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Moraga's 50th Anniversary Parade & Pear Festival

By Jeff Heyman

A town only gets to celebrate its Big 5-0 once. And so it was a day of celebration and festivities on Saturday, Sept. 28, when the Town of Moraga celebrated the 50th anniversary of its incorporation with a mile-long parade and a packed Pear and Wine Festival.

The anniversary bash began promptly at 10 a.m. with a boisterous parade of more than 700 people from a cross section of Moraga and Lamorinda community organizations. A hook and ladder from the Moraga-Orinda Fire District led the proceedings. Winding their way through Moraga's crowd-lined streets were familiar local groups: Moraga Scouts

Troop 246, Los Perales Girl Scout Troops, the Moraga Country Club, the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, the Moraga Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis clubs, and many more.

Huge contingents marched from St. Mary's College and Campolindo High School. Joining in the parade fun was Moraga Mayor Teresa Onoda and the Town Council, along with other public agencies such as the Moraga Planning Commission, the Friends of the Moraga Library, the Moraga Garden Club, the Moraga Park Foundation, Lamorinda CERT, the community emergency organization, and the Acalanes High School District and Moraga School Boards.

The crowd cheered and there was plenty of flag waving. Kids went wild scrambling for the candy that the parade marchers threw their way. Seniors mingled with young families on the sidelines, telling stories of how Moraga has – and hasn't – changed.

The party then moved to the Moraga Commons Park for the annual Pear and Wine Festival, which celebrates the Town's history as a pear producing capital. This is where celebration turned to sheer fun as families enjoyed the perfect weather to indulge in water slides, jumpy houses, and all manner of outdoor activities that the Commons has to offer. . . . continued on Page A8

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“Excited” about voting drives Miramonte High School’s student registration effort

By David Scholz



Photo David Scholz

Miramonte High School seniors gather around a table at the Contra Costa County Election Department's pop up office on the school's front lawn during the lunch hour on Sept. 25 as part of a voter pre-registration effort.

Senior Max Harold will come in just under the wire ahead of the Nov. 5 General Election with a late Oct. 18 birthday, and he is stoked to have the opportunity to vote in what is building up to be a historic day in American politics.

His youthful exuberance captured the interest level that took hold of Miramonte High School's upper class on Sept. 25, as members of the senior class gathered around a Contra Costa County Elections Division Pop-up Office table set up on the front lawn of the campus.

That stop, one of about 26 high schools visited around the county in September as part of California High School Voter Education Weeks, and slated to continue through mid October due to such a large demand, is part of an effort to pre-register as many juniors and seniors who are approaching voting age, according to Dawn Kruger, the division's Community and Media Relations Coordinator.

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Upcoming Candidate forums:

Lafayette: Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Lafayette Library, Don Tatzin Hall

Moraga: Thursday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's College Soda Center

Watch for stories about the Acalanes Union High School Board and Moraga School Board election and Orinda Union School Board appointments in our next edition on Oct. 23.

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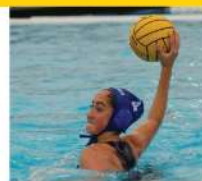
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Lafayette City Council 4-year candidates for November election

By Elaine Borden Chandler



Gina Dawson

In the upcoming Nov. 5 election, Lafayette voters will be choosing four City Council members, three for a full four-year position and one for a partial two-year position. Four candidates are running for the four-year term position: John McCormick, Carl Anduri, Lauren McCabe Herpich, and Gina Dawson. (The candidates for the two-year position were discussed in the Sept. 25 issue of Lamorinda Weekly.)

John McCormick joined the City Council in 2024 after seven years on the Chamber of Commerce Board and 20 years in the Lafayette Partners in Education. The co-founder of Lamorinda Music with his wife Colleen, McCormick states that he is deeply invested in keeping Lafayette a welcoming community for everyone.

His priorities are supporting Lafayette's local businesses and downtown, creating more open spaces and parks, improving and expanding fire safety, increasing Lafayette's sustainability, keeping Lafayette safe, supervising the new housing developments, and ensuring the City's budget is balanced.

Carl Anduri has served 14 non-consecutive years on the City Council, with three of these years as Mayor. He wants to be part of the process of bringing new ideas to Lafayette and making it a better place. Anduri wants to

maintain Lafayette's high quality of life and aims to do so though reducing wildfire risk, making Lafayette's roads safer and friendlier to bicycles and pedestrians, supporting the downtown through local businesses, expanding parks and open spaces, improving inclusivity and sustainability, and adopting the Age-Friendly Action Plan.

Lauren McCabe Herpich feels her experience as a small business owner and the only candidate who lives downtown means she provides key representation and insight. She has served on the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission and wants to be a voice for change.

Herpich is interested in improving how the City prioritizes and spends its budget, feeling that more should go to projects that positively impact citizens and less to property investments. She also wants to increase community spaces, improve City communications, and streamline City Council meetings.

Gina Dawson is the mayor of Lafayette and has served on the City Council for the last four years. She wants to preserve what makes Lafayette wonderful while improving where needed.

Dawson is passionate about increasing affordable housing, feeling that it will make Lafayette stronger and more inclusive. She wants to con-

tinue supporting Lafayette's efforts to become more sustainable, preserve financial stability and responsibility, have safer multi-modal travel, improve wildfire safety, and help local businesses through better parking, a strong police force, and retail crime legislation.

These candidates have given Lamorinda Weekly responses about their plans if they become a councilmember.

Affordable housing: Dawson wants Lafayette to increase its affordable housing, follow state mandates, become more inclusive for residents of all incomes, and diversify its businesses and customer base. Anduri feels that Lafayette should make its best efforts to increase affordable housing and make existing housing affordable. McCormick points out the demands from state mandates limit Lafayette's choice, but feels that affordable housing should be increased not only through multi-story buildings but also ADUs, duplexes, and triplexes. Herpich feels Lafayette should stay within its original housing plan and that increasing affordable housing beyond that requires funding and infrastructure that the City doesn't have.

Lafayette's Housing Element: Anduri states that the City Council updated the Housing Element to the State's specifications, placing most

development downtown to reduce traffic. Herpich wants Lafayette to zone where logical but states, "We need a city council that will push back on Sacramento." Dawson intends to work with City Staff and residents to keep Lafayette's character while complying with state law to make development smart and sustainable. McCormick is proud of the work the Council did, making the best of the State assigning too many units to Lafayette.

Developing 949 Moraga Road: Herpich prefers not develop the site but, if necessary, she would want to use it for a community center or affordable housing. McCormick wants an affordable housing development at the site and notes that the location means residents might drive less. Anduri supports an affordable housing development, saying, "A project for seniors or for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (a great need in our community) would have lower parking needs." Dawson supports the development as it complies with state law and fulfills Lafayette's Housing Element.

Improving traffic congestion: McCormick wants to explore reducing traffic through better bike lanes, using e-bikes, a pedestrian/bike lane parallel to Mt. Diablo Road, and distributed commercial zones. Dawson is interested in addressing traffic conges-

tion but states, "I stand by Council prioritization of traffic safety." Herpich wants new initiatives, like one she presented to the Lafayette School District for carpool technology platforms, to be used to reduce traffic during rush hours. Anduri wants the City to consider how new and old residents can travel around Lafayette without cars.

Loss of fire insurance: Herpich wants Lafayette to join the League of California Cities and demand the State Insurance Commission tackle this problem, then commit to local action. McCormick notes fire insurance is a statewide problem that can be helped with education and fire safety, but emphasizes, "It is incumbent upon us to continue to pressure our state lawmakers to work with insurance providers to come up with a solution." Dawson plans to support wildfire preparedness activities and programs as well as working with Insurance Commissioner Lara's office to return fire insurance to Lafayette. Anduri suggests that Lafayette reduce fire risks, improve wildfire detection, study evacuation routes, and base the Regional Housing Needs Allocation on Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

Public oversight of the city budget: Dawson, Anduri, and McCormick all emphasize that all of Lafayette's budget is transparent, through publicly available documents and public meetings, and that the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for nine years in a row. Herpich states that she thinks large amounts of money are given to initiatives without the specific goals or metrics of success necessary for accountability and transparency.

Measure H: Anduri, Dawson, and McCormick all voted for Measure H as Councilmembers and feel that it is necessary to keep Lafayette's standard of living. In contrast, Herpich is against it, believing that it gives the city a blank check when they have not shown responsible spending.

The Lafayette Homeowners Council will be hosting a Candidates Night on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Lafayette Library. More about McCormick can be found at www.mccormickforlafayette.com. More about Anduri can be found at www.anduri-forlafayette.com. More about Herpich can be found at www.lauren-forlafayette.org. More about Dawson can be found at www.ginadawson2024.com.



Lauren McCabe Herpich



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Meet soon-to-be appointed LAFSD Governing Board candidates

By Elaine Borden Chandler



Jon Deane



Alida Smit

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For this year's Nov. 5 election, the Lafayette School District (LAFSD) Governing Board had two open seats for new board members. However, as there were only two candidates for these two seats — Jon Deane and Alida Smit — this year both candidates will be appointed rather than elected.

School boards are elected public officials from the local community who act as citizen oversight to see that schools match the community's priorities. The board provides direction, structure, leadership, accountability, and student advocacy for the schools within their district.

Jon Deane grew up in Lafayette and attended Burton Valley, Stanley, and Campolindo. He moved back to Lafayette in 2020 and currently has a seventh-grader attending Stanley and a ninth-grader attending Acalanes. Deane is the CEO of an education-focused non-profit. He worked for over 20 years in K-12 education and also worked as a Certified Public Accountant.

Deane says, "Excellent schools aren't easy to develop and maintain. They require commitment from everyone to work together, to use resources well, and to stay focused on what matters. I'm really excited for this opportunity!"

He has been im-

pressed with what the LAFSD Board has recently done, and intends to learn from them and contribute where he can, especially in keeping balanced finances. He also wants to ensure the District keeps students' mental health central to their goals and that students have smooth academic transitions as they move from school to school.

Alida Smit has lived in Lafayette since 1997. She has two children who went through the Lafayette School District and are currently in the Acalanes High School District. She works as a College and Career Counselor with low-income, first-generation, rural teens and has previously worked with students from five to high school age in general education and special education.

She feels that the LAFSD School Board has put its students' needs first, and now wants to personally be involved and give back. She values all aspects of education and thinks that parental involvement is key to creating healthy and successful school environments.

Smit thinks it is important to value diversity and teach it to children, saying, "Being a first-generation adult from immigrant parents, I believe all students have a place in this community. Each student brings talent and gifts to the commu-

nal table that we can all learn and appreciate."

The previous 2022 school elections in Lafayette and Lamorinda included a variety of opinions, some of which were more extreme. Covering some of these debated ideas, neither Deane nor Smit believe that books should be banned in schools or that religion should be taught, though both say religion can be taught about in context to history, religion, and art.

Both support diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) and that students' mental health should be supported by schools. They agree that teachers should be fairly compensated but that the Board has fiscal limits and responsibilities.

Regarding the anti-trans protestors who were outside of Lafayette Elementary, Deane said he thought the LAFSD worked hard to see all viewpoints shared and Smit said it is an individual's Constitutional right to express their opinions. Neither has any stated opinions or plans for what should be done if these protestors or others like them return this school year.

Deane and Smit will be appointed by the Governing Board to their positions in December at the LAFSD Board meeting on Dec.18.



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New Moraga mural depicts town's natural beauty and landmarks

By Vera Kochan

The Art in Public Spaces Committee (APSC) is the driving force behind the new Moraga mural located on the six feet by 37 feet wall outside the Town Chambers at 335 Rheem Boulevard. The artwork combines themes pertaining to the Town's natural beauty as well as its local landmarks.

A survey was initiated by the APSC asking the community to submit key words that generally bring to mind life in

Moraga. The survey was open for six weeks between June 19 and July 31 of last year and received 221 responses, to which the APSC Mural Subcommittee analyzed and condensed the information from one of the questions asking: "In two to three words, what defines Moraga?"

The results were compiled and noted that the most often used words were: "nature, open space, hills, semi-rural, and beautiful." By combining those descriptions, the theme of the mural became: "Natural Beauty of the Surrounding Hills."

A Request for Proposals was released with the stipulation that the "mural shall be a quality work of art and appeal to a broad constituency. Mural design shall have a relationship to the Town of Moraga." A \$7,600 stipend was provided for the project by APSC which included a large fundraised portion.

The artist chosen to paint the mural is San Francisco resident Josue Rojas (www.josuerojasart.com). He describes himself as a full-time "Independent Artist/Arts Professional", specializing in fine art, large-scale murals, community-based public works, and gallery exhibitions with over 25 years experience in the field. His works can be seen across San Francisco and the greater Bay Area, such as Super Museum of Modern Art Mini-Murals, San Francisco Unified School District area schools, Uni-



Photo Vera Kochan

Moraga mural artists (from left) Angel Velasquez, Josue Rojas, and Anthony Jimenez

versity of California at Santa Cruz, Golden Gate Park Promenade, and more.

Rojas also has experience in teaching Latino Art History and other public art courses, in addition to graphic artist duties for the New America Media. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from California College of Arts & Crafts (San Francisco) and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Boston University.

