plaza (corner of Plaza Way and Golden Gate Way in downtown Lafayette).

The cast brass plaque honors Dias, who died after being struck by a vehicle while performing his duties as a crossing guard in front of Stanley Middle School last

year. The Dias family had suggested the plaque to the city to honor Dias and serve as a reminder to "Please Slow Down" and keep our community safe. Working with the Dias family, the city selected the planter between the Wayside Inn and the Park Theater as the location for the plaque.

The public is welcome to attend the event. Light refreshments will be served.

## Council appoints three incumbents, foregoing ballot inclusion and election cost to city

The Lafayette city council and staff met for a special meeting Aug. 25 to consider a bifurcated resolution which would allow the council to appoint the three council members – Teresa Geringer, Susan Candell and Wei-Tai Kwok – who are the only registered candidates for the three open seats on the council, in lieu of them being put on the Nov. 8 ballot. The resolution was bifurcated into two resolutions so council members who did not want to vote for themselves could abstain from voting on the resolution involving them, according to city attorney Mala Subramanian.

The financial benefit for

the city to appoint rather than to include candidates on the ballot would be a savings of approximately \$37,000 to \$58,000, according to City Clerk Joanne Robbins, who noted that the county charges the city \$2 to \$3 per registered voter for candidates' inclusion on the ballot. The council voted unanimously to approve the two resolutions. Geringer, Candell, and Kwok, while appointed for the next term, plan to participate in the Oct. 13 Lafayette Homeowners Council candidates forum and welcome continued dialogue with the community.

– J. Wake

## EV charging capability in multi-family housing

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Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSEs) refers to equipment used in what is commonly called a charging station or charging dock.

In the commission's discussion of Muller's presentation with Environmental Task Force members Nancy Hu and Steve Kalogeras, commissioner Gary Huisingh asked to confirm that rented properties and owned properties had the same requirements. He also asked if higher requirements could be set for larger buildings, perhaps multi-family properties with 30 or more dwelling units. Kalogeras said no other cities included in their studies had higher percentages applied at greater density buildings and the standards in the staff recommendations came in sync with – and were designed to closely match – the CALGreen 2022 updates. The focus, according to Kalogeras, was on achieving the most cost-effective way for every unit to have access to charging. Breaker boxes installed for low capacity charging, he noted, can be capable of being upgraded to faster charging levels should that become desired or required.

Commissioner Greg Mason asked if residents would be allowed under the updated ordinance to rent out or lease their parking spaces to people other than owners and their families living in multi-family residential buildings. Planning Director Greg Wolff said, "If a

resident wants to allow or rent out to someone to use a charger, they could do that. The electrical costs would be paid for by the resident because the wiring is not shared (or communal wiring that is covered by HOA or utility fees)."

Commissioner Kristina Sturm inquired if incentives for solar panels installed to provide electricity in the buildings might be offered by the city. Wolff said Lafayette is not planning to offer incentives specifically for EV charging, but noted the state of California has programs residents might choose to investigate.

The sole public comment came from Robert Lavoie, who said the EV code updates due to the expense was "one more nail in the coffin for affordable housing" and "the electrical grid is already unreliable and this would make things worse."

Returning to the discussion while acknowledging the complexity and costs of the new requirements, Commissioner Farschad Farzan said the ordinance will put Lafayette in a strong position to handle "a movement whose time has come."

The commission unanimously supported the updated 2022-13 resolution with minor language revisions and sent a recommendation for adoption to the city council for acceptance, subject to public notice before and after a final vote is taken.



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## Three council member seats to fill in Moraga; four candidates running

By Vera Kochan

With just over two months until the Nov. 8 elections, the town of Moraga will need to fill three council member positions: one two-year term (continuing the seat prematurely vacated by former member David Stromberg) and two new four-year terms.

Two of the eligible incumbents did not file papers, so the nomination period was extended from Aug. 12 until 5 p.m. Aug. 17.

In no particular order, Moraga's candidates looking to fill the single two-year term seat are David Shapiro (attorney) and Kendall Langan (self-employed businessman). Also in no particular order, the candidates running to fill the two four-year term seats are Kerry Hillis (government relations/business owner) and Steve Woehleke (town council member).

According to Shapiro's Candidate Statement, he has been a Moraga resident for 26 years. He has been a practicing lawyer for over 40 years with a background in government service and private practice with experience in running the United States Attorney's Office in San Francisco and the Oakland office of a major national litigation firm.

Kendall Langan's Candidate Statement notes that he has lived in Orinda and Moraga since 1953; was an original member of the Town of Moraga Incorporation Committee of 1974; and served 14 years as president of the Lafayette Moraga Youth Association. He currently runs a food industry business and owns/operates commercial real estate in town.

The Candidate Statement for Kerry Hillis reports that he has been a Moraga resident for nearly six years and is

currently chair of the town's Planning Commission. Hillis has also served as a vice president of the Moraga Community Foundation. Professionally, he is a transportation policy administrator, currently working as a government relations manager with BART; and a co-owner/Chief Strategy Officer of an E-commerce business.

Steve Woehleke's Candidate Statement lists him as a town council incumbent with 20 years of previous experience on the Design Review Board, Planning Commission, and Hacienda Foundation Board of Directors. He has over 30 years of technical and project management experience as a Licensed Professional Engineer (retired); and former Certified Project Management Professional, with training in the practice of Quality Decision Making.



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## Moraga's Parks & Rec director leaving for Napa

By Vera Kochan

After four and a half years with the town of Moraga, Parks and Recreation Director Breyana Brandt is leaving to take a position with the city of Napa. Although her title will be the same, her responsibilities will increase when she manages a staff of 42 full-time employees and oversees the running of all 53 of Napa's parks with a budget of \$11.5 million. "I wasn't looking for a new job," she stated, "but when I saw the posting I knew I was going to apply for it. It gives me a chance to expand."

Anyone who has ever attended the many activities or events sponsored by Brandt's department has most likely spotted her smiling face in the crowd. A very hands-on director, she made it her mission to improve on any long-standing community events while upholding the town's traditions.

Moraga may be a small town, but the constant array of activities for all ages makes for a very busy community. Brandt even kept morale going through COVID's mandates by offering as many safe activities as social distancing would allow. Although there was no usual fanfare during the 2020 Holiday Tree Lighting, Parks & Rec made certain that the tree was lit as a reminder that any



Breyana Brandt at Hacienda de las Flores Photo Vera Kochan

celebration was better than none.

Brandt's guidance through a myriad of departmental activities include: Teddy Bear Tea; Hacienda Nights; Summer Concert Series; Pear and Wine Festival; Family Camp Out; Fourth of July Celebration; Breakfast With Santa; and Movie Under the Stars.

Before Wedgewood Weddings' contract with the town, Brandt's department offered events at the Hacienda de las Flores. "I'm most proud of the Wedgewood Lease Agreement and launching the After School Enrichment Program," she said. Brandt was also responsible for the new town website; worked on the Mobile

Moraga app; and developed the Capital Asset Replacement Plan.

Besides overseeing all of the maintenance required at the Hacienda, Brandt kept an eye on the Mulholland Ridge Open Space Preserve; Rancho Laguna Park; Moraga Commons Park; West Commons Park; and the Moraga Library.

When asked what she'll miss about Moraga, Brandt replied, "I will miss the people; the dedicated and hard working town staff and the wonderful community members. I am very thankful for the opportunity to have served this community. It was the perfect place for me to be for the last four and a half years."

## Moraga recognizes Aug. 31 as International Overdose Awareness Day

By Vera Kochan

According to sources, opioid overdoses are increasing every year. In order to acknowledge the people affected by overdoses, whether victim or family members and friends, Moraga Mayor Steve Woehleke's office issued a proclamation recognizing Aug. 31 as International Overdose Awareness Day during the town council's Aug. 24 meeting.

Inspiration for the movement was initiated in 2001 by

Sally J. Finn of The Salvation Army in St. Kilda, Melbourne, Australia. Since that time, community members, governments and other organizations have held events, both to raise awareness and to commemorate those lost. The common goal is to educate the public through awareness activities.

IOAD is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose and remember those who have died, while also acknowledging the grief that loved ones must continue to live with, without experiencing the stigma of guilt or shame.

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## SMC students return to Moraga



Photo Gerry Serrano/SMC

Saint Mary's College class of 2026 was greeted on Aug. 25 during the Weekend of Welcome by student leaders (also known as WoWies). Also on hand were faculty, staff and SMC President

Richard Plumb and wife, Mary. The fall semester officially began Aug. 29, with the campus following the county's COVID and Monkeypox protocols. – V. Kochan

## Moraga recognizes Aug. 31 as International Overdose Awareness Day



Photo courtesy Contra Costa County Meds Coalition

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Providing information to the public; encouraging discussions about overdose prevention and drug policies; as well as sending a strong message to current and former drug users that they are valued, are more of IOAD's goals toward community awareness.

Guest speaker during the council meeting proclamation was April Rovero of San Ramon, Calif. She is the founder and executive director of National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse (NCAPDA), a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization. Rovero's youngest son, Joseph, passed away in 2009 from a lethal combination of alcohol and prescription drugs (prescribed by a doctor nine days before his death). It took Rovero only six months to form NCAPDA, using her grief to spur her on with the hopes that her organization could make a difference in the lives of others.

Two years later, Rovero founded Contra Costa County Meds Coalition in order to take overdose awareness to a more localized level. According to its website, drug overdose numbers are climbing with each passing year. With regards to Contra Costa County in 2020 alone, there were 296 emergency room visits; 144 opioid-related overdose deaths; 478,723 prescriptions for opi-

oids (excluding buprenorphine); and 93 opioid overdose hospitalizations.

CCC Meds Coalition strives to educate the community through awareness campaigns; classroom presentations; and community forums and events. They promote safe medication storage and disposal; encourage the use of medication drop boxes; and support the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

CCC Meds Coalition also promotes Naloxone awareness by providing Naloxone-use training; distributing rescue kits; and increasing overall access. They are partnered with the healthcare community, education/prevention community and law enforcement.

During Aug. 31, IOAD will showcase a variety of statewide events in dozens of cities: training sessions on how to administer Naloxone/Narcan; discussions about the prevalence of Fentanyl; day of remembrance events; and symposiums featuring professionals sharing facts and information about drug-related overdoses.

For more information about National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse (NCAPDA) visit: <https://ncapda.org> or call (925) 480-7723. For more information about Contra Costa County Meds Coalition visit: [ccmed-coalition.org](http://ccmed-coalition.org) or call (510) 949-5691.



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# City Council gives final approval to Vista Verde, new senior housing development

By Sora O'Doherty

The Orinda City Council listened to concerns expressed by neighbors of the new Vista Verde senior housing development at its meeting on Aug. 16. In response, the council asked the developer to work with the city to provide additional screening, particularly to protect the views of residents of nearby La Plaza Drive. However, as to concerns about pedestrian and bike safety at the intersection of Irwin Drive and Orinda Way, the council decided that problem was in the domain of the city itself and vowed to address the issue, without placing any requirements on the developer.

Like the Planning Commission, the City Council warmly welcomed the addition of 52 new low-income housing units in the develop-

ment, which was initiated and financed by Orinda Community Church, already the location of a second, larger senior housing development. The city's third senior housing development is also located on Irwin Drive, creating a real sense of community, according to Orinda Mayor Dennis Fay.

The applicant's presentation to the council was given by former mayor Victoria Smith.

Smith noted that the existing senior housing project on church property, Orinda Senior Village, has already served over 1,000 residents but currently has a waiting list of over five years, and sadly, Smith noted, some applicants never make it.

Community Church pastor Elizabeth Robinson, who previously worked with chronically unhoused people in Boulder, Colorado, told the

council that the congregation voted overwhelmingly to support this project, which, she said, "fits our mission."

Orinda Community Church continues to provide housing through the Winter Nights program and also works with Hope Solutions. In the Bay Area, Robinson noted, the fastest rising element of unhoused are seniors.

In public comments, the Wallace Family, who live at the end of Mira Loma, asked about an established walking trail which is highly utilized by the community. John Wiro, Vista Verde project manager, assured the council and the public that the development is protecting the trail. The use of the trail will continue and the trail as it crosses Vista Verde property will be improved, Wiro affirmed. Other public comments included residents of Watchwood Drive in Orinda Woods, but the council con-

sidered that the project would not have a negative impact on that community.

All of the city council members had words of praise for the development, with Fay very pleased to see that the project has architectural interest. Council Member Nick Kosla was delighted to see the inclusion of the first roof-top decks in Orinda and said that affordable housing designed by Dalan is really high quality, "pretty much as nice as it gets, and nicer than most market rate housing." Council Member Amy Worth expressed appreciation to the planning team and to Orinda Community Church. She noted that the unique aspect of this project is that it is self-financed and fully funded. "The project that is before us tonight will be delivered," she said.

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# Future of Wilder development discussed after receipt of surprising attorney letter

By Sora O'Doherty

Decades into the development of Wilder, at a time when all of the home lots have been sold and all but 10 homes have been built and occupied, the city of Orinda received a letter from an attorney saying that the developer "has no remaining resources or funds and that it is forced to halt further activities and initiate exiting the property." However, at the city council meeting on Aug. 16 representatives of Brooks Street, now the sole owner of Orinda Gate LLC (OGLLC), said that the letter was sent in error and that the company would still be working with the city on completing its responsibilities under the development agreement (DA). Then, apparently for the first time ever, the council voted unanimously to declare that OGLLC is not in compliance with the DA at the required annual review of the Wilder project.

The matter will, however, return to the city council on Sept. 27, with Brooks Street

promising to get more information to the council by Sept. 6. The council took the unusual step of finding OGLLC to have not complied in good faith with the DA following a number of revelations coming to the council's attention shortly before the Aug. 16 meeting after the regular agenda had already been published.

The resolution, which serves as the city's notice of default, lays out the history of the relationship between the city and OGLLC from the time that both parties entered into the Second Amendment and Restatement of the Development and Pre-Annexation Agreement for Gateway Valley, now known as the Development Agreement. Since 2005, there have been six amendments to the DA.

The city found that, although OGLLC had been given a number of extensions to provide its annual review report to the city, OGLLC failed to comply by not providing its report to the city manager before he was required to prepare the staff report for the Aug. 16 meeting. OGLLC did provide its draft report on Aug. 12, backdated to July 29. The report does not, according to the resolution, "fully address all the areas of concern detailed in the August 5, 2022 staff report and leaves open questions regarding OGLLC's intent/ability to comply fully with its obligations under the DA."

The resolution notes other areas of concern, including that OGLLC appears to have, without notice to or approval by the city, unilaterally reduced insurance coverage required by the city, and allowed a transfer to Brookside Land Company LLC of the interests of Farallon Capital Partners, Greenfield Partners, and Cherokee Investment Partners, leaving Brookside as the sole member of OGLLC.

A letter sent to Fran Lay-

ton, the Orinda city attorney who has been dealing with the Wilder development, said that OGLLC had incurred "staggering financial losses," and that "overall, ownership entities have lost over \$250 million in developing Wilder." The letter, sent by Ira Lebovic of Plante Lebovic LLP, who represent OGLLC, also cited the 2021 death of Scott Goldie, a long-time business partner and principal in charge of the Wilder project, as further stressing OGLLC's limited resources. The letter stated that OGLLC has no remaining resources and is unable to secure additional loans in light of current economic conditions. The letter sought a meeting with the city to discuss OGLLC's immediate exit from the Wilder development with no further activity, exoneration of outstanding performance bonds and conveyance of applicable parcels to the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), the East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD), and the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD).

In the supplemental staff report to the council submitted by City Manager David Biggs, the council was told that staff was and is understandably concerned the OGLLC is out of funds without having completed all of its obligations under the DA, including the completion of the red tail hawk staging area, and closure of the soil disposal area. Staff was also concerned about OGLLC's failure to comply with the requirements of the DA regarding insurance and reimbursement of the city, and failure to comply with the DA requirements for transferring entities.

Michael Olsen addressed the council on behalf of OGLLC. He said that OGLLC has begun working with city staff and the city attorney and will report back to the city council on Sept. 6. Bruce Yamamoto of Brooks Street, now

the sole OGLLC entity, said that OGLLC had also been caught by surprise. While committed to finishing the project, Yamamoto acknowledged that there are financial constraints.

Olsen told the council, "The letter was a mistake, frankly. We didn't intend to draw a line in the sand, but that's what it did and we are sorry about that and we are trying to correct the purpose of that letter and work with the staff and the agencies." He added, "The letter was a knee jerk reaction and we are working diligently to try to rectify that."

Michael Mohler of Brooks Street told the council, "I want to back up Michael Olsen and Bruce Yamamoto. We did run out of money. The letter was mistimed. I deserve most of the blame for that and I accept that." He said that they could have done better and committed to working with city staff to come back with some positive steps by Sept. 6. "Will everybody walk away feeling like they got 110%? I don't think so," he added, explaining, "The loss of Scott Goldie last year threw our northern California operations into a tailspin."

Council Member Darlene Gee spoke first during council discussion, and the other council members agreed with her. "I would like to say to everyone in the Wilder community that this is important and we will see it through," she began, adding, "I want to see this resolved well for both Wilder residents and for the community at large."

Council Member Amy Worth added that she appreciated comments from residents and the representatives of the developer; "It is such a high priority to us to complete the commitments to the residents," she said. Vice Mayor Inga Miller added, "Our commitments in Wilder are very important. I look forward to people coming to the table."

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## Farmers' Market honored for 25 years in Orinda, adds crafts



Orinda Farmers' Market celebrates 25 years. Photo Sora O'Doherty

By Sora O'Doherty

The Orinda City Council on Aug. 16 presented a proclamation celebrating 25 years of the Farmers' Market in the city. Staci De Shasier, Contra Costa County Certified Farmers Markets Executive Director attended the Zoom meeting to accept the honor. "We're proud of the work we do in Orinda," she said, referring to the deep history of the market which first opened in Orinda in July of 1997. The Orinda farmers' market went year-round in 2020, De Shasier said, not knowing at the time that they would be operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. She praised the hard

work from vendors and volunteers that has kept the market going.

Council Member Amy Worth expressed appreciation to Laura Abrams, Chuck Carpenter, Leslie Stiles and Joyce Hawkins for working so hard to bring the farmers' market to Orinda. Drummond Buckley recalled working very closely with then-council-member Abrams.

Mayor Dennis Fay remarked that farmers' markets have a very long history both here and in Europe. He noted that in Europe the farmers' markets tend to be permanent and said, "I am really happy that we have a farmers' market too. This is an

institution that has existed in the Western World for a very long time."

Worth added that she is so appreciative of all the vendors who come every Saturday. "I know our residents come every week and love our farmers' market. Especially for the young people in our community to meet the farmers." Even during COVID, she said, "the market kept providing for us," including with boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables that could be collected at a drive-up location near the market entrance.

De Shasier thanked the council, and expressed "how deeply appreciative we are, the market could not exist without the support of the city." She also announced that once again, the market will be celebrating Halloween harvest on Oct. 29, with a free pumpkin patch and other activities for kids. She also took the opportunity to share the news that the Orinda farmers' market will this year be extended to include a Winter market, with artisan crafters from November through March.

The city's proclamation recognized the Orinda Farmer's Market, established 25 years ago, which is operated by Contra Costa Certified Farmers' Markets, Inc.; a membership-based non-

for-profit organization. Their mission is to support the development of local sustainable farming by cultivating vibrant farmer's markets. The Orinda Farmers' Market serves as a community gathering place

where freshly picked produce is made accessible with family-friendly events and educational outreach to enhance and promote the quality of a healthy lifestyle and conscientious food choices.



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# As peak wildfire danger looms, Lafayette's Emergency Preparedness Commission conducts second town hall



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An AlertWildfire camera in the Oakland Hills with the Orinda Country Club seen in the distance.

By Jennifer Wake

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Deputy Fire Chief Aaron McAlister, during the second Emergency Preparedness Commission "Get Ready for Wildfire Season" town hall on Aug. 25, said they expect to see significant wildland fires in the coming months. "We've reached critical mass in the highest fire danger zone," he said. "This is the time of year when we see the most devastating fires."

McAlister and other pan-

elists – Lafayette Police Chief Ben Alldritt, Emergency Services Coordinator John Cornell and American Red Cross volunteer Briana Taylor – agree that planning for first responders as well as community members will be the key to averting disaster.

Infrastructure has been put in place throughout Lafayette, and in surrounding areas, to ensure quick response time in the event of a fire. AlertCalifornia (formerly AlertWildfire) is now a multi-statewide program with 50 cameras in place to find

wildfires and monitor them once they start. The cameras allow first responders to scale resources up or down within seconds of discovery and follow fire behavior in real time, Cornell said. The Lafayette Police Department also has a mobile camera on a solar powered trailer that can be put in front of a fire to give a closer look to areas might not be accessible for personnel. Pacific Gas and Electric Weather Analytics weather stations, which can be accessed online, provide vital real-time wind direction data.

Cornell also outlined a long list of other assets in place, including: multiple community shelter locations; a portable AC/heating system; high speed satellite internet; radios for volunteers; multiple generators; a portable cell phone tower; portable wifi and charging stations; and generator backup on Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Moraga Road and Pleasant Hill Road which allows these signals to function properly in the event of a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff.

ConFire has recently added

bulldozer staff and hand crew staff, which McAlister says "do some of the most backbreaking work and allow our crew to get our equipment back to being service ready."

All this preparation means less if the community isn't involved and prepared. Residents are urged to sign up for the Community Warning System for evacuation alerts at (<https://cwsalerts.com>). According to Chief Alldritt, the community will be alerted of a fire or other emergency in stages, depending on the severity of the event, beginning with social media, then on Nixel if the emergency will affect the community for a longer period, and finally CWS. "If we're going to evacuate, (the announcement) will go out on CWS," Alldritt said. "This is the top tier."

Taylor suggested using Red Flag days to make sure you're prepared: park your cars outside of the garage and facing out on the driveway, fill your gas tank, check and replenish your go-bag. "During a major fire, people are always surprised how fast a fire moves," Taylor said. "When authorities issue a warning, you need to act."

As at the prior town hall, presenters urged the public to read through the Wildfire Preparation Guide sent to all Lamorinda residents, which can be found at local libraries, as well as police departments and fire stations or can be downloaded at [www.lovelafayette.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=5858](http://www.lovelafayette.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=5858).

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# 18th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show

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Siegel loves the art deco appearance of the truck, which is, he says proudly, "a chick magnet!" Really, the truck is a people magnet, with folks always stopping to admire the handsome truck. Most don't recall Diamond T trucks. Siegel's model 4116 was manufactured between 1939 and 1948. The company was later bought by Freightliner in 1969.

Diamond Ts were farm

trucks, and so are rare in California. Siegel says there are perhaps 15 or 20 in good condition in the U.S. He's had offers, but isn't ready to part with his Diamond T, "the Cadillac of trucks," as it was known. The T in the name of the truck is for its designer, the founder of the Chicago company, C.A. Tilt.

Most of the trucks were painted fire-engine red, but Siegel's truck had the California option, which features paint in moleskin (tan) and Rootbeer

(brown). Siegel, who for many years had a successful luggage business, crafted a leather valise that he has attached to the running board of the truck for extra storage. It fits with the look of the truck perfectly. The old truck has some unique features no longer found on modern vehicles. For example, the split windshield opens for ventilation, in addition to side vents.

Siegel grew up in Piedmont and met his wife Sarah at Piedmont High. Sarah is an artist,

specializing in the plein air style. When he was young, Siegel and his friend would go to Emeryville and look at all the truck dealerships. "I saw the Diamond T there," he says, "and I thought it was the best-looking truck of all."

The car show is the Orinda Association's primary fundraiser for Orinda Seniors Around Town, which provides a variety of services for Orinda's senior citizens. The show also raises funds for other local

charities, in aid of local seniors and the broader community. Funds come from the entry fees for vehicles, as well as by donations. Even if you do not enter your vehicle in the Orinda Classic Car Show, you can support the work of the "Seniors Around Town" program by making a donation.