Interest in painting first started when Rojas was 15 years old. His father had passed away and, needing an outlet for his "angst," he poured his energies into painting. His artistic styles are versatile, running the gamut from cartoon to realistic to photographic.

Working with him on Moraga's mural are Angel Velasquez and Anthony Jimenez. Rojas

is mentoring his two assistants, hoping to teach them some of his techniques so that one day they can create mural art on their own.

Rojas and his team have spent approximately four weeks on the Moraga project, as he split his time also working on a project in San Francisco. Using special mural acrylic that allows for flexibility and fluidity, Rojas will finish by applying a clear coat to repel graffiti and provide ultraviolet protection from the sun.

"So far there have been no real challenges," commented Rojas. "We're just trying to be ready for the hot weather." He appreciates that the mural doesn't require any scaffolding as many of his project do.

"I'm inspired by the townspeople and their vision for the mural," Rojas stated. "Murals lead to more murals, and I hope to inspire more murals in Moraga. Murals are a beautiful practice that we have in California and the Bay Area. It's an external expression of internal values. After having done the

homework about the community, the goals have been to represent the values through art to the people of Moraga."

APSC Member Holly Hartz said, "Moragans told us what they felt was the 'essence' of Moraga. Josue's mural is a reflection of that beauty residents described. Hopefully, Josue's mural will make a difference to our community's enjoyment of our surroundings every day."

When asked if passersby had commented on his work, Rojas replied, "People have passed by and honked or given a thumbs-up. I feel the love."

"Art in Public Spaces is proud of the new mural that is a vibrant reflection of Moraga's heart and soul," stated APSC Chair Teresa Onoda. "Based on insights from over 200 community members, this artwork beautifully captures the essence of our town. It's a powerful reminder of the pride we all share in Moraga's unique charm and the importance of community voices in shaping our public spaces."

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SMC Museum of Art features two new exhibits

By Vera Kochan



Photos Vera Kochan

"Ritorno: Antico, sono ubriacato dalla voce" Cianne Fragione 2007-2022

Saint Mary's College has just opened two new art installations this fall.

"Isole: A Voyage Among My Dreams" featuring artist Cianne Fragione, and "Visceral Processes" featuring works by Jay DeFeo, Frank Lobdell, and Manuel Neri.

According to SMC Museum of Art, "Influenced by her Italian heritage, Fragione (b.1952, United States) draws on personal and cultural experience during her creative process. Over five decades, she has developed work that crosses boundaries between abstract painting and sculpture, navigating a wide range of artistic mediums."

Fragione's "Isole" exhibit features a combination of 33 paintings, drawings, and assemblages in conversation with a collection of po-

ems, "Ossi di Seppia" (Cuttlefish Bones) by Eugenio Montale. She uses oil paint and mixed-media materials, such as found objects and textiles, to create her pieces. Much of her art is based on memories, traditions, and histories involving her heritage. Before earning her Master of Fine Arts degree, Fragione was a dancer, and that background has an influence in her artistic expressions.

The word "Isole" means "Island" in Italian, and as such Fragione's pieces in this exhibit emulate images of the land, sky, and sea. Many of the works on display also use repurposed materials, such as shoes, lace, and journal pages (often personal items of her own).

"Her work always stresses the human condition," explained SMC

Museum of Art Curator Britt Royer. "She also creates things in bundles. It's both concealing and revealing. All of her work is grounded in poetry, and there's a roughness and a rawness to her pieces."

One work on display, "Sacred Cheese: I limoni / A Song of Solidarity", is based on folklore that explains why a certain goat cheese took on a flavorful new taste after Sardinia sheep were herded to Tuscany and began grazing on wild fennel clover and pastures full of absinthe, thereby creating a new and delicate taste profile.

Fragione's mentors are featured in SMC's second art exhibit. "Visceral Processes" features a combination of 32 drawings, collages, works on paper, and paintings by Bay Area artists DeFeo (1929-1989), Lobdell (1921-2013), and Neri (1930-2021). "Known for their counter-cultural aesthetics merging in the 1950s, these artists examined discarded and ordinary objects as underlying metaphors for the human condition,"



"Untitled (Florence)" Jay DeFeo 1952



"March 1954-111" Frank Lobdell 1954

Royer explained. "Created during the post-World War II boom, this collection incorporates elements of Abstract Expressionism, Bay Area Figurative, and Funk, highlighting the fluid boundaries between art movements. These artists

worked with students throughout their art practice; this provided a fertile ground for ideas to expand to their students."

When referring to both exhibits on display Royer stated, "It is important for us to enable these two different stories to

exist in their own space and yet provide a lens to see how they are related."

"Isole: A Voyage Among My Dreams" is on view through June 22, 2025. "Visceral Processes" is on view through Dec. 15, 2024.

Moraga General Plan 2040 Update The Town is encouraging all residents, business owners and property owners to attend the upcoming General Plan 2040 meetings. The Town Council will discuss updating the entirety of the 2040 General Plan including the Values and Guiding Principles. The formal meetings will be held at follows: October 15, 2024: Planning Commission Study Session on Draft of General Plan October 22, 2024: Planning Commission Recommendation to Adopt General Plan October 23, 2024: Town Council Study Session on Draft General Plan November 13, 2024: Town Council Meeting on Adoption of General Plan To learn more, go to makemoragahome.org. Meeting locations, times and reports will be posted on the Town of Moraga website. If you have any questions, please contact Afshan Hamid, Community Development Director at ahamid@moraga.ca.us. Dates are subject to change.

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Orinda welcomes back Anthony Rossi, new police chief

By Sora O'Doherty

The Orinda City Council welcomed Anthony Rossi as the new Orinda Police Chief at its Oct. 1 meeting. Rossi is returning to Orinda, having previously worked in the city as a detective and patrol sergeant.

The council acknowledged that Rossi's return to the city occurred in a very unusual week. On his first day back, the Caldecott Tunnel was closed owing to a fire, and his second day back saw a tragic and rare homicide in the city. Rossi presented an explanation of the department's critical inci-

dent response, noting that although residents are interested and concerned, only the official police reports contain hard facts.

Vice Mayor Latika Malkani, who was conducting the meeting in Mayor Darlene Gee's excused absence, thanked the new chief for his response to the homicide and for securing the area, during a "very atypical week in Orinda." She did hope, however, that down the road the homicide incident can be reviewed.

In introducing Rossi, outgoing city manager David Biggs noted that Rossi knows all the principals from his previous time in the city and has a lot of good connections in Orinda. He credited the new chief with having helped to develop the unique Orinda police culture during his earlier time on the department.

Rossi responded that he fell in love with Orinda, and enjoyed every moment of his former service. "I'm very

happy to be back," he told the council.

Before the council meeting, the new Chief responded to some questions from The Lamorinda Weekly. Rossi told us that he has been with the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff for over 18 years. "During my career, I have worked in County Patrol, J-Team (Street Enforcement), Investigations, and was a proud member of the S.W.A.T. Team for 13 years. I most recently was the Orinda Police Department's Investigation Detective Sergeant serving our great community," he said.

Rossi says that his goal is "to continue the great relationship Orinda PD has with this amazing community. I will bring my strong leadership and community relations, by ensuring a high level of proactive policing with the community's safety and awareness as our top priority."

In his time off, Rossi says he enjoys spending



Orinda Police Chief Anthony Rossi Photo provided

time with his family, working out, football, and hunting.

Since Orinda contracts with the Contra Costa Sheriff's office (SO) for its police staff, some-

times officers return to the SO. This is the case with Chief Ryan Sullivan, who has been promoted to Captain and is now heading the professional standards unit at the SO.

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Orinda City Council talks parks, still nothing decided

By Sora O'Doherty

Three Orinda city parks – the mini-park outside of Theatre Square, Orinda Community Park, and a possible off-leash dog park – were discussed by the city council on Oct. 1. None of the discussions resulted in immediate actions.

The longest discussion was devoted to the mini-park. This gateway to Orinda has been under discussion for at least five years, or as council member Inga Miller pointed out, at least 10 years if you consider the previous considerations by the Parks Commission.

At one point, the Orinda Community Foundation (OCF) had promised to contribute \$200,000, but after years of inactivity by the city, the OCF dropped their commitment down to just \$50,000. Funding is the problem that has kept the project from moving forward.

Currently available

funding consists of the OCF's \$50,000 and an additional \$55,000 from Fund 240/Park Dedication. However, the staff report did indicate that going forward the Orinda Garden Club has indicated that they are interested in providing some funding for the project, possibly up to \$100,000.

The staff report also reminded the council that the land is owned by PG&E, and that the company has a say in what project elements will be allowed. Council member Janet Riley suggested that the mini-park really isn't a park at all, but an entrance to the city, which should be designed to impress those entering Orinda with how beautiful it is. She was particularly taken with the idea of lighted trees at the back of the property.

The council received a slide presentation from their consultant, Gates & Associates. The

council had requested an update in July. The presentation addressed two main components: the Orinda monument sign, and the landscaping and hardscaping of the park. Gates presented four potential levels of treatment.

The four levels and estimated costs presented were, baseline: \$150,000; frontage: \$200,000; new landscape: \$300,000, and full renovation: \$500,000.

Baseline would be limited to just a small area around the new Orinda sign. Frontage would be a larger area in front of the fountain. A new landscape would refresh all landscaped areas. A full renovation would be based on the 2019 design and would replace all paving and refresh all landscape areas.

As the council discussion progressed, it appeared that the 2019 design was actually quite popular with the

council members. They discussed at length the appearance of the Orinda sign. The consultant presented a number of options, ranging from freestanding concrete letters spelling out Orinda, which seemed to garner no support, to an artist-designed mosaic wall with the Orinda letters on the front.

The second park to be discussed was Orinda Community Park. With a much larger price tag of \$4 million, that project has also been under consideration for a long time. A Community Park Master Plan update was presented to the council in 2016; a revised plan was adopted in 2018 and then updated again in 2021. Without funding, however, little progress was made in implementing the plan, beyond tree removal to allow for future improvements to the restroom. ... continued on Page A7

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Familiar face is new Administrative Assistant at City of Orinda

By Sora O'Doherty



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Administrative Assistant Pat D'Amico

Visitors to city offices will be greeted by new Administrative Assistant Pat D'Amico, recently hired by Orinda. D'Amico was introduced to the City Council at its Oct. 1

meeting, but may have already been familiar to the council members.

City Clerk, Sheri Smith, explained that for a couple of years, D'Amico has been doing temporary work for different city departments. Smith noted that D'Amico has actually worked for the Planning Department, the Public Works Department, and the Parks and Rec Department.

Smith revealed that, "recently when our administrative assistant position became available, we were very happy to see that she applied for that permanent position." Smith noted that D'Amico has over 15 years of administrative experience, and also has a masters in Business Administration and a

certificate in paralegal studies, "so its really helpful in the city clerk's office to have somebody with that background."

Smith concluded that she was thrilled to introduce Pat D'Amico "as the person whom the public, the council, and the staff sees as the face of the city everyday and the person who answers our phones every day. We're really, really fortunate to have her."

D'Amico told the council, "I've very excited, very happy to be a part of the city of Orinda and it's a pleasure to meet all of you." Adding, "thank you so much."

Vice Mayor Latika Malkani responded, "welcome, we're so glad to have you," and other council members added their welcomes as well.

Orinda City Council talks parks, still nothing decided

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At this point, Contra Costa County requires that access to the park be upgraded to the standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) before any other work can be done on the park. Although there currently is a ramp from the north side of the park, apparently it does not meet ADA standards. The only possible solution appears to be a new ramp on the west side of the park. Although the south side of the park, adjoining the Community Center, does not have stairs, it is too steep to be considered ADA compliant.

Therefore, the plan is currently to move forward with the new ADA ramp and to also renovate the restroom. The cost for this portion of the plan is estimated at \$683,000.

The last park to be considered by the council was a proposed off-leash dog park at Wilder. Previously, the council had

considered a dog park at Orinda Oaks Park, but the uphill location presented significant difficulties and costs for providing ADA access. At that time, the Wilder location was being considered for a potential Pickleball area.

When the council considered Wilder for Pickleball courts, the location was possible, but a little less than ideal. Four courts could fit comfortably, and five with a little less than ideal orientation. However, in either case, the costs were very high, in part owing to the changes to the area that would be required to put in proper ADA access.

During the discussion, it became apparent that there really is no other site for pickleball courts in Orinda. And it was unclear how much use would be made of an off-leash dog park at Wilder. Council member Brandyn Iverson suggested a trial use of Orinda Oaks park as an off-leash dog park.


City Manager David

Biggs noted that Moraga offers an off-leash experience at Rancho Laguna Park, although he added that their Parks & Rec director says that he wished that they hadn't. He suggested that they could try off-leash dogs at Orinda Oaks for a limited period, to see if it would be popular. He suggested Monday through Friday during the hours when children are in school.

Parks and Rec Director Todd Trimble informed the council that dog owners already let their dogs off leash in many parks, adding that it presents issues for his staff, particularly at the athletic fields.

The council thought it would be a good idea to seek more input from the public, possibly through a pop up dog park trial and perhaps by asking public opinion at the Farmer's Market. Staff was directed to come back to the council in the future regarding a pop-up dog park.