More details about the car show, including how to donate, can be found on the car show website: [www.orindacarshow.com](http://www.orindacarshow.com)

# Orinda to offer grants to homeowners on evacuation routes for fuel mitigation

By Sora O'Doherty

Homeowners living on evacuation routes in Orinda will be able to get grants of up to \$599 to incentivize them to perform specific wildfire fuel reduction measures. Having set aside up to \$400,000 of Measure R revenues for incentive grant programs, the council approved the grant scheme at its city council meeting on Aug. 16. The cap of \$599 was set because amounts over that must be declared by homeowners on their taxes. At that amount, the city should be able to finance about 667 grants. There are approximately 8,000 parcels in Orinda.

In order to qualify for the grants, applicants must be Orinda property owners living on evacuation routes who have

had a Fire Adapted Community Assessment or who are in a current Firewise neighborhood. Qualifying expenses would include work on parcels on designated evacuation routes to remove dead trees or Monterey Pine or Eucalyptus trees within 6 feet of a habitable structure or the street and also to clear juniper and/or bamboo within 10 feet of the road.

The grant plan had been discussed the previous evening at the 2x2 meeting of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and the Orinda City Council. Both at that meeting and at the council meeting, some commenters urged the council to abandon the restriction to evacuation routes and Firewise communities and make the grants more widely available.

In fact, three members of the Supplemental Sales Tax Oversight Committee urge the council to make the grants widely available, although the SSTOC itself recommended the restrictions. Paula Reinman of the SSTOC suggested that the MOFD has been working hard to get residents on the evacuation routes into compliance, and that by limiting the grants to these parcels the council is targeting the most resistant people in the community, people who have been asked repeatedly to bring their property into compliance. The other members of the SSTOC who spoke were Chris Decareau and Latika Malkani, who endorsed Reinman's suggestion. Decareau clarified that they were not speaking on behalf of the SSTOC, but adding

their requests to this particular item.

Ultimately, after discussion and consideration, the council decided to keep the restrictions on the grants, but noted that if the program is not successful, it could be quickly changed to delete the restrictions. Council Member Darlene Gee noted that \$599 isn't going to change the world for anybody's property, but might have an effect on "these most resistant homeowners." Vice Mayor Inga Miller said it makes sense to start somewhere, and as the council has the recommendation of the SSTOC which Orinda Senior Management Analyst Micki Cronin has already worked on, she supported starting with the evacuation routes. Council Member Nick Kosla agreed and

supported the program, which he deemed, "fantastic."

While Council Member Amy Worth agreed with Reinman that there is a tremendous advantage to offering the grant to everyone, she said that the city needs to evaluate the rollout and put a finite timeframe on it. "If it isn't working," she suggested, "then open it up to everyone, with priority to evacuation routes." She added, "This is the beginning, not the end. Ultimately, everyone will be eligible." Mayor Dennis Fay also agreed. "If we need to pivot," he said, "we'll pivot."

The city council, having approved the concept of the grant program, asked city staff to bring it back to the council for formal approval before the program is implemented.

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1000 Block Via Roble

Loud Noise  
700 Block St. Mary's Rd.  
Golden Gate Way/Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Loud Party  
700 Block Las Trampas Rd.  
Happy Valley Rd./Franklin Ln.  
1000 Block Via Roble  
3100 Block Somerset Dr.  
Public Nuisance  
1000 Block Dewing Ave. (2)  
Sunset Lp/Meek Pl.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Vandalism  
3400 Block Orchard Hill Ct.  
3500 Block Echo Springs Rd.  
**Other**  
Animal Cruelty  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Trespass  
3200 Block Camino Diablo  
Unwanted Guest  
10 Block Roxanne Ln.

## Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 16 - Aug. 21

Alarms	11
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	3
Traffic	47
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subject	5
Suspicious Vehicle	1
Service to Citizen	14
Patrol Req./Security Check	15
Supplemental Report	2
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	2
Public/School Assembly Check	1
Ordinance Violation	0
<b>Vehicle violations</b>	
Accident Property	
20 Block Williams Dr.	
Campolindo Dr./Calle La Mesa	
Dui Misd Safeway	
Excessive Speed	
Moraga Way/School St.	
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
Police Department	
Reckless Driving	
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.	



**Other criminal activity**  
Checks Non Suff Funds  
Police Department  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Loud Music  
300 Block Deerfield Dr.  
**Other**  
Failure To Obey  
Moraga Way/Moraga Valley Ln.  
Fireworks  
Campolindo High School  
Trespass  
600 Block Rheem Blvd.  
Unwanted Guest  
400 Block Center St.



## Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 14 - Aug. 27

Alarms	33
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	8
Traffic	116
Suspicious Circumstances	4
Suspicious Subject	4
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Service to Citizen	63
Patrol Req./Security Check	17
Supplemental Report	21
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	3
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Ordinance Violation	1
<b>Vehicle violations</b>	
Accident Property	
Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd.	
Bryant Way/Davis Rd.	
400 Block Camino Sobrante	
Orinda Way	
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way	
Glorietta Blvd./Moraga Way	
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.	
Auto Burglary	
Wilder Sports Fields Ori	
60 Block Brookwood Rd.	
Dui Misd	
20 Block Knickerbocker Ln.	
Hit And Run Felony	
Ivy Dr.	

Reckless Driving  
Glorietta Blvd./Moraga Way  
Ivy Dr.  
Camino Pablo/Los Amigos  
Rheem Blvd./Zander Dr.  
Vehicle Theft  
100 Block Canon Dr.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Fraud False Pretenses  
400 Block Camino Sobrante  
10 Block Parkway Ct.  
Identity Theft  
10 Block St James Ct.  
Panhandling  
Camino Sobrante  
Petty Theft  
200 Block Glorietta Blvd.  
10 Block Hartford Rd.  
Petty Theft Veh Parts  
10 Block Dover Ct.  
Residential Burglary  
10 Block S Point Rd.  
60 Block Diablo View Dr.  
40 Block Via Floreado  
Shoplift  
Camino Sobrante  
Moraga Way  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Loud Party  
10 Block Paintbrush Ln.  
100 Block Lombardy Ln.  
Public Nuisance  
Moraga Way  
Theatre Square (2)  
10 Block Theatre Sq 106  
Vandalism  
400 Block Tahos Rd.  
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10 Block Frogs Leap Way  
100 Block Ardith Dr.  
200 Block El Toyonal (2)  
80 Block Hillcrest Dr.  
Transient Contact  
Orinda Way  
Trespass  
Camino Sobrante  
Unwanted Guest  
200 Block Glorietta Blvd.  
Violation Of Parole  
Cam Pablo/Santa Maria  
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Ivy Dr.



## Letters to the editor

### School districts fail to meet challenge

While the last several years were challenging, the Lafayette (LAFSD) and Acalanes (AUHSD) school districts have unfortunately failed to meet that challenge or even their legal obligations.

In the early days of COVID, California's Legislature passed a new law allowing remote instruction but specifically requiring school districts to "offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible." Cal. Education Code section 43504(b). Health officials authorized our schools to fully reopen in October 2020, but it was Spring 2021 before elementary schools reopened even part time. Stanley and AUHSD students spent 1 1/2 years on Zoom; they didn't fully reopen until Fall 2021. Even this past year, LAFSD limited extracurricular activities and restricted parental involvement at school, contrary to state law requirements in Education Code section 51101.

Unsurprisingly, our districts experienced steep enrollment declines as a result—including a stunning 11% drop in LAFSD, which is nearly three times the state average. While California schools will receive unprecedented, one-time government funding this year, our local districts predict deficits in future years, making more parcel taxes and bond

measures likely.

As a Lafayette parent heavily engaged with local school boards since 2020, I've seen the fundamental problem is an unwillingness to listen and respond to parents, or approach issues with an open mind. Parents advocated fully reopening in Fall 2020 and begged for a return to normal this past school year. School officials refused to acknowledge their concerns, ignored the learning loss and mental health impact of closures, and declined to pursue available avenues for reopening. The pattern is now being repeated as local districts are ignoring parents' pleas for greater curriculum transparency and a renewed focus on academics. As an attorney, I've repeatedly asked our boards to explain their failure to meet their legal obligations but was met with only silence.

The kids are not alright, and neither is our local schools' leadership. Concerned voters should support board candidates who will listen to parents and return schools' focus to their educational mission: Sarah Lind, Niels Larsen and Robb McSorley for LAFSD, and Renee Nowak, Mark Woolway and Gabe Ledeen for AUHSD Board.

Mark Lonergan  
Lafayette

### DEI is racism because it is discrimination based on race

A recent letter published Aug. 17, 2022 denied that DEI is racism. Yet DEI surely is discrimination based on race. Ask any Asian excluded from Lowell High School in SF, or from Harvard, because of their race. They are being discriminated against based on their race. Call it whatever you choose, but it is wrong. The way diversity is achieved is by favoring one race over another until the "desired" proportional representation is achieved. "Racial discrimination" is treating people differently based on race. Call DEI racial discrimination rather than racism if that makes you happy.

In fact, the definition of "racism" includes "racial discrimination." [www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/racism](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/racism) "Discrimination" is different treatment. That is what it is, and no amount of re-definition will change that fact.

Why are progressives so afraid to acknowledge the racism in their DEI programs? Is it because admitting that DEI is racist would be admitting that they are wrong? Is it because admitting that they are promoting racial discrimination would be admitting that they are wrong? I say, "If the shoe fits, wear it." If you are afraid to acknowledge that you are promoting racism, or if you are afraid to admit you are promoting racial discrimination, maybe you should revisit your views. As Chief Justice Roberts stated, "The way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop discriminating on the basis of race." Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., famously said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." That day is come. It is time to stop discriminating based on race.

Robert Lavoie  
Lafayette

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## Kibi Café Vietnamese restaurant opens in Theatre Square



Photo Sora O'Doherty

**Hoang Ho opens a branch of Kibi's Cafe, the popular Vietnamese restaurant in Walnut Creek, in Theatre Square.**

### By Sora O'Doherty

Hoang Ho, the owner of the successful Kibi's Café in Walnut Creek, is opening another branch in Orinda. The Vietnamese restaurant replaces Republic of Cake in Theatre Square. Republic of Cake moved to larger premises in Danville last May.

Ho is delighted with the new location, and particularly with the kitchen which enables her to create all of the from-scratch components for her food. The menu will be limited to banh mi sandwiches, summer rolls, noodle salads and drinks, including

Vietnamese coffee and Thai iced tea. But Ho hopes to add soups and other items to the menu in time.

Ho, who immigrated from Vietnam in 2015 as a single parent with two children, is passionate about baking, and will be baking her own bread for the sandwiches, as well making as homemade pate, aioli, and pickled vegetables. Both her children graduated from Campolindo High School. Her daughter is now a senior at UC Berkeley with an internship with Microsoft, and her son is a sophomore in engineering at Diablo Valley College. The name, Kibi's Café is

composed of her children's nicknames.

The new location is ideal for recreating her family recipes, Ho says. She bases her food on her family experience coupled with available ingredients and the local environment. When she first arrived, she would drive to Oakland for banh mi, but, she says, she was disappointed in the quality available, which led her to open her first restaurant in Walnut Creek just over three years ago. Ho strives to use the highest quality ingredients available in her recipes.

## After undefeated openers, hope springs eternal for Lamorinda football

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"Luke did a lot of preparation in the off season, in the weight room, going to seven-on-seven tournaments and camps and visiting a number of colleges as well," Scharf said. "We also hired Ross Bowers, a former Cal Bear as our quarterback coach and he's been doing a fantastic job."

Bowers has a high regard for Duncan's athletic ability and the intangibles he brings to the game. "Luke has a special arm and with his size reminds me of Jared Goff," Bowers said. "He can make any throw and I've watched his growth and maturation in becoming the team leader."

Backing up Duncan is John Williams who can also play safety and Myles Bastani who came up from the JV team and has shown the ability to step in if called upon.

The backfield is led by Thomas Wilson (68/429/6.3), Gabe Roman (19/66/3.5) and Bennett Destino (7/72/10.3). "Wilson led the team in running and Roman came up from the JV last year and Destino is coming back off an injury," Schram said. "We are very confident in running the ball and they give us great flexibility."