The presentations on the three parks projects are available to the public at <https://cityoforinda.app.box.com/s/ph3q5jmb3sk0hw5rz2o417ka68qf6118/folder/287270385063>



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The next classes are on October 15 at the Lafayette Community Center.

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Moraga's 50th Anniversary Parade & Pear Festival

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Pear pies from Nations flew out of the Moraga Park Foundation booth faster than the burgers came off the grill or pear salads could be assembled. To quench their thirst, merrymakers fancied a "Community Crush," a cider made from Moraga's neighborhood pear and apple trees. Eight pies vied for the top spot in a pie tasting contest. The team of judges awarded Tina Elliot the blue ribbon for her blueberry mango tango pie -

yum! To add to the festive mood, bands played at the Bartlett Pear Stage - which was surrounded by hay bales - as kids of all ages danced. Dozens of booths provided information and fun, featuring rock painting, face painting, jewelry making, and other activities put on by the Moraga Parks and Recreation Department, which organized the festival. The Town's booth, "Pear Essentials," had lines of beaming festival-goers eager to snap up Moraga- and pear-themed

tee shirts, cookbooks, jams, posters, mugs, and even hand-poured pear and cardamom candles. Lamorinda 4-H Club's petting zoo and the Sky High Circus at the bandshell stage were also particularly popular. With one shot at celebrating its 50th anniversary, Moraga hit it out of the park with a parade and festival for the ages, one surely to be remembered as the best celebration seen in Moraga for many a year.



Photo and text provided by Gary Irwin

Moragans who have lived here for 50 years or more were recognized and honored at the Anniversary Celebration by Mayor Teresa Oneda, Past Mayor Renata Sos, and Ellen Beans of the Moraga Citizens Network. The group of residents attending were former Mayors, Town Council Members, Planning Commissioners, Park & Rec Commissioners, Town Treasurers, and many others who have volunteered their service for the Town. The Moragan who has lived here the longest is Sue Sperry, having been born to local residents in 1944. She is still active in the Moraga Historical Society.

In Memory

William Hansen

1948-2024



Bill passed away on July 17, 2024 in Lafayette at the age of 76. He was born in Washington State to Robert and Mildred Hansen where he and Lyn, his younger sister, grew up. His family later moved to the Bay Area where he graduated from San Carlos High School. Returning to the Northwest, he enrolled and graduated from Whitman College majoring in economics. Early in Bill's career he worked for Spectra-Physics (laser technology) in Mountain View. He was always amused how initially reluctant grocery stores were to replace cash registers with laser scanners! After earning an MBA, he joined Kaiser Permanente's Treasury Department in Oakland where he worked for 27 years.

Bill met his wife, Diane, while living in Palo Alto. After their two daughters were born, they moved to Moraga where he volunteered as Town Treasurer when it was a volunteer position. Bill was a kind man and devoted husband and father. He planned wonderful family trips to various parts of the world, often taking his family on the back, less traveled roads. As an avid learner and reader who favored non-fiction, Bill always had his nose in a book.

After retirement, Bill participated as a Muffin Person delivering donated groceries to food banks/service organizations in Oakland and was an active member of both the Moraga Lions Club and the Jaguar Club. He took college extension courses in literature, history and art at UC Berkeley and Stanford. Bill also enjoyed books, articles, and lectures on viticulture. Visiting wine growing regions in the United States and abroad was one of Bill's favorite pastimes.

Bill is survived by his wife, daughters Kristen and Madeleine, two son-in laws, two adorable grandsons, his sister, and nephew. A celebration of life will be held in October. Please contact his family for further information. Donations honoring Bill's memory may be sent to Lamorinda Adult Respite Center (LARC) or to the Alzheimer's Association.

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If you would like to share an announcement about a special event or achievement, such as a wedding, engagement, scholarship or graduation of a local resident, or about a special person from Lamorinda who has passed, send a photo along with your text (up to 200 words) to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com, and include "Celebrations or Remembrances" in the subject line.

Station 41 Open House and Pancake Breakfast a very popular event

By Sora O'Doherty



Photos Sora O'Doherty

A warm, sunny morning in Moraga seems to have been a good time for families from all over Lamorinda to get out and visit the Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) open house and pancake breakfast at Station 41 on Moraga Way. There was a large, enthusiastic turnout for the event on Saturday, Oct. 5.

There were plenty of fire fighters, including a truck from CalFire, on hand as the station pulled out all their trucks for the public to admire and children to get up in the driver's seat to imagine themselves real fire fighters. Hats were available in either red or black.

For the more adventurous, volunteers from the Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team were offering lessons in how to use a fire extinguisher. Many of the hands-on students were children, who were guided by an adult volunteer in putting out a real fire with an extinguisher.

Orinda volunteer of

the year, Gene Gottfried, donated \$1,000 to the event so that folks could enjoy their pancakes with real maple syrup. Gottfried was there as part of the Rescue One team.

All of the food for the pancake breakfast is donated, and was prepared by MOFD staff. Visitors could make donations that would go to the Professional Firefighters Association and be passed through to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC).

Like the Town of Moraga, the RMHC is also celebrating its 50th anniversary. RMHC provides housing, home

cooked meals, and support from staff and volunteers for families of children receiving hospital treatment.

As the morning warmed up, firefighters demonstrated how they can use the jaws of life to safely remove a victim from a automobile following a serious crash.

Many other volunteer organizations dedicated to preserving lives and property had informational tables around the fire house, including MOFD Support 245, the American Red Cross, Firewise USA, Rescue One, and the Lamorinda Radio Interest Group.



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Suspicious Vehicle 16
Service to Citizen 42
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Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report



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To Submit or Not To Submit Your Test Scores?

By Elizabeth LaScala, PhD

In the post-pandemic era of college admissions, changes in standardized testing requirements have incited many questions about how to best approach applications. After test-optional cycles for the past few years, many private schools, such as Caltech, Harvard, Stanford, and MIT, have recently reinstated testing requirements. Some schools follow the lead of these Ivy Plus schools, while others do not. So how should you, an undergraduate applicant, decide whether to submit test scores?

If you are deciding to take the test, do it! Test takers have increased by over 10% each year since 2022, and this trend will likely continue with the new digital SAT and recent ACT changes. Most importantly, having a score helps you to decide how to use your test results when you apply to colleges.

What schools are requiring test scores?

The available research says that the decision to submit scores

depends on the school. Currently, only 7% of colleges require SAT/ACT scores, while 25% have temporary test-optional policies, and 59% have indefinite test-optional policies. However, many schools are trending back toward test score requirements, and top-tier universities are the leaders of such trends. Additionally, while colleges may officially have a test-optional stance, many schools have internal preferences or recommendations. For example, Cornell has advised prospective students to submit scores despite their test optional policy. The best you can do is to carefully read a college's guidance and ask questions to clarify as needed. Look for phrases like our suspension was temporary, those with scores are encouraged/welcome to submit them, and test scores are considered in the application. Such language probably suggests that a school wants to see your scores.

Will submitting my scores help or hurt me?

Generally, applicants who submit test scores have a higher likelihood of admission than those who do not submit scores. From 2021-2023, many top-tier schools have exhibited over two-fold higher admit rates for score submitters. For example, Boston College had an admit rate of 26% for applicants with scores, in contrast to 10% for those without scores in 2022. However, this correlation does not equal causation. An important consequence of test-optional policies is that schools mostly receive scores from their strongest applicants. Students are more likely to submit scores if they have high scores, and high scores tend to correlate with high grades and stronger applications. So, we can't say that submitting scores

alone confers an advantage for admissions. We can say that competitive scores given a college's applicant pool are likely to confer an advantage. Note also that the apparent admissions advantage is not entirely clear because many colleges do not release information about internal admissions policies.

What if I think my score is too low?

Because the test-optional policies and applicant outcomes within cycles are so new, little is known for sure. Optional submissions mean that average reported scores have rapidly increased. Do not take these recent numbers at face value. Applicants may fear their scores are too low and withhold submission, while those with stronger scores are more likely to submit. This process drastically skews the numbers. Also, keep in mind that when students withhold low scores, admissions committees may assume they are concealing much lower scores than in fact is the case. Test scores slightly below average will still show that a student is qualified, especially if the average scores for that school have been inflated by optional score submitters. Due to these factors, the best practice is generally to send in test scores. Even if you think your score is lower than desirable, it might be high for your school district or geographical area. In addition, your transparency may prevent committees from assuming worse scores. **Does it depend on the school?**

The available information suggests that score submission tends to confer an advantage for applicants at top-rank schools, particularly for students with high scores. Submitting scores can help you distinguish yourself in a

large applicant pool. Yet, no generalization can be made about how schools value test scores, so decisions must ultimately be made on a case-by-case basis. For schools with single digit admit rates, you must find a way to stand out. High scores will likely blend in with the highly qualified pool, while no submission will blend in with all the other non-submitters. In these cases, the admit rates suggest that it is better to submit scores. For moderately selective schools, strong test scores can help, but in my view will not make or break the application. In such cases, aim to submit scores that can strengthen an application. For schools that accept most applicants, admissions committees just want to see that you have the capacity to succeed, whether that is through test scores, GPA or other criteria. Test scores are the least important in this final category of colleges. No matter what you decide,

make sure to always do your own research and seek the guidance of

your college counselor or advisor to make the best decision for you.



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October Sweet Thursday Author Series presents history author Lindsay Bowles Chervinsky

Submitted by Laurie Miles



Author Lindsay Bowles Chervinsky

Author Lindsay Bowles Chervinsky in her book, "Making the Presidency," explores the second US presidency, a period critical to the survival of the American republic. John Adams was confronted with intense partisan divides, debates over citizenship, fears of political violence, potential for foreign conflict with France and Britain, and a nation unsure that the presidency could even work without Washington at the helm.

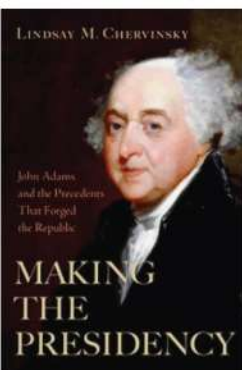
The book is an authoritative account of the second president of the United States that shows how Adam's leadership and legacy defined the office for those who followed and ensured the survival of the American republic.

Through meticulous research and engaging prose, Lindsay Chervinsky illustrates the unique challenges faced by Adams and shows how he shaped the office for his successors. One of the most qualified presidents in American history, he had been a legislator, political theorist, diplomat, minister, and vice president – but he had never held the executive position. He defended the presidency from his own often obstructionist cabinet, protected the nation from foreign attacks, and forged trust and dedication to election integrity and the peaceful transfer of power between parties, even though it cost him his political future. This discussion is a must for anyone interested in the evolution of the presidency and the creation of political norms and customs at the heart of the American republic.

Lindsay Bowles Chervinsky is the daughter of Rick and Kathy Bowles of Lafayette. She attended Happy Valley Elementary, Stanley Middle School, and Campolindo High School. She earned

her undergraduate degree from George Washington University and got her PhD from UC Davis. She is a presidential historian and Executive Director of the George Washington Library. This is her second book.

Join the Sweet Thursday Author Series on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. in the DTCH at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center to hear the discussion with the author, Lindsay Bowles Chervinsky. Register to attend in person at www.tinyurl.com/sweet-Oct2024. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and sweets. This program is presented by The Friends of the Lafayette Library.



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Letters to the editor

Mario DiPrisco for Lafayette's City Council

We first met Mario DiPrisco and his wife Jen at Lafayette Nursery School in 2009. We got a front-row seat as to what type of father, husband, and teammate he was, as LNS is a cooperative preschool that requires parents to do chores, participate, and essentially help sustain the school. Mario was and remains high-energy and smart. We're confident he'll strengthen the partnership between our city and schools.

Since then, we've seen Mario's commitment to understanding the key issues affecting our community, such as wildfire safety, residents losing their insurance coverage, and responsible development planning. His proposals are bold. Mario's thoughtful approach to finances is exactly what we need on the City Council, and we're confident he will manage the city's resources with the same care and diligence.

Mario is open and approachable. We saw him at a recent House Party event, and if you're undecided, attending one is a perfect chance to meet him in person.

This election is a great opportunity to bring fresh energy and ideas to our City Council. We encourage you to vote for Mario. Brian & Tifanie Mikalis Lafayette

Re-Elect Mayor Gina Dawson and incumbents for Lafayette City Council

Experience matters, especially on the City Council. Decisions on complex housing regulations and the fiscal budgets, for example, require a knowledge and history that best comes from years of council and commission service. Luckily with this election we have four standout candidates: Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, John McCormick, and Jim Cervantes.

My wife and current Mayor, Gina Dawson, brings 16 years of community service and four years serving on City Council. Her tenacity to stand up for her community stems from empathy towards those she meets and an unwavering desire to listen to all viewpoints. It was my privilege to work with her after we formed the non-profit Save Lafayette Trees. She boldly confronted PG&E executives at a shareholder meeting to ask for investments in safety, and she presented new solutions to federal pipeline regulators, all with her trademark smile. Together we've saved hundreds of protected

oak trees while improving gas pipeline safety in our neighborhoods. I couldn't be prouder of her work then and now.