Schram calls his receiving corps "awesome." Jimmy Foster (30/387) was second on the team in receptions and Cooper Bohlig (28/421) was third. Ethan Conley and J.D. Pearce are both coming back off injuries and have been showing well.

There is a lot of size and experience on the offensive line. Jackson Davenport and John Kelly are returning two-way starters and 6'8" Luke Davis (6'8" 350) has been alternating at guard and center with Nick Blair. Nick Bonar should be the starter at right tackle and Thomas Zwalen, and Andrew Davenport should all see time on the line as well.

With so much depth on the offensive line, Schram feels he has the ability to use some of that size on the defensive line as well. He is particularly excited at the rush skills of wide receiver Nic Webber and Will Scott. "Nic and Will have proven

to be very difficult to block and have the potential to destroy teams, Schram said. "They've both given great looks to our tackles in practice."

With the graduation of Sam Ross who is now playing at the University of California, the defense is led by middle linebacker Grant Scanlan who will also be used at tight end when needed. Schram is counting on an upcoming junior from the JV team to supplement Scanlan. "We have a solid group of players in Finn McManus, Nate Howe and Gabe Roman," Schram said. "Our JV staff did a fantastic job the last couple of years in building up a continuity and teaching fundamentals, so we have a really solid nucleus on defense."

Chase Bliss and Ethan Conley will be starting at the corners and there is great depth at safety with Matthew Hawkins, J.D. Pearce, Foster and Bohlig.

Even with the larger roster, Schram shares a concern that all coaches have. "We've got to stay healthy," Schram said. "We have to take care of business in our non-league because our league is so tough. We understand that going in and we're just going to have to deal with it."

The Matadors defeated Berkeley 48-20 in their opening game.

### Acalanes

Unlike Miramonte and Campolindo, Acalanes is going into the season with a pair of quarterbacks that have no varsity experience, Jake Boselli, and Sully Bailey. "These two kids are very talented," head coach Floyd Burnsed said. "They're quick learners and they're going to play at a high level."

Ellis Burger averaged 12.6 yards/carry and scored five touchdowns and is now expected to carry the load this year. "That's what seniors are supposed to do -- step it up and be the man," Burnsed said. "Ellis is bigger at 190 and he's got great speed. Jack Miller is new to the varsity and has shown he knows how to read blocks and is able to make really good cuts."

There is speed to burn at the wide receiver position. Trevor Rogers averaged 19.7

yards/reception with five TD's and Ethan Torres scored four touchdowns while averaging 13.1 yards/reception. Burnsed is expecting a lot out of Paul Kuhner a 10.5/100-meter sprinter. "Paul only played four games on the varsity and is a real threat on kickoff returns scoring two touchdowns."

Tyler Murphy is starting at left guard. "He's up to 275 pounds now," Burnsed said. "He's a very good athlete that can pull and trip."

After that, the line is still a work in progress. "Victor Nicolacakis can play center and guard and we're still evaluating Marcus Julian who was our right guard last season," Burnsed said. "We have good players and it's just finding the best combination."

Juniors Brady Morrow and Lucas Rocha are the starting defensive tackles and Nathan Bennett, and Justin Zegarowski are the outside rushers. "Justin only weighs about 190 but he is really quick and will be handful for tackles," Burnsed said.

At linebacker, Jack Giorgianni is a returning starter at inside linebacker alongside Tyler Worthington who had eight tackles for loss last season. Nathan Bennett, George Churchill, Miller Smith, and Nathan Kim all saw some playing time last season and are looking to fill the other starting position.

The strength of the defensive backfield looks to be inside with their safeties. "We moved Kyle Bielawski (6'3" 195) from linebacker to safety and he has track speed alongside Coco Gannon who will play the other safety so we're really good inside," Burnsed said. "Torres and Rogers may also play some corner as well because they're such good athletes." Juniors Gavin Bender and Marshall Anderson should also see some playing time on the outside.

With all of the time and effort that has been invested, Burnsed is approaching the season with great confidence: "I'm very optimistic about our football team this year. I think we're good in every area."

The Dons defeated San Marin 21-14 in their opener.

### Campolindo

Last season after graduating 29 seniors and having only two returning starters, Campolindo head coach Kevin Macy spoke of it being a rebuilding season that ended up with an NCS championship and making it to the state semifinals. This year, the team has only lost 20 seniors and is returning four starters, so Macy has not really changed his tone. "Last year was supposed to be a rebuild year and the funny thing is that we still don't know how we had the success we had so that's put a target on us even though we still have some rebuilding to do."

Dashiell Weaver stepped in as the starting quarterback having had no varsity experience and led the team to a 10-4 record and is looking to build on that team's success. "I believe that there has been a carryover of energy and motivation from last year, seeing what we could do after such a terrible start to the season and ending so well and we've taken that to heart," Weaver said. "We do have a lot of young players and we have a lot of things to smooth out but I'm super excited for what we have this season."

Weaver hasn't rested on his laurels. "I've gotten stronger and a little taller," Weaver said. "The number one thing is trust. The coaching staff trusts me more and I trust them and my teammates."

If there is one thing that Weaver can really count on, it's that wide receiver Robbie Mascheroni is going to be his prime target as he was last season when he caught 70 passes and 14 TDs. 36 more than the second leading receiver for Campolindo.

A number of colleges have been in contact with the 6'4" Mascheroni and this will continue until he makes his ultimate decision. He can also count on being double teamed a lot. "Some of our other receivers will have to surface," said Macy. "It may be Brendan Comerford (31/162/1 TD), Sean Spillane (3/83, 1 TD) and juniors Scott Lyon and Timmy Daugherty who have good speed, but the bottom line is we're going to need to have other receivers to

count on."

The offensive line is going to have five new starters, all juniors and will be key in their ability to protect Weaver in the pocket. As they are lining up right now, it's RT Shane Harris, RG Bryce McLaverty, C Nick Walker, LG Max O'Balle and LT Frank Anderson.

O'Balle will also be seeing a lot of time on the defensive line but the rest of the line is still in flux with Hudson Orman, Shane Harris, Nicholas Lopez, and Anderson all competing for starting positions.

Robby Horst, returning as the starting middle linebacker and will also be called on at times to play fullback, is taking on the role of leader on defense. "It's a big responsibility trying to keep everyone in check," Horst said. "We're a tight team and we act like brothers so I'm able to keep everyone focused and practicing well. I'm very confident going into the season even with a whole new defensive line."

One reason it's a whole new defensive line is because Charlie Murrin is moving over from defensive end to outside linebacker. Murrin is not overlooking that this is for the most part a new team from last year. "Last year was magical but we can't take too much from that in that we only have four returning starters," Murrin said.

Moving to linebacker is a challenge that Murrin welcomes. "It's a lot different from defensive end but I like it more because I have a lot more freedom now that I'm involved in the run and pass. It was a bit of a struggle at times, but I've gotten a lot of help from Robby Horst, and I've learned how to handle it."

The defensive backfield will be starting Timmy Daugherty and Lucas Concepcion at the corners with Jake Spencer at free safety and James Giordani at strong safety. Mascheroni may also be used at the safety position if the need arises.

The Cougars defeated Moreau Catholic in their opener 28-17.



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## The story behind one volunteer commissioner

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She also joined the local Lafayette hiking group, which, at the time, was led by Kay Peterson, who developed the first Lafayette Trails Master Plan. Eventually Hill took over, leading the hiking group for more than 15 years. It was a big job – she created the hikes, deciding what trails to hike, always keeping in mind that her goal was to show people the many trails we have close by. And she always hiked a trail on her own before taking a group. “Even if it’s a trail I knew well,” she said, “I wanted to make sure a tree hadn’t fallen or there hadn’t been a slide which could make the hike more difficult or impossible to complete.”

Considering all the trails Hill has hiked, and she says she has hiked just about every one in the area, her favorite in the cooler weather is Mount Diablo and at this time of year, when the weather is warmer, she prefers Briones where there are more shady spots. Hill also volunteers at the Lafayette Community Garden; her team works on planting and caring for the spring and fall crops. “It’s the greatest place with the nicest people,” she says.

All of these volunteer roles go hand in hand with what Hill says she loves most: “appreciating nature, noticing plants, birds and wildlife.” Her current passion – native plantings – continues along this same line. “As we deal with the drought and climate change, it’s so much wiser to have native plants that don’t require a lot of water,” she states.

Her large Lafayette garden has been evolving over the years to now being filled almost totally with native and drought tolerant plants. “In the spring, it’s gloriously covered in flowers,” she proudly says. “I can sit in my yard and smell the honey from my manzanita flowers.”

Hill taught herself about native planting, with the help of books (one she highly recommends is “California Native Plants for the Garden”); web-sites (her favorite is bringing-backthenatives.net); and, of course, friends and mentors.

“It’s a lot of trial and error,” Hill admits when talking about what to plant. She claims her philosophy is simple: “If it’s too much work or doesn’t work, forget it. Find something else.”

With autumn approaching, this is the time to start thinking about what natives to plant. A quick online search provides suggestions for hundreds of native plants which would do well in our mediterranean-like climate. Manzanita, penstemon, toyon, vine maple, lupine and California poppy are a few recommended by local gardeners.

“You need to work with nature as to when native plants should be planted. They’re designed for our climate. The best time to get them in the ground is once the weather starts to cool down,” Hill explains. “Cooler weather and hopefully rain will get them off to a good start.” They need to be watered lightly for a few years until they are established. After that, they will do what a native plant is expected to do, she says: “Mostly survive on what nature provides.”

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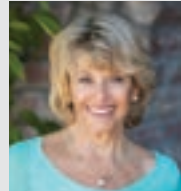
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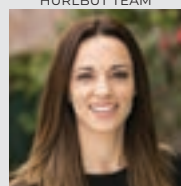
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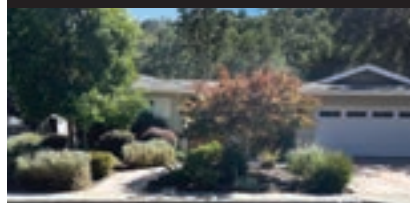
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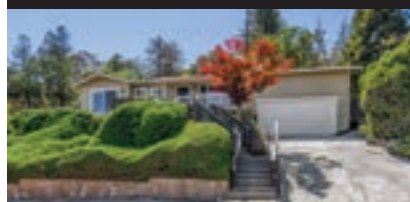
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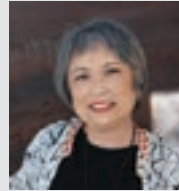
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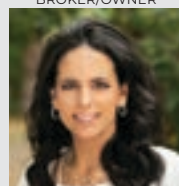
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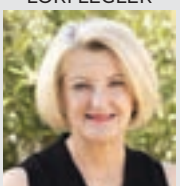
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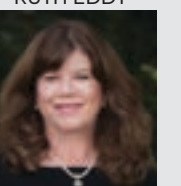
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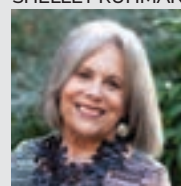
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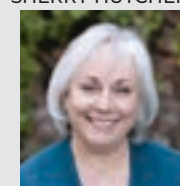
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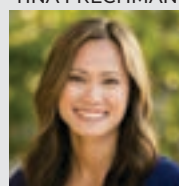
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## Saturday morning concerts are on the menu at Si Si Caffe



Photo Vera Kochan

"Friends of Old Puppy" band members, from left: Steven Strauss, Kenji Nakadegawa and Greg Pratt entertain at Si Si Caffe

By Vera Kochan

A Moraga staple for more than 24 years, Si Si Caffe (910 Country Club Dr.) offers free Saturday morning concerts to go with that "cup of joe" you just purchased.

The family owned/operated establishment is run by Cathy Corsi and her husband Aldo. Daughter, Lia, is the manager and grandkids, Cara and Devin, prepare the refreshments with an added crew. Another daughter, Cynthia, helped out for a few years.

There is an extensive menu of hot and cold coffee and tea, lattes, frappes, fruit smoothies, Italian sodas, ice cream, pastries and light breakfast offerings patrons can enjoy in the casual patio setting while listening to the band "Friends of Old Puppy."