Gina is joined in this election by two incumbent candidates, former Mayor Carl Anduri and Councilmember John McCormick. Both have shown that they are whip-smart, thoughtful, and unwavering in their commitment to Lafayette. They're also two of the nicest guys you'll meet. For the two-year position I'm supporting Jim Cervantes, a well-respected former chair of CPAC who knows Lafayette well and can work effectively with a wide group of people. His 34 year work history in public finance will be an asset for future Council deliberations.

Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, John McCormick, and Jim Cervantes have shown they share our community values and are proven leaders in Lafayette. They clearly represent the best and strongest choice for leading Lafayette forward – please vote for them this election.

Michael Dawson
Co-Founder, Save Lafayette Trees Lafayette

AUHSD Board candidate Stacey Schweppe

Strong and thriving schools are essential in shaping our children's lives. We need Board members that will advocate on behalf of students, parents, and teachers to build on the exceptional educational standards that characterize AUHSD and to lead the district as it faces budget and other challenges. That's why I am supporting Stacey Schweppe for the AUHSD School Board. As a parent and school volunteer, I worked closely with Stacey for many years. I attest to her extensive experience, dedication, and steadfastness throughout her leadership in multiple positions at the school, district, and committee level. Please join me in voting for Stacey Schweppe for AUHSD Board.

Thank you,
Elissa Lawson
Walnut Creek

City Council and Measure H

My wife and I moved to Lafayette in 1989 because of excellent public schools, beautiful open space and nature, and fiscally responsible city government openly engaging volunteers to serve on boards and commissions that help shape policy for the City. Everytime I travel away from Lafayette, I always feel glad we live here when I get home.

I am endorsing Carl Anduri, John McCormick and Gena Dawson for reelection to the City Council and Jim Cervantes for the open two-year term. I also urge Lafayette residents to vote for Measure H so the City can maintain current levels of basic road and street maintenance, police and public safety, programs for our senior residents, and other existing programs that contribute to the high quality of life we enjoy in Lafayette. Inflation has hit our City general fund as much as the rest of us. The cuts that would be necessary if Measure H fails will detract from the quality of life we now enjoy. Assuming Measure H passes, our city sales tax will still be among the lowest in Contra Costa County. A large portion will be paid by non-residents who spend in our thriving local businesses and restaurants.

While there are always some City Council decisions some people do not agree with, I believe council members Anduri, Dawson and McCormick have consistently worked to serve the best interests of all citizens of Lafayette in a fiscally responsible manner. Having observed candidate Cervantes in action on the General Plan Advisory Board (especially his leadership regarding the complex and potentially divisive Housing Element) I believe he has the best experience, knowledge and temperament to add value to the City Council.

Lafayette has to navigate through significant challenges ahead – inflation, housing, traffic, fire safety, growth management. We need seasoned, community focused and collaborative leadership on the Council and we need the additional General Fund revenue Measure H will provide. Please join me in voting for Anduri, Dawson, McCormick and Cervantes, and Measure H for the love of Lafayette. Jamie Harris
Former Member, Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission

In support of Climate Action Carl

I support re-electing Councilmember Carl Anduri to the Lafayette City Council this November. Having worked with Carl on the Lafayette Environmental Task Force, I'm impressed by his dedication to our community, his thoughtful consideration of differing opinions, and his persistence in promoting climate action both on the individual and on the municipal level.

Thanks to his leadership, Lafayette passed an EV charging ordinance in 2022, ensuring that new multi-family housing

includes the necessary infrastructure for easy EV charging. As gas prices rise and more residents transition to electric vehicles, this proactive measure is essential for our community.

Carl also played a key role in the 2023 Leaf Blower ordinance, helping the city move away from gas-powered leaf blowers. This transition has made Lafayette quieter and has encouraged both commercial gardeners and homeowners to adopt electric alternatives. Carl is a resourceful and diligent public servant committed to our community's future. I urge voters to re-elect him to the Lafayette City Council.

Nancy Hu, DDS
Lafayette resident, Former Chair and Current member of Lafayette Environmental Task Force

Vote for Lynda Deschambault

There is no escaping global warming with its inherent problems, and the East Bay Regional Park District is no exception. Drought, toxic water bodies, dead trees, and the ever-constant threat of wildfires are just some of the issues that the park directors will be grappling with now and into the future. Expertise will be greatly needed, and Lynda Deschambault will be a 'dream come true' for the park district, as she has 37 years of experience as an environmental scientist, 19 of which were working at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Lynda Deschambault is running for Ward 2 in the EBRPD, and she has already been serving on the Parks Advisory Committee, having been appointed to it by retiring director Dee Rosario.

I've known Lynda for over 20 years and personally witnessed her involvement in her community and in the education of our youth for the next generation. She always works tirelessly for the environment and inspires those around her to do likewise. We desperately need more people like Lynda to be in these positions, where both scientific knowledge and expertise, as well as a passionate concern for the environment, are interwoven. There is no one else who can match the qualifications needed for this job other than Lynda Deschambault. A vote for her will mean a vote for protecting our wonderful 75 parks, with its 120,000 acres of land.

Kay James
Moraga

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RE-ELECT Carl Anduri Lafayette City Council

Please Join Your Friends and Neighbors Who Support Carl!*

"Carl and I served together on our City Council. He cares deeply about our community and its future. I know Lafayette will continue to be in good hands with Carl's proven leadership."

- Mike Anderson, Former Mayor and Lafayette Citizen of the Year

"We need Carl's proven experience, judgment and vision on the Council. He has been a great Council member for our entire community."

- Anne Grodin, Former Mayor and Lafayette Citizen of the Year

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► **Reduce wildfire risk**

► **Implement Vision Zero and make our streets even safer**

► **Strengthen our sense of inclusivity and community**

► **Make Lafayette more green and sustainable**

► **Adopt and implement our Age-Friendly Action Plan**

► **Pass Measure H — continue Lafayette's tradition of sound financial management**

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- Teresa Gerringer, Former Mayor, Lafayette

- Lafayette City Council: Councilmember, 2002-2012, 2020-present; Mayor, 2005, 2011 and 2023
- Lafayette Planning Commission: Commissioner, 1997-2002; Chair, 2001, 2002
- Served on numerous Lafayette task forces and committees, including the Hillside Task Force, Open Space Task Force, Environmental Task Force (Co-Chair), Senior Housing Task Force (Co-Chair), Park Theater Task Force and Roads Task Force (Co-Chair)

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Letters to the editor ... continued

Paul Chopra - The Best Choice for AUHSD Governing Board

Dear Editor,
I am writing to express my strong support for Paul Chopra in the upcoming election for the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) Governing Board. In a community that prioritizes quality education, Paul stands out as a candidate who combines extensive financial expertise with a sincere dedication to the academic success and well-being of our students.

With 25 years of experience as a CPA and a strong track record as Treasurer and Board Member for Lafayette Partners in Education, Paul has made impactful contributions to our schools. His recent work on the District Budget Advisory Committee for the Lafayette School District, helped to identify over \$2 million in savings and revenue opportunities. This kind of prudent financial oversight and strategic resource allocation is vital for enhancing our educational programs.

With Paul's financial skills, we can be assured that our schools will benefit from effective budgeting and strategic investments in innovative curriculum, technology, and teacher development.

I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to support Paul Chopra for the AUHSD School Board. Together, we can improve our educational system and create a brighter future for all students.
Sincerely,
Tom Mulvaney
Lafayette

Re election of Gina Dawson

We are residents of Lafayette since 1969, and feel inspired to endorse Gina Dawson for re election to our City Council.

She has served Lafayette and all of us for several year on every issue that is important to us: as co founder of Save Lafayette Trees, passing the gun storage ordinance , chair of RecycleSmart board, helping to adopt the new Hosing Element , and has turned out in support of environmental i, and safety issues long before she started serving on the Council 4 years ago.

My husband and I have lived here a long time, and seen many positive changes for our city. Gina Dawson has been a large part of these improvements. And her energy and tireless work for our City is to be commended with a vote for her to remain on our City Council.
Thank you.
Lynn MacMichael and Howard Weamer
Lafayette

Re-elect Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick

I write to express my support for Lafayette City Council Candidates Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick.

According to the City of Lafayette website, the town's DEIB committee "envisions a society where all systems (e.g. education, health care, housing, criminal justice, the economy) are just, fair and inclusive, enabling all people to participate and reach their full potential."

For our town to continue to strive towards this vision, we must elect city council members who will support, rather than deter, these goals. In reviewing school board and city council meetings, there is evidence that not all candidates share this vision.

One of the things I love about my kids' school is its commitment to creating a culture of belonging. The LAFSD Lafayette Celebrates program highlights different cultures and celebrations throughout the year to help our children develop empathy, understanding, and cultural literacy.

I want to live in a town that continues to work towards creating a more equitable and inclusive space. I am voting to re-elect candidates Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick because I am confident that they will continue to work toward creating an environment where all residents feel valued.

Sincerely,
Sarah Vickers-Webb
Lafayette

Re-Elect Gina Dawson to Lafayette City Council

I urge Lafayette residents to re-elect the current mayor of Lafayette, Gina Dawson, to the City Council. I met Mayor Dawson several years ago when she spearheaded the campaign to save heritage oak trees from PG&E chainsaws along gas pipelines buried under Lafayette trails and streets. She and her team alerted residents about PG&E's gas line safety violations and pressured the company to fix its poorly maintained equipment. To this day, hundreds of heritage oaks remain standing in our city due to her persistent work and that of her team.

While mayor of Lafayette, the state approved the City's General Plan Housing Element, a challenging accomplishment for our city. Additionally, the General Plan Safety Element was approved, which in-

cludes utility safety, a key concern of Mayor Dawson.

She has taken action to protect the environment, to advance inclusivity, and to make Lafayette a safer place to live. Please check the ballot box next to Gina Dawson's name and re-elect her to Lafayette's City Council.

MaryJo Cass
Lafayette

Gina Dawson for Lafayette City Council

I urge voters to vote for Gina Dawson for Lafayette City Council. Gina's experience, thoughtfulness, intelligence, integrity, fiscal responsibility and deep concern for our community and environment have helped shape her into an excellent city council member and now mayor.

Our community will continue to benefit from Gina's experience and understanding of our City, from the budget, housing element to wildfire risks, traffic and safety issues and downtown business needs. She has my vote.
Janet Thomas
Lafayette

Support of Lauren McCabe Herpich

We enter a fascinating election cycle that similar to most recent ones, shows the very best and worst in us. A beautiful system created by forward thinking geniuses, that today faces new challenges with technology allowing for the instantaneous distribution of rumors, social media attacks, lies, and the truths that are all to be weighed in who we vote for.

As the husband of Lauren McCabe Herpich, I write this to support her, and ask you do the same, in her candidacy for City Council of the beautiful city of Lafayette.

I understand right off the bat that my writing this could be perceived as a bias lens. It of course is. However, I get to see the side of Lauren that no one else does, and I will tell you that NO ONE will work harder for the citizens of Lafayette than she will.

Being the only candidate that lives near downtown Lafayette, where the impact of decisions to be made will be most felt, I guarantee you that Lauren is coming from a place of wanting the best for Lafayette today and it's future!
Chris Herpich
Lafayette

Cervantes, Dawson, McCormick and Anduri for Lafayette City Council

There are four strong candidates for the four Lafayette City Council positions on the ballot.

For the two-year partial term, Jim Cervantes has the background and experience that will make him an extremely valuable member. During his 34-year career in public finance, Jim worked on nearly 500 municipal financings, developing a thorough understanding of municipal budgets. After retiring in 2020, he served on the County's Measure X Community Advisory Board, as well as the Board of Directors of the California Housing Finance Agency. In Lafayette he volunteered for the General Plan Advisory Committee, gaining a thorough understanding of the planning elements of the city.

For the three four-year terms, the three incumbents – Gina Dawson, John McCormick and Carl Anduri – stand out. While each of them is an independent voice on the Council, there is one trait they share. Each has done the hard work of providing significant service to our community for years, both on and off the Council. And they have done that work extremely well.

I recommend Jim Cervantes, Gina Dawson, John McCormick and Carl Anduri.
Mike Anderson
Former Lafayette Mayor, and 2023 Lafayette Citizen of the Year

Yes on Prop 5 – Keep our Kids in California

As a parent, I want my children to be able to live in the Bay Area. Unfortunately, housing costs have skyrocketed, and most of the kids who grew up here are priced out. Also, many people who work in Lamorinda cannot afford to live here, meaning long commutes and the accompanying pollution.

I'm supporting Proposition 5 because it empowers Lamorinda and the Bay Area to build the types of housing that young adults, workers, and seniors need.

Prop 5 has strict accountability measures, including independent audits and oversight committees.

Vote for Prop 5 to give our children the opportunity to thrive right here in California.
Ashley Coates
Moraga

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Mario DiPrisco
Financial Analyst/Father
Candidate for Lafayette City Council



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Letters to the editor ... continued

Re-elect Carl Anduri to Lafayette City Council

I'm supporting Carl Anduri for re-election to the Lafayette City Council because one of the issues I feel strongly about is gun safety -- and so does he. When our group (Moms Demand Action) urged the Council to enact a safe firearms storage ordinance, Carl responded and worked with us from start to finish. Lafayette's safe firearms storage ordinance was unanimously adopted by the Council in late 2022 and went into effect in January 2023. Carl's re-election campaign has been awarded the 2024 Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate distinction.