The concerts have taken place for a couple of years and

typically begin around 10 a.m. and last until noon. The "volunteer" musicians play for tips and the enjoyment of entertaining. Weekends are the only chance they have to play together, as they have other gigs during the week. Steven Strauss, FOP's founder stated, "I'm the last guy standing from 2004," referring to the latest band-member incarnation. He plays the ukulele and sings. While the member dress code appears to be Hawaiian shirts and leis, Strauss added a Santa hat to his ensemble, because it matched the red and white colors of his lei.

Other band members are co-founder Cynthia Wilson on drums, Kenji Nakadegawa plays a cello that's been converted to an upright bass, Ken Huie who rotates sets with Nakadegawa, and Greg Pratt on a Fender

Telecaster electric guitar.

The audience often comprises of seniors, cyclists on a coffee break, young teens, kids with their parents, and dogs on leashes (partaking of Si Si's free water -- not coffee). During a recent concert, one audience member happily knitted while enjoying standards from the 1920s to 1950s. Strauss calls their musical style "exotica."

Cyclist Duncan Haffner is a regular to the concerts. "I can walk here from where I live," he stated before remarking how amazed he is that Strauss' large hands can deftly play a small ukulele.

Si Si Caffe has been approached by other musicians and singers wanting to entertain the public on Sundays and possibly weekdays thanks to word of mouth. For more information call (925) 377-1908.

## Friends of the Lafayette Library opens its fall Sweet Thursday Author Series

Submitted by Laurie Miles

The Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center is excited to open the Sweet Thursday Author Series in person this September.

Author Kirstin Chen will speak at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Don Tatzin Community Hall about her book "Counterfeit," a story of two Asian American women who band together to grow a counterfeit handbag scheme into a global enterprise. It's a blend of fashion, crime, and friendship with two unforgettable minority women who are determined to de-

mand more from life. Kirsten is a NYT best-selling author of three novels. "Counterfeit" was the June '22 Reese's Book Club pick. She also wrote "Bury What We Cannot Take" and "Soy Sauce for Beginners."

This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library although registration is required and seating is limited. Register at [tinyurl.com/sweet-Sept22](http://tinyurl.com/sweet-Sept22). The DTCH doors will be open at 6:45 p.m. for coffee and sweets before the talk. Orinda Books will be on-site to sell copies of the book before and after the talk. Wearing of facial covering is highly advised for this event.

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# Ever-so-slightly tart Swiss jelly roll makes the perfect summer treat



Photos Susie Iventosch

## Raspberry Swiss Jelly Roll with Yogurt Whipped Cream By Susie Iventosch

We had this delightful raspberry dessert at a lodge a few weeks ago and it was so fabulous that I promised myself I was going to try to recreate it. What made this particular Swiss roll so delicious was that the filling was made with a blend of yogurt, whipped cream and raspberries. It was ever so slightly tart from the yogurt and the whole dessert was light and fluffy, and just a perfect summer dessert. This was a new use of yogurt for me, and I have to say, I'm sold.

There are a few key things to know about making this dessert. First, you have to be very diligent about buttering the jelly roll tin, then lining it with parchment paper and then buttering the parchment paper to make sure the cake comes out of the pan easily. The second thing is to get the hang of folding ingredients together, because you have to fold beaten egg whites into beaten egg yolks very gently, and then you need to fold the dries into the eggs, making sure

to thoroughly incorporate the flour without deflating the eggs. It takes some patience! Oh, and you will also be folding the yogurt and raspberry coulis into the whipped cream!

My recipe calls for flavoring the whipped cream with raspberry coulis, which is super easy to make, (and excellent on ice cream, yogurt or cheesecake), but if you are short on time, you can always use your favorite raspberry jam to flavor the cream filling. If you do make the coulis, you can make this ahead of time, even several days ahead so it's ready for "go time."

I also decided to add one layer of chopped raspberries over the cream filling before rolling the cake into a log. This makes the color so vibrant, plus you get a little taste of fresh raspberries in every bite. You can also mix strawberries and raspberries for this part.

When all is said and done, you have a beautiful presentation and a lovely dessert for your efforts!



Raspberry Coulis

### INGREDIENTS

#### Cake

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 6 large eggs, separated
- 2/3 cup plus 6 tablespoons granulated sugar (2/3 cup for the egg yolks and 6 tbsp. for the egg whites)
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted
- 2 tablespoons butter for greasing the jelly roll pan
- 1 pint raspberries for filling and garnish (can use a mixture of raspberries and strawberries)

#### Raspberry Coulis

Note\* It's a great idea to make this first, so it has time to cool. You can even make it several days in advance and store it in the refrigerator.

- 12 oz. fresh raspberries
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons water

#### Yogurt Whipped Cream Filling

- 1 1/4 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup plain, nonfat Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 4-5 tablespoons raspberry coulis (recipe below)

### DIRECTIONS

#### Vanilla Jelly Roll Cake

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Generously butter the bottom and sides of an 10 x 15-inch rimmed jelly roll tin with butter. Fit a piece of parchment paper over the bottom of the pan and place right on top of the butter. Then, butter the parchment paper and dust with flour. Now, your pan is ready for action!

Lay a clean flour sack cloth or dish towel flat on the counter, and generously sprinkle with sifted powdered sugar. You are going to turn your cooked cake out onto this cloth before rolling it. Sift flour and cornstarch together into a small bowl. Set aside.

Place the 6 egg whites into the bowl of your standing mixer and using the whisk attachment, beat the egg whites on medium-high speed until stiff peaks form. With the mixer still running, slowly add the 6 tablespoons of granulated sugar and continue to beat until the egg whites are stiff and shiny. Transfer the egg whites to another mixing bowl.

Using the same bowl from your standing mixer, (no need to wash the bowl, since we beat the egg whites first and then the egg yolks) place the 6 egg yolks, 2/3 cup sugar, vanilla and salt in the bowl and beat until the egg yolks are thick and pale yellow, about 3-4 minutes.

Gently fold the egg whites into the egg yolks to incorporate. Now, fold the flour mixture into the egg mixture in several batches, carefully folding until the flour is incorporated after each addition. Turn the batter out into the prepared pan and smooth out with a spatula all the way to edges.

Bake for 18 minutes, or until a tester comes out clean. Don't over bake or the cake will crack when you roll it!

Use a knife to loosen the sides of the cake all the way around and then invert the cake onto the cloth covered with powdered sugar. Remove the parchment paper, if it doesn't remove itself by staying in the pan!

Dust the top of the cake with sifted powdered sugar. This will help keep the cake from sticking to the cloth.

From the short end, start rolling the cake with the towel into a log shape. Place the seam side down and allow the cake to cool completely.

Make your filling and dice your berries while the cake is cooling.

When the cake is completely cool, unroll it, carefully pulling the towel away. Spread the raspberry yogurt-whipped cream covering the entire top surface. Then spread a thin layer of the chopped berries evenly on top of the cream filling and begin to roll the cake into a log again.

Spread the plain yogurt-whipped cream over the top and garnish with whole berries. Dust the berries with powdered sugar. Refrigerate until ready to slice and serve. Serve with a drizzle of the extra raspberry coulis.

#### Raspberry Coulis

Make a simple syrup by whisking the sugar and water together in a small pot. Bring the mixture to a boil and continue on a low boil until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture is slightly thickened. Remove from heat.

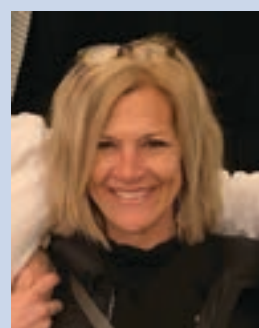
Meanwhile, place rinsed raspberries into the food processor. Pour warm simple syrup over the berries and process until smooth.

Strain the mixture through a mesh sieve to eliminate the seeds, pressing down through the sieve with the back of a spoon. Use a rubber spatula to scrape the strained sauce into the receptacle bowl. The mixture will cool down through the straining process. Pour into a container with a tight-fitting lid and set aside if using soon, or refrigerate until ready to serve.

#### Yogurt Whipped Cream Filling

Using your standing mixer or a hand-held beater, beat the heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Whisk the plain nonfat Greek yogurt with a fork or whisk to smooth it out. Then, gently fold it into the whipped cream along with 2 tablespoons powdered sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. Set aside about 1/3 of the yogurt-whipped cream for the top of the jelly roll cake and to the remaining 2/3 of the yogurt-whipped cream gently fold in 4-5 tablespoons of the raspberry coulis, or raspberry jam if you prefer to use that. Refrigerate until ready to assemble the cake.

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## Hiring part-time college application readers

By Elizabeth LaScala, PhD

With the recent surge in college applications, schools have begun to outsource the work of their admission counseling staff (aka admission officers) by hiring part-time application readers. Colleges tell us that this influx of part-timers is a matter of necessity, but a necessity in large part created and greeted positively by colleges themselves.

How do they create these surges? First, colleges send out tons of 'spam' to students encouraging them to apply using the email addresses they purchase from the College Board (makers of the SAT) and ACT, Inc., the ACT test makers. They offer to waive the application fee, compliment the student's achievements (without really knowing about specific achievements) and utilize a variety of other ploys to get students to apply. In addition, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, many colleges became test optional to help students apply; everyone who lived through that cycle knows how many test cancellations there were and how difficult it was to find open testing sites. Most of these colleges have continued

their test optional policies because they worked! There was a surge in applications last cycle and there promises to be an equal or even greater surge this cycle.

As colleges continue to see growth in the number of applications they receive, more readers are needed to get through the sheer number of them, and most schools claim they cannot afford to hire more full-time admission officers. The University of California at Irvine, for example, expects to hire 200 part-time readers for next year's admission cycle; for comparison, note that they hired 180 last year. Georgia Institute of Technology expects to hire 60 part-timers, while a decade ago they hired as few as three. These hires are external to the school and may consist of former admission officers from other colleges as well as others in education, such as high school teachers.

This hiring trend has been met with controversy. For example, although most admission officers see benefits to part-time readers, some have shown concern. Those in favor of the practice, argue that it allows more applications to be read and reviewed while still maintaining the integrity of the

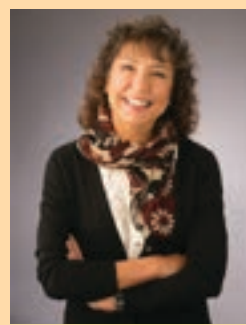
school's admission process. They point to the fact that many schools employ a strict training process for part-time readers. Scott Jaschik at Insider Higher Ed writes, "At University of California - Irvine, new part-time readers first review 20 files from the previous year with senior full-time staff explaining why students were admitted or rejected. Then the new recruits review 10 more applications and explain why they would admit or reject them, with senior staff reviewing their decisions." Additionally, when the part-time readers arrive at a conclusion, they are taken as recommendations rather than de facto acceptances or rejections, with full-time admission officers making the final call. To avoid conflicts of interests, part-timers also do not review applicants from their school district, nor do they know the name of the applicant they are reviewing.

However, some admission officers, joined by other higher education voices including independent college advisors like I am, argue that the use of part-time readers may prevent all applicants from getting a fair shot at admission and worry that the practice is becoming increasingly common. Some

also are concerned about the transparency of the process - applicants do not know whether their application is being reviewed by an admission officer or a part-time hire, and they certainly do not know how and how well the individual was trained.

The University of California system's process may be the gold standard in training part-time readers, but that tells us little to nothing about how private colleges and other public university systems operate. Additionally, despite the claim that part-timers only give recommendations, those recommendations might come shortly before the decision deadlines, and could mean that some applicants may not have the benefit of a review by full-time staff. This could result in many applications being reviewed and decided on only by part-time readers.

As it stands, most admission officers seem to be in favor of the process, trusting that their school's administration can hire part-time readers that best suit the needs of the school and avoid any bias in the evaluation of applicants. On the other hand, many college advisors are still decidedly on the fence about this practice and



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hope to see greater transparency from all colleges and universities who adopt the practice.

## Upcoming arts programs and events in Lamorinda

The Pacific Chamber Orchestra will open its 2022-23 season on Sept. 17 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Orinda, with programming paying tribute to the classical music giants - Handel, Telemann, Vivaldi and Haydn. Music Director and Conductor Lawrence Kohl says

he is thrilled to continue PCO's momentum into its 34th season. "This season marks our commitment to strengthening our community presence, re-connecting with PCO patrons, and inviting new music lovers into local venues for a series of joyful performances." Tickets

at [pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://pacificchamberorchestra.org)  
On Sept. 24 from 8 to 9:30 p.m., the Lamorinda Arts Council will collaborate with Composer Jean Ahn and Ensemble ARI musicians for a special free program in the Lafayette Library Community Hall. Original artwork will be

included in this program.

The Art of Mixology, one of the Lamorinda Arts Council's largest fundraisers, will return to Orinda Theatre Square on Oct. 22. The event includes both professional and amateur bartenders creating luscious craft cocktails as the audience

and judges vote for their favorites. Registration for at-home and professional bartenders is now open through Sept. 1. Event tickets go on sale in mid-September.

For information, visit [lamorindaarts.org](http://lamorindaarts.org)



# Scouts and leaders from Moraga Boy Scout Troop 212 participate in an Alaska High Adventure Trek



Photo provided

Troop 212 Scouts with Davidson Glacier in background. From left: Steve Bartis, Griffin Bartis, Lucas Cronk, Michael Coane, Justin Nagayama, Kye Wesselman, Declan Dolorico-McPeake, Nolan Cuddihy, Jared Avenell, Leo Kim, Brandon Mayo, Ryan Sintchak, Mason Fara, and Jeff Fara.

Submitted by Steve Bartis

Twelve Boy Scouts and two adult leaders from Moraga Troop 212 on July 23 set out from SFO to Juneau, Alaska for a 10-day trek into the Alaskan wilderness. After landing in Juneau, the Scouts boarded a ferry for the five-hour sail to Haines, where they set up a base camp at the Chilkoot High Adventure Base (CHAB). The following day they loaded Sea Kayaks with 50 pounds of gear each and paddled into rough seas with three to five foot swells and 20 knot head winds. On their way to set up camp on the remote island of Delaguga, the group passed two beautiful glaciers, Rainbow and Davidson.

After paddling back to base camp, the Scouts each repacked 60 pounds of gear for a four-day backpacking trek to climb Alpine-style, using crampons and ice axes, up to a Tundra campground 3,500 feet above sea level. The Scouts trained with professional guides from Alaska Mountain Guides for safety on the glacier which contained deep

crevasses by learning how to self-arrest with an ice axe in the event of a fall.

Separated into three mountaineering teams to hike even higher onto the glacier, the Scouts put their mountaineering skills to the test when they rappelled into a crevasse using a safety harness and rope and individually ice-climbed back to the top using their crampons and ice axe.

Once the group arrived back at base camp after a 4,000-foot descent, they boarded a ferry to return to Juneau for a day of fishing where they netted wild Coho Salmon and viewed pods of Orcas as well as a feeding Humpback whale.

The Scouts included Campolindo High School graduates Jared Avenell, Michael Coane, and Mason Fara; current seniors Griffin Bartis, Leo Kim, and Ryan Sintchak; Juniors Nolan Cuddihy, Kye Wesselman, and Brandon Mayo; Sophomores Justin Nagayama, Declan Dolorico-McPeake, and Lucas Cronk. Adult Leaders included Jeff Fara and Steve Bartis, both assistant Scoutmasters in Moraga Troop 212.

# Shelby's and AAUW unite to support local scholarships

Submitted by Bonnie Fend

Shelby's Restaurant in Orinda's Theatre Square will partner with the American Association of University Women-Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette branch to raise money for local scholarships on Sept. 20. These scholarships are based on community engagement. High school seniors at each of the local high schools and Saint Mary's College undergraduates in the High Potential Program will receive scholarships in the spring. The High Potential Program provides a range of comprehensive services and individualized support for first-generation and low-income students.

The Sept. 20 AAUW Branch Meeting will feature a representative from the Public Defender's Office of Contra Costa County speaking on social issues and their impact on the lives of many from our underserved communities. The meeting will also showcase the branch's many programs and activities that support women and girls. The 9:30 a.m. meeting will be held at the Orinda Community Church and the public is invited to attend. Check [oml-ca.aauw.net](http://oml-ca.aauw.net) for more information.

After the meeting, members and guests are encouraged to have lunch together at Shelby's. Food may also be purchased for lunch, dinner, takeout - or all

three! Curbside delivery is available on request. Shelby's will donate 10% of their sales on Sept. 20 to the AAUW scholarship fund. Check their website at [www.shelbysseatbetter.com](http://www.shelbysseatbetter.com) for menus, ordering, reservations, and takeout information or call 925-254-9687. There is ample free parking with validation in the garage.

Reservations are preferred.

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## In Memory

### Robert Roche

Oct. 31, 1932 – Aug. 23, 2022



Robert "Bob" Bruce Roche was raised in St. Francis Wood, San Francisco, where he attended St. Ignatius High School. He studied Electrical Engineering at UC Berkeley and joined the Sigma Nu fraternity, where he was elected President his senior year. At Cal he competed on both the swim and water polo teams. He graduated in 1954 and married his college sweetheart Sally Floyd directly after graduation. Employed at Cal Trans as a Junior Engineer, he was drafted into the Army six months later. After the Service he moved back to the Bay Area where he was hired by Pacific Telephone Company in 1957. Starting out in the Management Training Program, he retired after 28 years as Assistant Vice President at age 52. That same year, he formed his own business, Roche Construction.

Passionate about giving back to his community, Bob volunteered in many areas including Habitat for Humanity, serving as Treasurer for the San Francisco Olympic Club (where he was a member for 81 years) and was also elected to the Lafayette City Council in 1976 and served as Mayor in 1979.

Bob died peacefully at home in Walnut Creek on Aug. 23, surrounded by love at the age of 89. He is predeceased by his wife Sally, son Robert "Corky" Jr. and grandson Robert "Bobby" III. He leaves behind his daughter Teri Roche Drobnick and husband Mike, his son David Roche and wife Nancy, daughter-in-law Aeh Roche, grandchildren Eileen, Tom, Jamie, Kai, Alzada, Casey, Sam, Anda and Millie. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sept. 11, at the Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Association or Habitat for Humanity.

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### ART

**The exhibit Born to be Wild** at the Main Street Arts Gallery in Martinez, showcases the artwork of 23 Lamorinda Arts Alliance member artists. Sept. 2 - Oct. 16. Lamorinda Art Alliance member Ruth Stanton curated this exhibit of abstract and representational 2D and 3D artwork that is both colorful and captures the essence of adventure and wildness in nature. Open House Reception on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 3-5 p.m. Main Street Arts Gallery, 613 Main Street in Martinez open Wednesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**The Moraga Art Gallery** announces the debut of "Unique Expressions," an exhibit featuring world-class jewelry from the Lafayette workshop of K. de Groot and ever-enticing, abstract acrylic paintings by Irene Nee-doba. Aug. 31 until Nov. 6. free reception at the gallery Saturday, Oct. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., located at 432 Center Street in Moraga's Rheem Shopping Center. Come to meet the artists, enjoy the art as well as wine, light snacks, and live music. [www.moragaart-gallery.com](http://www.moragaart-gallery.com) or call (925) 376-5407.

**Art Gallery at the Orinda Library:** "What's Next ... Art from the Edge of Discovery". The Lamorinda Arts Council presents artwork from "The Seven," a group of local artists who came together to display their eclectic show in

the Art Gallery in the Orinda Library. Meet the artists at the reception Saturday, Sept. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. where light refreshments will be served and Bryan Kemler plays his acoustic guitar on the patio. One hundred artworks from different genres fill the gallery during September. Visit the online gallery at [www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/](http://www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/)

### Music

**Pacific Chamber Orchestra** presents "Courageous" - music from the heart of Europe. Immerse yourself in the beauty, courage and folk wisdom of Dvorak's Serenade for Strings (Czech & Slovak Republics), Kolessa's In the Mountains (Ukraine), Kilar's Theme from the movie "The Pianist" (Poland, and more!) Purchase tickets on our website [www.pacificchamberorchestra.org/calendar](http://www.pacificchamberorchestra.org/calendar) for concert to be held at St Stephens Episcopal Church in Orinda on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Adult ticket price is \$8 Student ticket price is \$20.

**Irish Music Concert** at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville Friday, Sept. 16. A concert of traditional and contemporary Irish music. The concert celebrates the Friendship City relationship between Danville and New Ross, Ireland, from which O'Neill's father James emigrated. Acclaimed Bay Area musicians Cormac Gannon, Erin Thompson,

and Steve Gardner will sing and play a variety of instruments, including the fiddle and uilleann pipes. Tickets are only \$20 at <https://eugeneoneill.org/>.

**Left Coast Chamber Ensemble** presents "Up Next!" on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Berkeley Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar Street, Berkeley. Left Coast Chamber Ensemble kicks off its 30th anniversary with "Up Next!," a concert celebrating the exuberance and brilliance of young composers Cost: In Advance: \$30 General Admission / \$10 Students; At the Door: \$38 General Admission / \$20 Subsidized / \$15 Students. For more info see [www.leftcoastensemble.org/upnext](http://www.leftcoastensemble.org/upnext) or call 415-617-5223 or email [info@leftcoastensemble.org](mailto:info@leftcoastensemble.org).

**Brasarte presents SF Bay** Brazilian Day & Lavagem Festival 2022 on Sunday, Sept. 4, from 11 am. to 7 p.m., at Casa de Cultura, 1901 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Celebrate Brazilian Independence Day with a free outdoor festival. Live music, Children's Village, Beer & Caipirinha Bar, Food & Artisan Booths. For more info see <http://www.Brasarte.com> or call (510) 847-3688 or email [brasfestival@gmail.com](mailto:brasfestival@gmail.com).

**Ensemble Ari String Duo** Performs at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek Saturday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek. Online broadcast: visit

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### Theatre

**Shotgun Players** presents "Man of God" on Sept. 3-Oct. 2: Sept. 3 and 8-10, 8 p.m.; Sept. 4 and 11, 5 p.m.; Sept. 14-Oct 1: Wed-Thur 7 p.m., Fri-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 5 p.m., at Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave, Berkeley. A feminist thriller about that moment when girls realize the male gaze has been watching all along - and decide they are going to do something about it. Cost: \$7-36. For more info see <https://shotgunplayers.org/online/article/man-of-god> or call (510) 841-6500 x303 or email [boxoffice@shotgunplayers.org](mailto:boxoffice@shotgunplayers.org).

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## Not to be missed

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"Sweet Thursday Author Series is starting on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in person in the Don Tatzin Community Hall at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Author Kirsten Chen will be discussing her new book "Counterfeit." This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library. Register at [tinyurl.com/sweet-sept22](http://tinyurl.com/sweet-sept22)."

### Other

**The 2022 Lafayette Art & Wine Festival** will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Lafayette. The Festival offers complimentary bike valet parking at 81 Lafayette Circle. Driving? The Festival is an easy walk or free shuttle ride from free Festival parking in the BART parking lot. Music on four stages features some of the Bay Area's top cover bands. <http://lafayettefestival.com>.

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**Kids Art Table at Lafayette Art & Wine Festival** - Sept. 17-18. The Lamorinda Arts Council invites art lovers to join us in Local Artists Alley on Sept. 17 - 18 at our Kids Art Table. Spend an hour or two helping young artists take a break from the crowds to create something colorful and fun from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We provide all materials in our two sheltered booths. Advance sign up helpful for planning - email [info@lamorindaarts.org](mailto:info@lamorindaarts.org) or call 925.359.9940.

### Garden

**The Walnut Creek Garden Club** meets the second Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at The Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. The Sept. 12 program is Olive Trees, Olives and Olive Oil by our guest speaker Nate Bradley, owner of Amphora Nueva, a family-owned olive oil and balsamic company. You are invited to attend our program and consider becoming a member of the WalnutCreekGardenClub. [www.walnutcreekgardenclub.org](http://www.walnutcreekgardenclub.org)

**Lafayette Garden Club Monthly** program begins at 10 a.m. Sept. 8 in the Veterans Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Randall Barnes, horticulturist from Orchard Nursery in Lafayette will focus on how to grow Cool Season Vegetables. His education in horticulture and landscaping covers all aspects of growing all varieties of plants. Growing vegetables is of special interest shared with his father. It is free to attend. If interested please contact [membership@famsf.org](mailto:membership@famsf.org) for more information.