I have also been a member of the City of Lafayette Public Arts Committee. Carl has been our Council liaison; he shares a thoughtful, inclusive voice to bringing public art to our community.

Please join me in voting for Carl to keep Lafayette a safe and beautiful community.

Carol Reif
Lafayette

Lafayette City Council Endorsements

Dear Editor,
The citizens of Lafayette are fortunate to have three experienced incumbents who have expressed their willingness to run for another term on the City Council. Carl Anduri, Gina Dawson and John McCormick are well qualified to lead Lafayette for the next four years. I have had the pleasure of working with all three and appreciate the passion and dedication they provide to our City.

I spend much of my time looking back at the history of Lafayette and how the settlement and later the city were established. Over the years Lafayette has had men and women who have given their time and talent to make this community a great place to live. Lafayette has just celebrated 175 years since its founding and over those years it has been the people who provided the leadership which led us to where we are today. Carl, Gina and John are the most recent examples of positive leadership and fiscal responsibility and I urge support of their reelection.

Let us celebrate the past while we look forward to the future.
Please vote for experience on Nov. 5.
Mary McCosker
Lafayette

Elect Stacey Scheppe to AUHSD Governing Board

I was thrilled to learn that Stacey Scheppe is a candidate for Acalanes Union High School District governing board. Please join me in voting for Stacey.

I worked alongside Stacey for 8+ years as a PTA volunteer. I know her to be thoughtful, practical, and deeply engaged in the work of meeting the needs of our community's kids.

Stacey is the most well-qualified candidate. She has been working on

behalf of the students at every level (K-12) of our local public schools for over 20 years. She has demonstrated her commitment to our students through active involvement as a parent leader and participation in multiple district sponsored committees, including the AUHSD parcel tax oversight committee. As the parent of two AUHSD graduates (Campolindo and Las Lomas), Stacey has a valuable perspective on what the district already does well for its students and what it can do better.

I trust Stacey to be fiscally responsible and promote positive change for all students. I urge you to join me in voting for Stacey Scheppe for AUHSD governing board.
Aimee Moss

Carl Anduri for City Council

I am proud to offer my enthusiastic support for Carl Anduri's re-election to the Lafayette City Council. With over 14 years of service, including three terms as Mayor, Carl's wealth of experience and steady leadership are exactly what our city needs as we continue to face increasingly complex challenges like wildfire risk, rising costs, and important updates to our General Plan.

Trust is an essential quality in any elected official, and Carl has earned ours time and time again. His leadership is marked by professionalism, thorough preparation, and an unwavering commitment to collaboration—whether he's advocating for senior services, improving our city's infrastructure, or partnering with local schools. His dedication to the people of Lafayette is evident in everything he does.

Carl's open-minded approach, and his deep understanding of Lafayette's values, make him an indispensable asset to our city. Carl absolutely has my vote and I hope he can count on yours, too.

Katy Foreman
Lafayette

Carl Anduri for Lafayette City Council

Please join us in supporting incumbent Carl Anduri for Lafayette's City Council on Nov. 5. Carl is an extremely dedicated and very experienced council member, having served Lafayette from 2002-2012 and from 2020 to the present. Within the context of today's enormous pressures from insurance cancellations and Sacramento's housing mandates and its challenges to our small-town ethos, to re-igniting Lafayette's post-pandemic economic stability and growth, Carl's history of long and productive service to the community is critical to its future, and to the preservation of the qualities of life here that we all hold so dear.

We have witnessed firsthand Carl's constructive engagement with Lafayette's diverse neighborhoods, his thoughtful, well-researched responses and innovative solutions to complex issues before Council. He is open-minded, has a keen, questioning man-

ner, and an independent but compassionate demeanor that colleagues and constituents alike admire and value. He is a consensus builder with a focus on the best long-term interests of our entire community. His vision for Lafayette manages and balances growth in a way that includes more downtown parks and greater protection for our hillsides and open spaces, and keeps a practical eye toward providing the services and infrastructure Lafayette residents need. We need Carl Anduri like never before. Please help re-elect him to council so he can continue to serve us all.
Respectfully submitted,
Glenn and Tracey Farrell
Lafayette

Please vote for incumbents Carl Anduri, Gina Dawson and John McCormick for Lafayette City Council.

We live in the most amazing city in the bay area and these three leaders have worked hard to make our town a special place. I served Lafayette as Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Member; and currently as a Crime Prevention Commissioner. I know the type of stable leadership it takes to sustain the hometown experience we have all grown to love. Carl, Gina and John are who we need. In particular, their focus on public and fire safety, and police services, has enabled our community to remain peaceful and secure. They take a rational and measured approach on growth & development, listening to all sides. They support local business and a vibrant downtown. And, importantly, they advocate for our senior community. As we look to the future, Carl, Gina and John will 100% deliver for us. Thank you.

Cam Burks
Former Mayor of Lafayette
Lafayette

Jim Cervantes for City Council

As Lafayette residents cast their vote for City Council, I strongly recommend Jim Cervantes for the Council's two-year term position. As a municipal bond broker, I worked with Jim for over 25 years as he was one of our leading Public Finance bankers and a partner at our firm. During that time, Jim presented hundreds of municipal bond financings to our sales team, bringing a solid understanding of a wide variety of bond issues. He was universally respected for his deep understanding of California city finance, but beyond this, he was as widely respected for his integrity. In a competitive business environment, Jim always worked to advance the well-being of the entire firm and dealt fairly with individuals at all levels of the company.

Through my work coaching foot-

ball at Acalanes High School, I know something about how groups succeed. On our team at work, Jim was one of our go-to players, effective on the field but also willing to set a block to let someone else shine. He will be a great addition to Team Lafayette.
Sincerely,
Greg Young
Lafayette

YES on Measure H

As a two-time mayor during 8 years on the City Council in the 1990's, I supported the best possible services for Lafayette. A part of that was working with others to build our new Library and Learning Center, the Veterans Memorial Hall, undergrounding downtown utilities, as well as passing a measure to repair our roads and drains. That was a long time ago. I am now supporting Measure H because I don't want to see our past investments in our city get run down. Voting "YES" on Measure H is the best way to keep city services in place.

By increasing the local sales tax rate half a percent, Measure H allows the city to continue fixing our streets, maintaining police services, preserving our parks and public spaces, and sustaining our wildfire preparedness efforts. In my service to the city, I have witnessed firsthand how the people of Lafayette care for one another. Supporting Measure H helps us continue the level of care that makes us "Love Lafayette". Measure H will help us keep our neighborhoods safe, protect our students going to and from school, keep our pedestrians and bikers safe on our streets, and look out for our senior citizens.

We can be assured that the funds will be well spent; for the ninth year in a row the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. The award is for consistent commitment to excellence and transparency in financial reporting.

These tax funds will stay local and cannot be stolen by the state. This would not be a permanent increase; it requires a fresh look by voters after 7 years in order to be renewed. The City of Lafayette currently has sales tax lower than Concord, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek.

For a fraction of a cent on a dollar spent, the sales tax is the sensible way to a successful future. Vote "YES" on Measure H.
Love Lafayette,
Anne Grodin
Lafayette

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- 15 Year Local Business Owner (Lamorinda Music)
- Lafayette City Council Member
- Lafayette Planning Commissioner
- 20 Year LPIE Volunteer (Supporting our schools)
- Lafayette Chamber Board (President for two years)
- Park Theater Trust Board Member
- Lafayette Businessperson of the Year
- Lafayette Land Acknowledgment Task Force Chair
- Author, "Chinese in Napa Valley" History Book (2023)
- Napa County Historical Society Board Member

"John's track record as a local business leader speaks volumes about his ability to get things done. I wholeheartedly support John's candidacy—he will continue to make Lafayette an even better place to live."

- Teresa Gerringer,
Former Mayor

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Discover why John is the right choice for our community. Explore his positions on key issues and see the impressive list of local leaders who stand behind him at McCormickforLafayette.com.

Values I Bring to the City Council

- **Collaborative & Inclusive:** Engaging all voices to make thoughtful decisions.
- **Community Focused:** Prioritizing what's best for our families, neighborhoods, businesses, and open spaces.
- **Service Oriented:** Serving residents with respect and compassion.
- **Integrity:** Honesty and transparency in every action.
- **Financially Responsible:** Ensuring taxpayer dollars are used wisely and effectively, support Measure H.
- **Green & Sustainable:** Championing policies that protect our environment.
- **Dedicated & Hardworking:** Committed to putting in the work to do the job right.



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Letters to the editor ... continued

Measure H

The City of Lafayette receives one of the lowest percentages of property tax money within our county. Our city staff and council have proven themselves to be fiscally responsible. Now Lafayette is faced with rising costs to simply maintain basic programs and services. Please join me in voting yes on Measure H, a 1/2 cent sales tax increase, thus helping maintain the services we need in Lafayette.
Ramsay Thomas
Lafayette

Re-Elect Gina Dawson for Lafayette Council

Do you want to have a leader who will speak truth to power? If yes, be sure to re-elect Gina Dawson to Lafayette Council. Gina is a proven leader.

I first met our current Lafayette Mayor, Gina Dawson, when hundreds of heritage oak trees were being threatened by chain saws under the guise of a PG&E public safety campaign. In response, Gina co-founded Save Lafayette Trees. Together, with many concerned citizens, she advocated for accountability, questioning the science behind the tenuous claims – that heritage oak trees were threatening the integrity of natural gas lines in Lafayette. Under Dawson leadership, Save Lafayette Trees succeeded in protecting hundreds of heritage oaks!

Moreover, Gina has updated the Safety Element of the General Plan, emphasizing the importance of collaboration with PG&E and other utility partners to reduce risks to our community - including more resilient infrastructure. These accomplishments exemplify Gina's willingness to protect our natural environment and the safety of our community. They also demonstrate her independent thinking and collaborative capabilities. Beyond public safety and environmental

stewardship, Gina prioritizes increased housing opportunities, fiscal sustainability, and a vibrant downtown. Let's re-elect Gina so she can continue this important work.
Deborah Cox Callister
Lafayette

Concerned About Anti-LGBTQ Candidate for Lafayette City Council

As someone dedicated to advocating on behalf of LGBTQ individuals and families throughout Lamorinda for several years, I am deeply concerned about one of the candidates for Lafayette City Council. This candidate is on record making public statements against LGBTQ people. Her campaign has received funding from those who have made similar public statements, including several people who confronted children and families with anti-LGBTQ signage and taunts at Lafayette Elementary School for ten painful weeks last Spring. This group stood in front of the elementary school with huge "Groomers!" signs and screamed that word at children as they were being dropped off and picked up from school. The concerning Lafayette City Council candidate aligns herself with the leader of the LES harassment campaign and refuses to acknowledge the harm this group continues to cause to some of Lafayette's most vulnerable community members, and to the community as a whole.

I am glad to support Lafayette City Council candidates Gina Dawson, Carl Anduri, and John McCormick. I appreciate their steady leadership, their ability to clearly express their respect for diverse community members, and their commitment to making Lafayette and Lamorinda a safe and welcoming place for all.
Bree Sanchez
Moraga

Cara Hoxie for Orinda City Council

I'm writing to highly recommend Cara Hoxie for Orinda City Council. I worked closely with

Cara for three years on the executive board of the Educational Foundation of Orinda (EFO) when she was co-president and I was the V.P. of Fundraising for Miramonte High School. Cara is a capable, thoughtful and fair leader. Her experience at EFO and eight years on the Orinda Union School District board has shown her dedication to our community and fortitude in handling many complicated and difficult issues. Cara's legal background and ability to dig into issues will serve her well in seeking information and understanding the myriad of topics City Council faces.

Cara grew up in Orinda, returned with her family to raise three children and has continued to contribute and care about our citizens. Add to this that she is articulate, bright and has a lot of common sense – all of these qualities make her a person we'd be lucky to have on City Council.
Wendy Bond
Orinda

John McCormick - Lafayette City Council

I am proud to endorse John McCormick, running in this year's Lafayette City Council election. As the former Executive Director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce I have a unique perspective on John's qualifications. John was elected as our President in 2020. John had big plans for how he would lead our organization. And in a flash, COVID -19 changed everything. Businesses closed and commerce stopped. When other chambers shut down, we stepped our commitment up. John's leadership skills took over and we were able to do our best work ever. Interacting with city and county agencies for guidance, John never let our members or our community feel like they were alone.

John held himself to the highest standards and molded his stewardship for us all during that difficult time. He possess a rare blend of

NICE GUY who LISTENS to everyone, does his due diligence and builds consensus. As Covid continued on, John was the first to serve two consecutive terms as president, to get the job done. Benjamin Franklin once said that "if you want something done, ask a busy person." John McCormick is here and ready to serve Lafayette's residents. Stop by Lamorinda Music and say hello...
Jay Lifson
Former Executive Director, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

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STACEY SCHWEPPE

FOR Acalanes Union High School District Board

- ★ Endorsed by former AUHSD Board members Kathy Coppersmith, Tom Mulvaney & Susan Epstein
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- ★ Endorsed by former Orinda Mayors Amy Worth & Sue Severson



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- Engage legislators regarding inadequate school funding
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- Doctorate in Physical Therapy, Duke University
- Adjunct Professor, Samuel Merritt University
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Yes on H

What is Measure H? How will it help Lafayette?

Q – What is Measure H about?
A – Lafayette is fiscally conservative. It has always had a balanced budget and no debt or pension obligations. However, over the last year it has seen dramatically increased costs for road maintenance, insurance, and state-mandated programs. This points to a sustained deficit starting next year – approx. 10% of the \$20 million General Fund. Measure H will help restore balance to the budget.

Q – What happens if Measure H does not pass?
A – The City Council will be forced to cut over \$2 million annually from the budget, likely reducing police services, road maintenance, and senior services.

Q – How will Measure H help?
A – Through a small, half-percent sales tax increase, Measure H will help maintain police staffing levels, keep our roads in good shape, preserve senior services, and sustain our high quality of life.

Q – How much more will I pay for goods?
A – A \$10 purchase will cost an additional 5 cents.


Q – Does the sales tax apply to everything I buy in Lafayette?
A – No, groceries, prescription medicines and other non-taxable items will not be affected.

Q – How will our tax rate compare to that of neighboring cities?
A – Our sales tax will remain lower than Moraga, Orinda, and Concord, and will match Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill.

Q – Is Measure H permanent? How is accountability ensured?
A – Measure H will last 7 years, unless extended by voters. An oversight committee of Lafayette residents will monitor use of revenues and ensure transparency.

Q – Will all the revenue stay in Lafayette?
A – Yes, 100% of the revenue stays in Lafayette under local control.

More information is available on our website: Yes4Lafayette.org

Learn More at an Upcoming Info Session: Thursday Oct 10, 6:30 PM on Zoom Scan to Register  Thursday Oct 17, 7:00 PM Living Hope Fellowship Church 3201 Stanley Blvd.

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Letters to the editor ... continued

Support for Lauren McCabe Herpich

I am writing to express my support for Lauren McCabe Herpich in the upcoming Lafayette City Council election. Lauren has been our neighbor on Moraga Boulevard for the last decade. One of the standout qualities of Lauren is her commitment to our neighborhood. She takes the time to help enhance our sense of community by hosting neighbor events and keep us informed of what is happening with the city, especially on housing.

Lauren understands that growth should not be a one-size-fits-all approach and that it is essential to tailor our development strategies to fit the needs and desires of Lafayette residents. By fostering open dialogues and including diverse voices in the decision-making process (Lauren is the ONLY candidate who lives near Downtown), Lauren will work to ensure that any changes we make reflect the values and aspirations of Lafayette residents.

I wholeheartedly believe that Lauren will champion the kind of growth that respects our history while preparing us for the future. I urge my fellow residents to support Lauren in the upcoming election.
Barner Lang
Lafayette

Vote YES on Measure H

I encourage Lafayette residents to vote YES on Measure H. Over the years, our city has shown itself to be fiscally conservative and always thoughtful in its governance. We are currently faced with challenges due to inflation, rising costs of road repair and insurance and state mandated expenses. By adding 1/2 cents to our sales tax, which will bring us up to the sales tax rate of our neighboring communities, we can

maintain the roads, safety and wildfire prevention services and programs that make this such a wonderful place to live.

The League of Voters supports the measure, as does our Chamber of Commerce.
Sincerely,
Barbara Hollenbach
Lafayette

Former Lafayette Mayors and Councilmembers Support Measure H

In our experience as former Mayors and City Council members over the past three decades, we have always prioritized maintaining the best possible city services for our residents with careful attention to our fiduciary responsibility to our community. We want our city to remain safe and strong. Our city's obligation to its residents to provide critical services and support is best met by voting "YES" on Measure H.

By increasing the local sales tax rate only half a percent, Measure H allows the city to continue fixing our streets, mitigating traffic, maintaining police services, preserving our parks and public spaces, and sustaining our wildfire preparedness efforts. Supporting Measure H helps us continue the level of care that makes us "Love Lafayette". Measure H will help us keep our neighborhoods safe, protect our students going to and from school, keep our pedestrians and bikers safe on our streets, and support our senior citizens.

It's vital that our city responds to its current circumstances, and our current council has done that by carefully researching its options to protect integral City services and determining that this incremental revenue is needed in the face of other economic headwinds facing the city. The alternatives for the City's budget would re-

duce the quality of life for our residents. For a fraction of a cent on a dollar spent, the sales tax is the sensible way to a successful future. We respectfully ask for your "YES" vote on Measure H.
Mike Anderson, Former Mayor

Brandt Andersson, Former Mayor
Cam Burks, Former Mayor
Carol Federighi, Former Mayor
Teresa Gerringer, Former Mayor
Erling Horn, Former Mayor
Don Tatzin, Former Mayor
Steven Bliss, Former Council Member

"Excited" about voting drives Miramonte High School's student registration effort

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Kruger noted the division's Voter Services Manager reported a higher than normal number of pre-registrations in September. In September, election staff pre-registered 485 students overall, including about 20-30 students at Miramonte.

"I am very happy - 100 percent," said Harold, one of the Senior Mators who were carefully filling out the one-page form with their driver's licenses in hand, about voting.

So giddy about knowing he was so close to actually getting the chance to vote, the senior repeatedly asked if he was marking a proper bubble on the form.

"I would be really sad," Harold said of not being able to vote because he filled the form out incorrectly.

His anticipation for the big day mirrored that of his other classmates who already have turned 18. "Excited," in a word, was repeatedly expressed to describe how they were feeling about the opportunity awaiting

them.

Senior Katrina White, 18, noted how the election is being talked about in her various classes.

And, when she goes to the poll on the first Tuesday in November to make choices in the races and issues appearing on the ballot, White also said the importance of voting is another reminder of their growing "independence."

Along with pre-registering students and helping check those who may have already completed the process, the pop up office also promoted volunteer opportunities for students who are at least 16 years old to serve as poll workers. Along with having a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, students must obtain permission from a parent or guardian and from the principal or vice principal of their school, as well as complete the required training. Students can apply online by visiting www.contracostavote.gov/elections/poll-worker-center/student-poll-worker

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Upcoming voter deadlines

October 21, 2024

Registration Deadline

October 29, 2024 Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballot

November 5, 2024 Election Day

www.contracostavote.gov/election



Dear Neighbors,

I am excited to run for the two-year seat on the Lafayette City Council. I believe my professional skills and my civic and volunteer experience will help the City we love face the challenges ahead.

After earning my BA from Harvard and MBA from Stanford, I began a **34-year career in Public Finance.**

I worked with scores of California cities and agencies on nearly 500 municipal bond financings. I understand how city finances work and how good government functions. I believe I can apply these skills to ensure our City's long-term fiscal health and support sound public policy.

When I retired in 2020, I sought out ways to serve our community. As **Vice-Chair and Chair of Lafayette's General Plan Advisory Committee**, I made community outreach a priority as we worked through updates to our housing and safety plans. I listened to many perspectives and worked to make sure all voices were heard. Out of concern about wildfire safety in our neighborhood, I organized the Springhill Valley West Firewise community. I am also active with Lafayette Rotary and St. Perpetua Church.

In addition to my local volunteer work, I served on a **County advisory board** recommending funding of County services. More recently, I was appointed by the Governor as **Board Chair of the California Housing Finance Agency**, focusing on financing affordable housing solutions across the State.

Lafayette is navigating critical issues. **In addition to financial sustainability and fire safety, we need to improve traffic management, complete the rezoning process, implement the Housing Element, support our schools, and ensure government transparency.** As your City Council representative, I will actively engage with the community, listen to diverse viewpoints, and work collaboratively with fellow Council members and City staff. My commitment to you is to use my best judgement to move Lafayette forward.

— Jim Cervantes

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- Suzy Pak, Lafayette School District Governing Board
- Mayor Darlene Gee, City of Orinda
- Luz Gómez, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Ward 2
- Former Mayor Amy Worth, City of Orinda

"As Mayor, I served as the City Council liaison to the General Plan Advisory Committee during Jim's service as Chair. During the intensive work on the Housing Element, he made sure all parties received a respectful hearing and fostered inclusive decision-making. He will provide thoughtful, steady and open leadership on the City Council." — Teresa Gerringer, Former Mayor

~ Life in LAMORINDA ~

“The Menopause Monologues” at Town Hall breaks culture of silence

By Elaine Borden Chandler



Photos provided

The cast of “The Menopause Monologues” at their all-cast read-through party on Sept. 27.

“The seed was my dying ovaries,” drawled Carrie Vanhouten with ironic relish when asked what the seed for “The Menopause Monologues” was, to the visible amusement of Lisa Anne Morrison and Lulu Braunstein. These three women — Vanhouten, the creator; Morrison, the director; and Braunstein, the producer — are the driving forces

behind the new play at Lafayette’s Town Hall Theatre.

“The Menopause Monologues” is a collaborative play with fifteen different vignettes on menopause, ranging from traditional monologues to poetry to puppetry. It follows the format of “The Vagina Monologues,” the groundbreaking 1996

play by Eve Ensler that opened up discussions about a previously unmentionable subject.

Morrison, Braunstein, and Vanhouten have the same goal with “The Menopause Monologues.” They were inspired by their own and others’ experiences — sleep loss, irritability, hot flashes, brain fog, memory difficulties, struggling with getting medical treatment — all of which were hidden and associated with shame.

“For me, it’s about sharing it and taking away the taboo,” said Braunstein. “Everybody has a story of their own or of a family member, and so many stories really needed to come out.”

Menopause, the time when people with uteruses permanently stop having periods, is

rarely acknowledged publicly beyond jokes about hot flashes. So when Vanhouten entered perimenopause, the years long process leading up to menopause, she was unprepared for it. She was soon frustrated by how stories about menopause, so common and so central to life, were never discussed beyond small groups of friends.

“I wanted to create a place where we could share our stories, get them in the everyday vocabulary of human existence, and break the generational silence,” she said.

Vanhouten contacted Morrison and Braunstein and asked them what they thought about doing a “The Vagina Monologues” style play about menopause; they responded enthusiastically. They started brainstorming together and established that they wanted more than a play — they wanted a movement.

They were soon in full gear: sending out a call for submissions and receiving dozens; hosting a lively workshop where suggestions and laughter bounced back and forth; doing interviews, including three older women whose stories reshaped the play’s structure; and editing, rearranging, and honing the chosen monologues.

At last, they had the final play, something they were proud of and excited to share. They chose to end it with a Q&A on menopause with Dr. Chiruba Prabakar. In the process they had

learned and shared so much, and they wanted the play to kick off discussion and acceptance in the audience — perhaps even empowerment and joy.

“For years and years, I thought this was going to be the time of life where I felt like I’m not going to be worth anything anymore,” said Morrison. “And it has

proven to be totally the opposite. I feel more strength and more license to take care of myself and put myself first than I have in my entire life.”

“The Menopause Monologues” is currently sold out. Contact Lulu Braunstein at lulu-braunstein@me.com to be put on a ticket waitlist.

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Three of the puppets featured in “The Menopause Monologues.”

"Guardians of the Formula" -- a real story of humanity and hope

By Sophie Braccini



Photos provided

The movie presented this October by the International Film Showcase in Orinda tells a real story that happened under the radar of the Cold War. It is a story of courage and selflessness, of how the human spirit can manifest at its best, even in times of turmoil. It is definitely an optimistic story, an ode to humanity.

“Guardians of the Formula” takes place in 1958, in the middle of the Cold War. Yugoslavia, under Tito’s dictatorship, was communist but had strayed from the orbit of the Soviets. It was a leader of the non-aligned movement (the founding countries were Indonesia, India, Yugoslavia, Egypt, and Ghana). So, when a group of Yugoslav scientists get irradiated when working on a secret nuclear project, they are not sent to the

U.S.S.R., but to the Curie Institute in France.

There, under the direction of Professors Mathé and Jammet, a race against time is engaged, until no other hope is left but attempting an untried and completely new treatment.

This real story was kept relatively secret during the Cold War, and is still largely ignored in France and now Serbia-Croatia-Bosnia Herzegovina. Serb movie director Dragan Bjelogrić is revealing both a historical mystery and the tale of a huge medical advancement that has had an impact on millions of people all over the world since.

The movie is mostly in French with English subtitles, and features a mixed cast of French and Serb actors. The film is shot like a thriller, with flashbacks taking place in

both Yugoslavia and France, that unwind the events that have led to this dramatic situation. Meanwhile, the tension increases behind the hospital closed doors where all non-essential personal has been removed. The location - large cathedral like volume, sparking whiteness everywhere - creates a dramatic effect, like a classical tragedy. This formal and sober approach, even in the way the actors play, give a simple and solemn grandeur to the acts of bravery that will manifest in the middle of the tragedy.

It is the extraordinary solidarity that can unite people beyond borders and ideology that is the main strength of this film. In the press documents released in France, the movie Director said that as he neared his 50s, he started losing

his faith in humanity. He then decided to look for good in humans, and to show it in films, whatever the harsh reality we might be living in. “In this film, I explored how a formula of death can become a formula of life,” he said.

The treatment that the scientists received has become a staple of the cure for leukemia. The fact that this extraordinary break-through was barely publicized was probably due to the political context of the time. Bjelogrić repaired this omission with talent, giving us hope through this extraordinary movie that has received acclaims all over the world.