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# LAMORINDA SPORTS

## Six Lamorinda girls suit up for football this fall



**Campolindo juniors**  
Ava Filer and Pinkie Schnayer

Photos Jon Kingdon



**Acalanes JV placekicker** Lucca DeBiasse

By Jon Kingdon

No longer are the cheerleaders the only females on the football field. They're now referees and coaches and in Lamorinda this year, there are six girls suiting up to play for the freshman, JV and varsity teams.

Campolindo has two players on the varsity, junior offensive lineman Avery "Pinkie" Schnayer and linebacker Ava Filer; on the JV are sophomores defensive end Avery Jules and WR/CB Ali McCauley and Emily Dolge who plays linebacker on the freshman team. Sophomore Lucca DeBiasse is the placekicker on the Acalanes JV team.

DeBiasse is a first-time player who came out for the team at the suggestion of assistant coach Bill Frazier who also coached her on the Dons' lacrosse team. "Lucca is a very good athlete who picked up the sport of lacrosse quickly so when I found out she played soccer, I suggested that she try out for the JV team,"

Frazier said. "When she chose to play on the team, she came out and showed the head coach she could kick. Lucca is mostly working on x-pts but is comfortable from 25 yards in and I've seen her make a 35-yard field goal."

DeBiasse went to a field with her father and brother and kicked the football with some success. "My parents didn't discourage or encourage me to go out for the team," DeBiasse said. "They just wanted me to do what was best for me and to make the decision on my own."

After football practice, DeBiasse then goes to soccer practice with her club team. As a club soccer player, she has had to adjust her style in kicking a football while getting used to the equipment. "In kicking a football, you have to kick it higher up, swing your leg through and point your toe but with a soccer ball you have to drive through the ball," DeBiasse said. "Also kicking while wearing football equipment took some getting used to because it's very heavy. I'm just

trying to figure it out myself."

Flag football is where Dolge, Jules, McCauley and Schnayer began their exposure to football, some as far back as third grade, so playing in high school was not as big an adjustment as it could have been.

Dolge, who also plays basketball, followed her older brothers in playing flag football and was looking for a new challenge. "It was a chance to get to know more people and I wanted to try a new sport to play over the fall season and I thought it would be fun," Dolge said.

The demands of the sport have proven to be a revelation to Dolge who is playing linebacker: "I've never done anything this intense. I'm out from 8 in the morning until 6 in the evening and I don't have time do anything besides school, football, and homework," Dolge said. "It's also getting used to such a male dominated environment with their sense of humor and just how they act overall. I underestimated the amount of thought that goes into the playbook and how well organized and put together the plays are."

Filer is from Texas and had never played football prior to coming to Campolindo but took the challenge head on, though just getting used to the equipment was not that easy. "The shoulder pads were the hardest part to get used to because they're not built for us," Filer said. "I found a way to adjust and to squeeze into them, modifying things and figuring out how to wear them correctly."

Filer, who played cornerback last year and moved to linebacker this year, initially had some concerns about the physical nature of the game but adjusted quickly. "I had expected it to be worse than it was because I had been revving myself up and thought it was going to hurt," Filer said. "The first time I got decked, I got back up and had a lot of fun. I did a lot of lifting after my first year and put on about 15 pounds."

From the start, Filer saw that everyone shared in the community of football which was something new to her. "So much of the game is built on you and

your will and what you want to accomplish that day and how angry you are going to get," Filer said. "The main reason that I get up every time I get hit, as I am not that big, is because I have so much to prove to people in my head and I can't let myself quit."

Jules started playing flag football in third grade and was already very familiar with Campolindo football, following in the footsteps of her brother. "The program and the community around Campo football is amazing and I saw that with my brother and that was something that I wanted to be a part of," Jules said. "My parents were super supportive because they had seen my brother go through the program and they know how amazing the coaching staff and the community was."

Now playing defensive end for the first time, Jules appreciates the equipment she has to wear. "At first it was a big adjustment but once I got used to it, it was a lot more fun because you could have a lot more contact and be more aggressive on the field," Jules said. "I had never played much on the line before, so I was starting fresh, and it's been fun to learn everything. My teammates have been super supportive, and I have never had an issue with any of them."

McCauley also began playing flag football in third grade and found the coaches at Campolindo very welcoming. "My teammates were very supportive, and I have a lot of friends on the team," McCauley said. "The physical contact was and still is an adjustment but I'm getting used to it."

On the high school level, she found the game much more advanced. "I had to learn a lot of new terms but once I learned what everything meant, it was a lot easier to understand what the plays were," McCauley said. "Most of the techniques were the same but I just had to perfect it. I learned that whether in practice or in a game, you have to go 100 percent. Everyone wants to be here, and it makes it a lot more fun if you go all out."

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## Lafayette Little League 10-year-old all star team wins district tournament

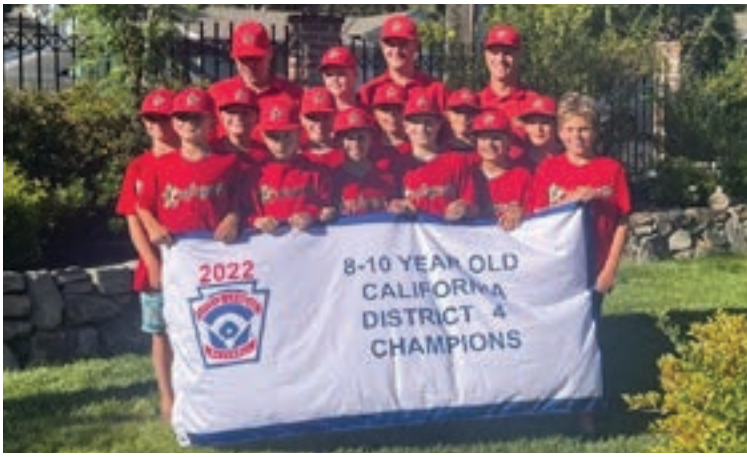


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Submitted by Mike Lederman

The Lafayette Little League 10-

year-old all-star baseball team won the district 4 tournament. This is the first time the 10-year-old team has won the District 4 since 2017.

## East Bay Eclipse Soccer Club boys Lunar team wins Soccerfest Tournament



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From left, top row: coach Fernando, Elliot Collins, coach Juan, Silas Larsen; middle row: Tristan Liu, Nick Balaguras, Patrick Curran, Tyler Anderson, Elliot Wong; bottom row: Ryder Smyly, Alex DeMello, Elliott Yee, David Shim, Avi Kim, Oliver Bui, Jake Beckwith; not pictured: Tyler Gee and Eric Cristobal

Submitted by Neil Bui

The 2011 boys Lunar team of the East Bay Eclipse Soccer Club won the U12 Boys Division, White, at the Soccerfest Tournament, a competitive youth soccer tournament in San Ramon.

The Lunar boys were declared champions after defeating the Santa Rosa United Soccer Team, by a score of 3-2 in the tournament's finals match played Sunday, Aug. 21.

This is the Lunar team's first tournament entered for the 2022 soccer season, and the boys continue to build on their past success after winning their division in the California Competitive Soccer league (CCSL) in 2021.

## Six Lamorinda girls suit up for football this fall

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Schnayer's older brothers played football at Campolindo, so she was introduced to the program through them. "I was able to see what they got to do, and I thought it was really cool and wanted to be a part of it," Schnayer said. "My brothers really blossomed on the team and made friends with whom they are still close. My teammates have always been supportive and that has grown

through the years and they're all the nicest guys I've ever met. Once in a game when an opposing player said some things to me, on the next play three to four of my teammates were on that person and he went down hard."

The camaraderie on the team proved to be a pleasant surprise for Schnayer. "Initially I did not anticipate the bond that would be created with the players on the team," Schnayer said. "I am around

them at school and there is a constant connection with them that so many people don't get to experience because the game truly is life, and your life revolves around the game. Just being able to spend time with your teammates and best friends is so special which is something that I had not anticipated."

Campolindo head coach Kevin Macy concedes that having a number of girls on his teams is different. "Obviously, it's

unusual but with so many of them like Pinkie having played MOL flag football, they already earned their teammates' respect," Macy said. "We haven't had any issues with the boys slighting the girls in any way and have accepted them as a natural part of the program. We've got a unique culture at Campo and it's a real strength and the girls have added to it, being just one more piece of the culture puzzle that we have."

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# Lamorinda

# OUR HOMES

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Lamorinda Home Sales

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## Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

### Garden of eating



Japanese eggplant sauteed with garlic and basil is a treat.



Cherry tomatoes are some of the sweetest, nectar-rich garden favorites.



Photos Cynthia Brian

Apples are ready for munching and crunching.

### By Cynthia Brian

*“The gathering of salads, radishes, and herbs made me feel like another about her baby – how could anything so beautiful be mine?” ~ Alice B. Toklas*

The final month of summer is the most delicious time of the season when summer crops, especially tomatoes and squash are at their tastiest. Throughout the year I look forward to this moment when I can pluck sun-ripened heirloom tomatoes right off the vine, pinch a basil leaf or two, and devour the combination while working in my potager.

Since medieval days, the French have been combining flowers, herbs, and vegetables in kitchen gardens called potagers. Still popular

today, according to government surveys, at least 25% of consumed vegetables in France are home-grown. With the cost of fresh fruit and vegetables at an all-time high, many Americans are following suit and smartly growing their own groceries.

Growing up on our farm, our edible gardens were expansive. Everything we consumed we either grew or raised, except for dairy products. Whenever we visited friends or relatives, we always brought a box of freshly harvested goodies. Our meals were colorful, flavorful, and nutritious, making me a life-long advocate of continuing the tradition of growing my own organic crops and sharing the bounty with others.

Everyone benefits from enjoying a little patch of earth; however, most people don't live on farms with acres of land.

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ORINDA	11	\$1,090,000	\$3,060,000

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- 3335 Freeman Road, \$2,295,000, 3 Bdrms, 2358 SqFt, 1947 YrBlT, 07-12-22,  
Previous Sale: \$886,000, 09-24-09
- 3143 Gloria Terrace, \$1,940,000, 3 Bdrms, 2892 SqFt, 1966 YrBlT, 07-13-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,230,000, 07-09-19
- 120 Greenbank Drive, \$2,925,000, 3 Bdrms, 3451 SqFt, 1978 YrBlT, 07-22-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,315,000, 12-03-13
- 1508 Huston Road, \$920,000, 2 Bdrms, 1096 SqFt, 1947 YrBlT, 07-21-22
- 3309 North Lucille Lane, \$1,650,000, 4 Bdrms, 2037 SqFt, 1951 YrBlT, 07-11-22,  
Previous Sale: \$465,000, 07-06-99
- 672 Moraga Road, \$2,050,000, 3 Bdrms, 2116 SqFt, 2011 YrBlT, 07-11-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,925,000, 09-25-20
- 1087 Orchard Road, \$1,400,000, 3 Bdrms, 1262 SqFt, 1937 YrBlT, 07-14-22,  
Previous Sale: \$500,000, 06-12-03
- 16 Pidgeon Court, \$1,725,000, 5 Bdrms, 2359 SqFt, 1967 YrBlT, 07-11-22,  
Previous Sale: \$965,000, 06-07-13
- 1735 Reliez Valley Road, \$2,150,000, 5 Bdrms, 3025 SqFt, 1941 YrBlT, 07-21-22,  
Previous Sale: \$275,000, 10-01-86
- 1858 Reliez Valley Road, \$1,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 1906 SqFt, 1967 YrBlT, 07-11-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,133,000, 05-14-15
- 1 Rimrock Road, \$2,115,000, 4 Bdrms, 2962 SqFt, 1979 YrBlT, 07-14-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,950,000, 06-23-20
- 3433 Shangri La Road, \$3,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 4440 SqFt, 1999 YrBlT, 07-12-22
- 528 Silverado Drive, \$2,250,000, 4 Bdrms, 2157 SqFt, 1962 YrBlT, 07-18-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,400,000, 05-25-06
- 3381 Silver Springs Court, \$4,225,000, 5 Bdrms, 4023 SqFt,  
1983 YrBlT, 07-11-22, Previous Sale: \$1,220,000, 12-03-98
- 3357 Springhill Road, \$2,725,000, 5 Bdrms, 2707 SqFt, 1949 YrBlT, 07-11-22,  
Previous Sale: \$2,000,000, 06-30-20
- 7 Topper Court, \$4,250,000, 5 Bdrms, 3405 SqFt, 1957 YrBlT, 07-19-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,476,000, 05-12-06
- 1016 Willow Drive, \$1,540,000, 3 Bdrms, 1613 SqFt, 1947 YrBlT, 07-11-22
- 3289 Withers Avenue, \$1,925,000, 3 Bdrms, 2340 SqFt, 1956 YrBlT, 07-13-22
- 1002 Woodbury Road #302, \$2,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 2931 SqFt,  
2015 YrBlT, 07-13-22, Previous Sale: \$2,405,000, 02-22-18

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# Health benefits of induction cooking as opposed to gas stove tops presented



Example of an induction stove top

Photo BayREN

## By Vera Kochan

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) hosted a webinar Aug. 19 for Moraga residents explaining the benefits of induction cooking. BayREN is a collaboration of nine counties that make up the San Francisco Bay Area and provides regional-scale energy efficiency programs, services, and resources. It is led by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

According to BayREN's website, "Induction uses electromagnetics to heat your pots and pans directly. Cooking times are quicker, and cooking food won't send wasted heat or pollutants into the air – for a safer, healthier home."