The movie will open at the Orinda Theater on Oct. 18 for at least one week. Times and tickets at Orindamovies.com, more information about the non-profit International Film Showcase at internationalshowcase.org.



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College Coach’s Corner

WITH Sunny Grewal

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Question: My son is interested in getting recruited for swim, and we have no idea how best to navigate. I heard you recently recruited an athletic advisor - what does this process look like for us, and timelines?

Answer: Thank you for reaching out! Navigating the college recruiting process for swimming can be a bit complex, but we’re here to help guide you through it.

With Jennifer Jamison on board as our athletic recruitment advisor, she brings a wealth of experience from her years as a collegiate athlete and coach. She helps families understand what to expect from the recruiting process, timelines, and how to prepare.

Here’s a brief overview of the process and timeline:

1. Assessing Fit

The first step is determining where your son might fit academically and athletically. Division 1 programs often come with more rigorous training schedules, while Division 2 and 3 schools may offer a better balance between academics and athletics. It’s important to have a realistic understanding of which schools might be the right fit for him.

2. Timeline

- The recruiting process for swimming generally starts in sophomore year:
- **Sophomore Year:** This is the time to start reaching out to coaches with a brief introduction, some stats, and video highlights. While coaches can’t respond until June 15, it’s good to be on their radar early.
 - **Junior Year:** After June 15, coaches can respond to communication. This is when recruiting really ramps up, and it’s important to maintain regular updates with both academic and athletic progress. Campus visits can also begin around this time.
 - **Senior Year:** This is the time for official visits, final offers, and potential commitments. National Letters of Intent (NLI) are typically signed during this year if your son receives an offer.

3. Highlight Video & Resume

A well-organized video showcasing your son’s strengths in swimming is important, along with a resume that lists his key stats, academic performance, and coach contact details.

Throughout the process, ongoing communication with coaches is key—keeping them updated on your son’s academic and athletic progress can help maintain interest.

If you’d like to dive deeper into any part of this process, feel free to reach out.

Best regards,
Sunny

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Not to be missed

Art

Art Gallery at the Orinda Library: Stories We Tell - Contemporary and Ancient. The Lamorinda Arts Council invites you to view original artwork that demonstrates the power of storytelling using symbols and metaphors through Nov. 1. Visit <https://lamorindaarts.org/current-exhibits-library-gallery/> for more information or call (925) 359.9940.

Call for Writers and Artists: The Lamorinda Arts Council's Oct. 26 Art Embraces Words program invites writers and artists who are in sync with its Halloween Theme to apply to read and show their work. A short Q&A follows each presentation. Featured sci fi writer Marlene Dotterer kicks off the day. All are invited to appear as their favorite literary or artistic character to compete for prizes awarded by theater costume judges. A reception in the adjacent vine covered courtyard follows. Apply at <https://lamorindaarts.org/art-embraces-words>, email literary@lamorindaarts.org or call (925) 359.9940 with questions.

Art Gallery at Wilder: "Presence: Portraits of Seniors" in the Art Gallery at Wilder through Nov. 1. The Lamorinda Arts Council invites you to meet featured artist Marianne McCraney at a reception in her honor. Her expressive oil paintings reveal seniors doing things they love -- reading, walking, working in a tool shed, and visiting a friend. McCraney works mostly in oil and watercolors as well as drawings. To view more of her work visit

<https://lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/> or www.mariannemccraney.com/.

Music

Folk Music Festival at Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette. Front Porch Presents: Folk Music Festival on Nov. 1. Town Hall Theatre Co, 3535 School Street, Lafayette. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door www.townhalltheatre.com/front-porch

Town Hall Theatre Company presents: Midnight Flyer: A Tribute to the Eagles. Oct. 26. Town Hall Theatre Co, 3535 School Street, Lafayette. TICKETS: VIP \$40, \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door www.townhalltheatre.com/midnight-flyer

Ensemble ARI, a professional piano quartet, will perform at Saint Mary's College Chapel on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 3 p.m. The concert features a unique collaboration with a Korean zither instrument, premiering works by Bay Area composers, along with Mozart's Piano Quartet. Admission is Free. www.stmarys-ca.edu/ensemble-ari

Miramonte's Visual & Performing Arts Department Proudly Presents the Fall Music Concert! Join them on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m., in the MHS Theater for an unforgettable evening of music featuring the instrumental and vocal talents of the MHS Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Musical Theater Workshop Performers, and Jazz Band (all directed by Carl Oser), as well as the Orinda Intermediate School Choir (directed by Christina Holling). Don't miss this

opportunity to support their accomplished Visual & Performing Arts students and enjoy a night of exceptional performances! Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Organist Arthur Omura Performs at St. Paul's in Walnut Creek. Saturday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. Where: In-Person - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek, Online broadcast: visitstpaulswc.org/concert-series for the concert link and program. Donations graciously accepted at the door (avg. \$20/\$10 Students) and online registration. All are welcome regardless of donation!

Theatre

Town Hall Theatre Company & Cougar Comedy Collective presents "Laugh Lines" on Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Town Hall Theatre Co, 3535 School Street, Lafayette. Tickets: \$20 www.townhalltheatre.com/laugh-lines

Literature

Join Gail Perry at Orinda Books on Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. Gail has created "Walks of the World," a stunning guide to 25 inn-to-inn hikes in some of the world's most interesting places, including Hawai'i's Kalaialu Trail, Oregon's Rogue River Trail, the Laugavegur Trail in Iceland, and the Cinque Terre Coastal Walk in Italy. Gail has inspired many to walk their way into epic adventures or simply add steps to their everyday treks. Information at www.orindabooks.com.

Join the Sweet Thursday Author Series on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in the

Don Tatzin CH at the Lafayette Library to hear a discussion of Holiday books with Pat Rudebush, Orinda Books, and Catherine Davis. This is a free event, but registration is required at Tinyurl.com/sweet-Nov2024. The doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and treats. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library.

Other

Lamorinda Movers dinner catered by China Moon & you can BRING A GUEST for No charge. 5 p.m. Monday Oct. 14 at the Serbian Church at 1700 School St. in Moraga. There will be a drawing for a 2 nights stay in a 2 bedroom 2 bathroom condominium at the Monterey Dunes Colony in Monterey. For our entertainment we have booked Johnny Z and the Cameros who will be playing music by request so come dance the night away. Sign up here: <https://ces.com/pass.com/li/cb3c8acb1a6445084145>

Flower Arranging Instructor: Laura-Kate Rurka in partnership with Lamorinda Village. Learn to make gorgeous arrangements from supermarket flowers. Laura-Kate Rurka will show you how to put together inexpensive bunches into interesting and beautiful combinations made from common blooms found at your local grocery store. You will go home with a vase, arrangement, and pruning shears. You must register ahead of time for this class. Limited to 12 people. Thursday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to noon in the Cedar Room. Materials Fee: \$25, payable to instructor at the class

The American Association of University Women - Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette branch and the League of Women Voters Diablo Valley will be providing a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the 10 State ballot propositions, detailing the Pros and Cons, and defining the supporters and opponents of each. All invited: Tuesday, Oct. 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.

The City of Orinda & Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Blood Drive at Orinda Community Center in the Founders Auditorium 28 Orinda Way Orinda. Friday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To make an appointment, please log on to Red-CrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor Code: Orinda or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Appointments are required. Donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card and will automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$7,000 gift card.

Between the Mountain and the Sky screening Oct. 12, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Library's Don Tatzin Community Hall. Join international nonprofit, BlinkNow for a special screening of "Between the Mountain and the Sky," the inspiring story of co-founders Maggie Doyne and Tope Malla's journey to create the organization which serves the women and children of Nepal. Admission: \$20. For more information: <https://blinknow.org/pages/film-events>

Introducing the Lamorinda Chess Club! Come play a few games at Europa Hofbrau on Oct. 19 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome! \$10 minimum food or beverage purchase.

Bringing Back the Natives 20th Anniversary Celebration Picnic Sunday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lafayette Reservoir. Event Cost: \$10 Parking Cost: \$7 per day or \$1.50 per hour. Register: <https://bit.ly/BBTN-20thAnniv-Picnic-RSVP>. Info Jennifer Dirking at EcoGardenista@gmail.com.

Celebrate the Lafayette Library's 15 year anniversary on Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fun for all ages! STEAM Lab activities, Teen SWELL Center crafts, Pizza, Mister Softee, Build Air Rockets, Friends Corner Book Shop Giveaways and so much more. Free event. www.llcf.org/day-at-the-library-2024

Night at the Library Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. A very special Night at the Library you won't want to miss. Food, fun and phil-

anthropy! Tickets now on sale! <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/natl2024/>

Czech & Slova Festival, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Orinda Community Center & Park, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda. Free entry. Bring cash for food, drinks.

Shred papers on site at 5A Rent-A-Space, 455 Moraga Rd in Moraga. Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$12 per banker box. Support scholarships for Lamorinda 8th grade girls to attend AAUW STEM summer camp.

Walnut Creek restaurant walk - Oct. 15, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy tastes from 23 restaurants. \$45 per ticket. Contact at jan-cushman@comcast.net or (925) 818-0459 for tickets.

Orinda Parks \$ Rec presents: Trunk & Treat. Oct. 24 from 4 to 6:45 p.m. Spooktacular event at Orinda Library Parking Garage, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Games, crafts, treats, food trucks. Register at www.cityoforinda.org

Garden

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its free monthly meeting on Monday Oct. 14, at the The Gardens at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek, 1540 Marchbanks Dr. Join for a special program Kathryn Lincoln, Manager: Blake Garden - UC Berkeley. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., followed by a brief meeting, social time and an educational program. Complimentary tea, coffee & snacks are available. The public is welcome to visit the meeting and to become a part of the Walnut Creek Garden club! For more information, please visit: www.WalnutCreekGardenClub.org

Montelindo Garden Club will have a plant sale open to everyone and will present "Bulbs, Corms and Tubers: The Whats, Whys and Hows" with Shawna Anderson, the Orinda Nursery's garden expert. Advice on how to be a good plant parent with the plants you have just bought at our plant sale. Oct. 18 at the Lafayette Library Community Meeting Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 9 a.m. social time, 9:30 business meeting, 10:15 a.m. speaker. Free. See <https://montelindogarden.com/2024-meetings.html> for more information.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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Savory Scones with Kalamata Olives, Sun-dried Tomatoes and Feta

By Susie Iventosch



Photo Susie Iventosch

These savory scones are so delicious and make a wonderful dinner roll or savory snack. Made with Kalamata olives, sun-dried tomatoes, feta and blue cheese, they are the perfect accompaniment to chicken or lamb dishes and fantastic in place of French bread to go with your next pasta dish.

I love the way the cheese and Kalamata olives pair in this recipe, but you can also use green Greek olives and grated cheddar cheese if you prefer those flavors. There are any number of combinations you can use when making scones whether they are sweet

or savory, and it's really up to your own tastes and imagination. When it comes to savory scones, another favorite of mine is turkey bacon, sharp cheddar, and chives and they're great for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Scones are a super easy to make. I use my basic scone recipe for these savory scones but cut back on most of sugar and all the vanilla before adding the savory ingredients: cheese, olives and sun-dried tomatoes.

The key to making good scones is to have your butter really cold and to handle the dough as little as possible. I

grate or cut the butter into very small pieces before even adding it to the flour mixture, and then use a pastry cutter to cut it into the dries. If you don't own a pastry cutter, don't worry, you can use your fingertips to cut the butter into the flour by rubbing it and crumbling the butter into the dries. Some people freeze the butter first and then grate it with a cheese grater to get the pieces of butter super small before cutting them into the flour. Also, chilling the cut scones for about 10-20 minutes on the baking sheet in the refrigerator before baking them makes for a nice flaky scone.

I normally use 2% milk for our scones, but cream or half and half also work beautifully if you can handle the fat content. We have scones quite often, so we prefer to go with milk. Sometimes, we use buttermilk in our scones, too, and that offers up a slightly tangier flavor. It's really up to you as to which dairy product you prefer in your scones. I have yet to try making them with an alternative milk like almond or oat milk. I imagine those would work well for sweet scones, but not so sure about the savory versions.

Whenever possible, I make a big batch of scones so we can eat some now and freeze some for serving later;

they last for several months in the freezer. When you're ready to serve them, remove them from the freezer, and re-heat them on a low oven

temperature, or in the toaster oven until heated through and a little bit crispy on the top and edges. They also hold up well in the refrigerator

for several days in an airtight container. There's nothing quite like a cup of tea or coffee and a scone if a friend stops by for a visit!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. granulated sugar
- 4 oz. butter, chilled and cut into small 1/4-inch pieces
- 3/4 cup Kalamata olives, halved or quartered
- 1/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 3/4 (+/-) cup milk, or cream, or half and half - your choice
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (for topping)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425F. Prepare a baking sheet with cooking spray or parchment paper.

Sift flour, salt, baking soda and cream of tartar into a bowl. Stir in sugar. Using a pastry cutter or cold fingertips, cut the butter pieces into the dries until the pieces of butter are like small peas.

Stir in the sun-dried tomatoes, Kalamata olives, blue cheese, and feta. Mix well. Add milk all at once and mix just until integrated. You may need slightly more milk, depending upon the flour you use, so just have a little bit handy. It's better to need to add a little more, than to have added too much. But, if you do accidentally add too much, simply sift in a little more flour until you get to a good dough consistency that is not too wet or too dry.