The webinar was titled "Now We're Cooking," and topics such as what affects indoor air quality in the kitchen; how indoor air contaminants affect health; and how to improve indoor air quality and reduce health impacts from cooking were discussed by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's Indoor Air Quality Researcher Rengie Chan; San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility's Board Member Dr. Marjaneh Moini; and Induction Cooking Expert Chef Rachelle Boucher.

Moini explained some of the health risks involved with gas cooking in the home. Three types of emissions can be especially

harmful. NO<sub>2</sub> (nitrogen dioxide) is a pollutant that can cause eye, nose and throat irritation when inhaled and can possibly decrease lung function by contributing to asthma, respiratory infections, and negative general cognitive functioning. CO (carbon monoxide) is harmful when breathed causing neurological effects and reduced overall cognitive functioning. PM<sub>2.5</sub>/PM<sub>0.1</sub> (particulate matter) also causes neurological effects; aggravates asthma and reduces lung function; and contributes to heart attacks and premature death. While these involve large scale doses, over time constant subjection can be harmful, especially to children. Moini also discussed the effects of natural gas on the planet's health explaining that it is 90% methane, which is responsible for about half of global warming to date.

Chan spoke about the impact that cooking emissions have on indoor air quality. Cooking and burners emit air pollutants that can reach unhealthy levels in homes if not properly vented. Having properly functioning range hoods (capture efficiency) is a big step in keeping pollutants from mixing into the home's air. Berkeley Labs is in the process of conducting two new studies: Cooking Electrification and Ventilation Improvements for Children's Asthma (CEVICA), and California Residential Methane Emissions Characterization (CARMEC).

Boucher explained the basics of induction cooking by first mentioning how the unit looks similar to electric stove tops, with the difference being that induction makes a direct connection to the pot or pan. This allows the cook to have better control over how the food is prepared – it's speed and power. The unit gives even heating which allows it to heat up twice as fast. She stressed that any cookware used for induction cooking has to be magnetic. If a magnet sticks to the pan, you can use it. Additional advantages are that the kitchen stays cooler, because no heat is felt coming off the stove, and there is no open flame. Boucher admitted that it takes some getting used to when cooking with induction, but it won't take too long for cooks to get the hang of it. It's basically trial and error while learning the ropes of how to gauge the heat necessary for various foods.

BayREN Homes (BayREN.org) offers \$750 in rebates when purchasing an induction unit, and Pacific Gas & Electric (pge.com/inductionloaner) offers its customers a free two-week lending program to test drive a 120V countertop induction unit.



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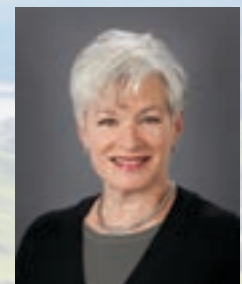
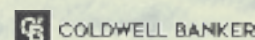
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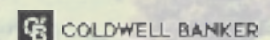
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## Residential Sales, central Contra Costa in July

July marked (almost) 4 months since interest rates started jumping like a grasshopper. April started with 30-year fixed rates at roughly 4.45% (conforming) and 4.375% (jumbo). By June, these rates were 6.375% (conforming) and 5.5% (jumbo). As of Monday, rates for both were slightly lower.

Most buyers continue to view these rates as negatively, not realizing that in a normal economy, benchmark interest rates run around 7%. The number of sales in July is down for all central county cities. Lamorinda had 54 sales with Lafayette having 28. Concord had the highest number of sales at 89 (typically over 100 during summer months). However, the average sales price in Concord was \$891K, which is below the YTD 2022 average sale price of \$951K.

Good news, Less Good News. Good News first; the average sale price 2022 YTD compared to 2021 (entire year) saw an increase from 8.54% (Orinda) to 24.19% (San Ramon). Average sale prices have increased substantially since last year. Less Good News: sale prices peaked in March/April of this year and are coming down across the entire East Bay. Homeowners wanting to sell missed the peak. However, prices are still strong. But it will likely take longer to sell your home. Average Days on Market (DOM) in July were 16.91. Average DOM for pending sales from 7/23 to 8/24 was 27.45 days.

Inventory is up because the number of sales in July continue to be less than earlier in the year. Largest number of sales in July were Concord (89), Walnut Creek (48), and Danville (46). Pending sales from 7/23 to 8/23 are trending up for San Ramon (69) but remain low for all other cities. Sellers need to accept the market is shifting.

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- 1884 Joseph Drive, \$2,455,000, 4 Bdrms, 2606 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 07-11-22,  
Previous Sale: \$2,455,000, 04-26-22
- 230 Paseo Bernal, \$820,000, 3 Bdrms, 2044 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 07-12-22
- 1 Ross Drive, \$1,650,000, 4 Bdrms, 1716 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 07-14-22,  
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- 17 Bates Boulevard, \$2,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 2762 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 07-22-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,000,000, 12-03-14
- 92 Coral Drive, \$1,825,000, 3 Bdrms, 1523 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 07-20-22,  
Previous Sale: \$990,000, 06-27-06
- 568 Dalewood Drive, \$2,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 4776 SqFt, 1990 YrBlt, 07-11-22,  
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- 15 Ichabod Lane, \$2,900,000, 4 Bdrms, 2518 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 07-11-22,  
Previous Sale: \$1,280,000, 06-03-05
- 6 La Sombra Court, \$1,750,000, 3 Bdrms, 1921 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 07-12-22,  
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- 1 Madera Lane, \$1,775,000, 3 Bdrms, 2023 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 07-14-22,  
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- 77 Oak Road, \$2,012,000, 4 Bdrms, 2480 SqFt, 2003 YrBlt, 07-14-22,  
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
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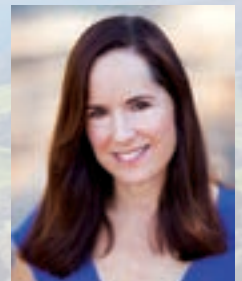
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### Garden of eating



Photo Cynthia Brian

**Cynthia Brian and family share heirloom tomatoes with friends.**

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The good news is you don't need a hectare to grow your own herbs and vegetables. With limited space, window boxes, balconies, doorsteps, and porches become your personal, edible Eden.

If you are wondering what is a potager or kitchen garden, the best description is that it is a place where you grow your own garden of eating. In other words, what do you want to bring into the kitchen? Fruit, herbs, flowers, and vegetables are all welcome in a kitchen garden. Kids are instilled with better eating habits as well as a love of gardening by giving them a small plot or pot to grow foods they want to eat. Whether you are a green thumb or a non-gardener, growing edibles in a container on your patio or deck next to the grill make the ingredients easier to use in your meal planning. Most people don't want to hike out to the back forty to harvest a handful of chives. Ornamental edibles are gorgeous and entertaining as herbs, flowers, and vegetables flow seamlessly together, attracting beneficial insects to keep the garden healthy and in balance.

Although it is too late this year to plant a kitchen garden for summer harvesting, the forthcoming fall offers the opportunity to plant winter crops. And by salivating now over the luscious summer offerings of tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, eggplant, and more, you can plan next spring's planting.

What do you need to grow a mini garden of tasty delights?

Containers: Anything that can hold soil and water will work well.

You can purchase decorative containers in a variety of sizes, shapes, colors, and textures or you can recycle unlikely items for more of a unique design statement. I grow herbs and plants in old cowboy boots, coffee mugs, shells, wine boxes, teapots, toys, and even hats. Drainage is critical, especially for any vessel without a bottom hole. Add an inch of gravel or packing pebbles to the bottom of any containers to improve the drainage. Water damages surfaces. Provide saucers to prevent runoff staining.

**Soil:** Synthetic "soils" are best suited for growing vegetables and herbs in pots. Purchase pre-made bags or make your own by mixing sawdust, wood chips, peat moss, perlite, vermiculite, fertilizer, compost, or other organic mediums. Mixtures must be free of disease and weed seeds, be able to hold moisture and nutrients, be lightweight, and drain well. Before planting, water the new soil thoroughly.

**Sun:** Growing herbs or vegetables requires sunshine. Make sure to position your planters in a non-drafty area receiving five to six hours of sun daily. A south, southeast, southwest, or west location is ideal. Most containers are easily moved from place to place. If very large or extra heavy, utilize the assistance of a hand truck.

**Seeds:** Whether you choose seeds or small plants, you'll want to choose herbs or veggies that won't grow too tall or too wide and don't have a deep rooting system. My favorites are parsley, mint, basil, chives, sage, thyme, dill, strawberries, and lavender. I have had success in growing tomatoes, eggplant, lettuce, cabbage, and peppers in containers on my patio. If you have vertical space on a balcony or porch, pole beans are fun while cucumbers and squash can be trained to trail. For great barbecue flavors, keep a wagon of herbs, specifically rosemary, within rolling distance.

**Water:** Herbs and vegetables drown when water-logged. Water sparingly. Once a week during cooler seasons or in hot weather, once a day is sufficient. Poor drainage kills plants while wet leaves encourage disease. Be diligent. Feed once a month with a fertilizer designed for edibles.

My Asian pear and apple trees are overflowing with fruit this year as are all my citrus trees including lemon, lime, tangerine and tangelo. Grapes are ripening and will be harvested next month. Miniature or dwarf fruit trees are available at local nurseries allowing you to grow your favorite treats in troughs or containers. Berries can be grown in barrels to boost your antioxidant quotient to fight disease and keep you healthy.

There is nothing better than plucking a few leaves from your aromatic herbs, ripe fruit from your tree, tangy berries from the bush, or any veggie growing in your personal plots to add flavor and health to your cuisine. Growing in the ground or pots near your cooking environment will decrease stress and improve your happiness quotient. Your botanical babies are beautiful!

Plant your own garden of eating today. Enjoy paradise on a plate. Bon appetite!

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.





Asian Pears turn a delicate yellow when ripe.



Mouth-watering, scrumptious simple summer salad consists of heirloom tomatoes, basil, lettuce, and burrata cheese drizzled with olive oil, balsamic vinegar, and ground pepper.

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### Cynthia Brian loves summer eating.

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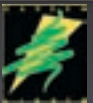
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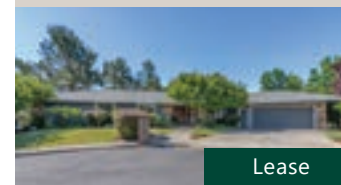
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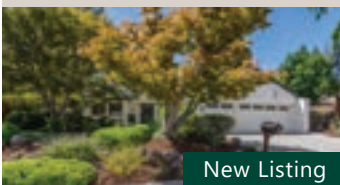
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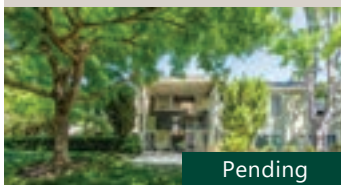
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