Turn dough onto floured cloth or board and gather into a ball. You may need to absorb a little of the extra flour for this step, but be careful to not over handle your dough - use a light touch. Roll the dough ball out to about 1 1/4 inch in thickness. Cut dough into 8 triangles for large scones, or 12 triangles for smaller scones. Or, you can also use a biscuit cutter dipped in flour if you prefer round scones.

Place scones on prepared baking sheet and evenly distribute the Parmesan cheese over the tops of each scone. Refrigerate the scones for 10-20 minutes before baking. This lets the butter firm up, resulting in a flakier pastry.

Remove scones from the refrigerator and bake for approximately 12-14 minutes, or until the tops begin to turn golden-brown and Parmesan is beginning to brown. Remove from oven and eat hot, or at room temperature, or store in an airtight container. You can also freeze the scones in a baggie or airtight container for serving later.



Susie can be reached at suziventosch@gmail.com. This recipe can be found on our website: www.lamorindaweekly.com if you would like to share your favorite recipe with Susie please contact her by email or call our office at (925) 377-0977. Or visit <https://treksandbites.com>



Conversations with Your Aging Parents About Organizing and Downsizing for the Future

By Jennifer Raftis, CPO®



Jennifer Raftis and her mom, Pat Cox Photo provided

As our parents age, the conversation about downsizing can become a necessary yet sensitive topic. For many elderly individuals, the thought of leaving their longtime home and parting with cherished possessions can be overwhelming. While not all seniors need or want to downsize, it's important to start planning for the next chapter, having conversations that will approach this topic with sensitivity, empathy, and practicality. This subject is particularly personal to me as my mother (my favorite person in the entire world) and I had to have this conversation just a few years ago. Here's a guide to help you and your parents navigate these important discussions.

Timing
Timing can be crucial when bringing up the subject of downsizing. It can be helpful to choose a time when your parents are relaxed and not preoccupied with other stressors. Avoid discussing this topic during holidays or family gatherings, which can already be emotionally

charged. A quiet, private setting where everyone feels comfortable will facilitate a more open and honest conversation. **Understanding**
Begin the conversation by acknowledging the emotional weight of the situation. Recognize that downsizing can feel like losing a part of their identity and past. Express your understanding of their feelings and reassure them that you're there to support them through every step of the process.

Benefits
Highlighting the benefits of downsizing, focusing on the positive aspects is very important. If they are downsizing to move, talk about how a smaller, more manageable space can lead to less maintenance, lower expenses, and increased safety. It can even give them a chance to be closer to family, friends, or medical facilities. A retirement community can be a social game changer for your parents (especially if they don't drive).

Collaboration
This conversation is the starting point of what

your parents want and need at this stage of their life. Are they having health issues, physical or mental? Are they aware of their issues? Maybe the adult children are starting to get concerned but the parents are not seeing the problems. Again, timing and sensitivity are the key factors here.

Options and Solutions
If the children are concerned about the safety of their parents remaining in their home alone, starting a solution based conversation is helpful. Some of the topics could cover their health care needs, transportation and social needs going forward. Are they still able to drive to medical appointments? Do they need some sort of medical alert fall device? Do they want to remain in their home or move to a community? There are solutions for both that can be discussed with patience and emotional support. Listen to their concerns, validate their feelings, and be prepared for moments of resistance or sadness. Reassure them that it's okay to feel emotional and that you're there to help them navigate their decisions whether they choose to stay in their home or to downsize and relocate.

Seek Professional Guidance
A Certified Professional Organizer® (CPO®) can help with move management details, consignment/donation options, floor planning and hauling as well as sorting through all items in the home. I have been in many situations that involve working with the

adult children and their parents as a neutral third party who can ease emotional burdens. If your parents decide to stay in their home, you can have an agency come and assess the safety aspects of the rooms and can offer solutions for aging needs, such as ramps, grab bars, and fall alert systems. California Department of Aging - These services are provided locally by the Area Agencies of Aging (AAA), Medi-Cal Community Based Adult Services (CBAS), www.aging.ca.gov
Are you worried that making changes might be expensive? You may be able to get help paying for repairs and safety updates to your home. Check with your state housing finance agency, social services department, community development groups, or the federal government for financial aid programs and discounts. If your parents decide to move to a community, there are agencies that will take your parents to several communities to visit in person. I have been working with Bryan at Care Placement Advisors for 8 years and he is amazing, Bryan Riddle at bryan@careplacementadvisors.com. Another great local agency that serves the Bay Area is Exceptional Senior Placement owned by David and Rachel Cohen, you can reach David at david@eseniorplacement.com. Conversations with your aging parents require a balance of empathy, patience and practical support. By approaching the

subject with sensitivity and collaboration with the decision-making process, you can help them navigate this significant transition with

confidence. Remember, the goal is to ensure their comfort, safety and happiness as they embark on this new chapter of their lives.

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LAMORINDA SPORTS

Nationally ranked women's water polo teams pointing to post-season

By Jon Kingdon

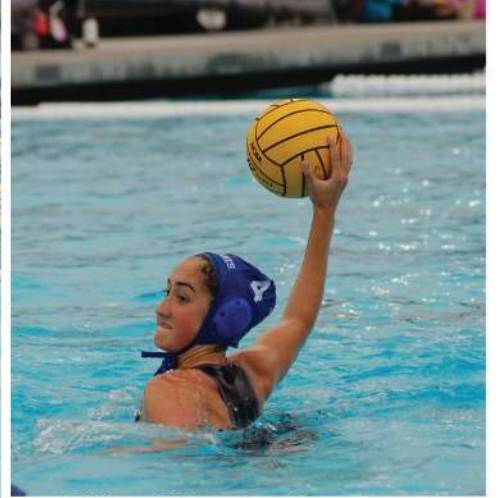


Malin Stone scoring a goal

Photos Kamber Briones



Acalanes goalie Adelyn Horciza making a save



Sara Williams lining up her shot

The competition for the Lamorinda girls' water polo teams is no longer just between themselves. Between them, they have played a number of nationally ranked teams 1-Sacred Heart Prep, 4-Arroyo Grande, 13-Carondolet, Leland-14, 15-Tamalpais, 17-Soquel, and 25-Clovis with Campolindo, Acalanes, and Miramonte ranked 2, 6 and 10, respectively.

"With so many competitive teams, it's great for our sport and our area," Campolindo Head Coach Kim Everist said.

CAMPOLINDO

Campolindo has started off strongly, winning 11 of their first 14 games, with two of the losses coming against Sacred Heart Prep and Arroyo Grande

The Cougars have had big wins over Clovis and Tamalpais but took particular satisfaction over breaking a long losing streak to Miramonte with a 9-4 win in their third game of the season.

"The girls played a great game," Head Coach Kim Everist said. "We didn't jump into the pool, but it was satisfying. We have been carrying that weight for a while, so it was good to break that streak and since it was at the Acalanes tournament, it immediately became a non-conversation for us and received a lot of congratulations from all over." Campolindo has since extended their streak over Miramonte to two.

With only four seniors but nine juniors, Everist had to make some adjustments. "We

lost some key players from last year," she said. "A number of our players are doing a lot of different things, but this team is very adaptable with different centers so it's hard for teams to figure out who our scorers are going to be and that gives us an edge. The team has a great work ethic and will do whatever it takes to have a really successful season."

Everist is looking for total team involvement: "Everyone is going to be involved and it's going to take all seven people in the pool to make great things happen, and that is going to help us as we go through the season because you can't just isolate one or two of our players."

Sophomore Lily Holway is leading the team in goals and steals, and is second in assists. "Lily is fast as lightning and has embraced her role as our sprinter," Everist said. "She is a tremendous counterattack player with a good sense of the game and can make passes across the goal. She wants to do big things and has stepped into that role."

Senior Nikki Frazier plays on the 4-5 side and is leading the team in assists. "Nikki is able to read the game and is a great passer," Everist said. "It's going to take everybody to want to be a scorer and want to play really good defense and they've shown that they're up for the challenge."

Campolindo is using a press defense and is led by center/defender

Ainsley Hogan, who along with Ella Binney, Avery Sullivan, and freshman Louise Walls, all have double figures in steals. So far, our steals (101), as a team have been greater than our turnovers and that's a positive stat for us."

Last year's DAL outstanding goalie junior Sydney Kring is still a major force in the goal and has a very effective backup in junior Addie Wen. "We're very strong in the goal with Sidney and Addy," Everist said. "Addy had a great year in club and summer and she and Sydney have split time fairly equally, and we're making it work" Everist said. "To ultimately be successful, we have to keep working on both ends of the pool and tightening up our defense, and we have to take advantage of our counterattacks," Everist added.

ACALANES

With a roster with as many freshmen as they have seniors – four -- the Acalanes roster is well represented with each high school class and has a 11-2 won-loss record to go along with it.

The team is led by junior Ella Del Rosario, who was first team all-league and is leading the team in goals (55), assists (17), steals (26) and shooting percentage (63.8).

"Ella's motor is unbelievable," said Head Coach Misha Buchel. "She knows that she is going to be double and triple teamed and does not get frustrated when she is not getting the ball because she knows that

she is doing good work for her teammates and has evolved in that way. She is also aggressive on defense with great instincts which is why she has so many steals."

Sophomore Finley Graff played a lot last season and is the team's second leading scorer. "Finley is fantastic offensively and we've used her in defensive matchups because she has really grown in her understanding of how to play on the defensive side," Buchel said.

Junior Olivia Whipple has been very effective as the team's center defender. "Olivia is someone that is effective using her quickness and agility," Buchel stated.

There is particularly good depth in the net. Sophomore Adelyn Horciza, who was second team all-league last year, has improved her game in all areas. "Adelyn has great intelligence and ability," Buchel said. "She is aggressive and will get her share of steals and is looking to get the ball down the end of the pool." Horciza already has four assists this season.

Levand Koopah is the only senior among the team's first seven scorers. "Levand loves to score and does a good job in setting herself up and gets out on the counterattack, along with being a great leader on the team," praised Buchel.

With such a young team, Buchel made it a point to back end the Don's schedule to allow the team to mature through the start of the

season though playing the highly ranked Sacred Heart Prep. The game showed the team that there was certainly room for improvement, but they are still capable of playing head-to-head with any of their opponents.

MIRAMONTE

It's been an uncharacteristically slow start for Miramonte with a ten and five record, though the five losses have come the teams ranked 1-2-4 in the nation: Sacred Heart Prep, Campolindo (2), and Arroyo Grande (2).

"We are starting to turn it around but it takes time to get our players back on board in how we play, and we have to get better every day individually and as a team," said Head Coach John Roemer. "It's super challenging with all of the top competition. They're playing hard but I told them that we need to play better."

This is an experienced team with eight starting seniors but brings a great deal of depth and experience with the underclassmen getting their share of playing time.

The offense is led by Aly Larsen (25 goals) who is headed to UCLA, Audrina King (10 goals, 11 assists), going to Indiana, left-handed Allison Sagara, leading the team with 29 assists, also headed to UCLA, Bea Hearey, (23 goals) and Marta Maninetti (18 goals 8 assists).

"Audrina is our best five-meter shooter and has a high-water polo IQ," Roemer said. "Allion

is who we go through, and she calls out things. Bea is a good driver, super smart, gets high on her legs, is fast and makes everything go. And Marta is super aggressive on the counter and in guarding as a perimeter defender and gets her steals."

Sophomores Grayson Menard, Bella Beaver, Ilinca Gaitanaru, Hannah Gardner, and freshman Jemimah Hearey will all be getting playing time this year as well. Roemer also made it a point to acknowledge the play of junior Kate Liu: "Kate is our most improved player from last season. She gets up on her legs and is really accurate and really wants to be good. She just needs to still work on her defense."

Seniors Eliana Botene and Charlee Spence have good experience in the goal, and sophomore Avery Schilling was just brought up from the J.V. and is providing good depth.

"We've gotten into good shape and we're using a nine-person rotation this year," Roemer said. "We have a very good JV team that played in a tournament separately from our varsity and we both made it to the final game, but we opted to let two other teams play in our stead."

The team is still improving; when asked when he anticipates it reaching its potential, Roemer said "I see it happening at the end of the season though we may lose some games as we continue to improve."

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Lamorinda Volleyball heading into competitive league season

By Jon Kingdon



Miramonte Sena Hens #33 Photo Tomas Pineda
Sofia Swett #88



Amanda Roach #12 Photo Tomas Pineda



Campolindo blockers Aveya Stone #11 Ava Rogers #17 Photo Joshua Uziel



Aveya Stone Photo Joshua Uziel

CAMPOLINDO

With the usual difficult early season schedule, Campolindo began the season losing four of its first six games, but as its wont, the Cougars have rebounded by winning 15 of their next 19 matches.

"We're working and we're building," said Coach David Chen. "We've got the components and the pieces, but we just have to continue to learn how to compete and fight."

The team has only five seniors, with five juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman, but is not short of leaders, Chen said: "We have good leadership because you don't necessarily have to be a senior to be a leader."

The leaders on offense have been senior Aveya Stone and junior Mia Walloch. "Aveya is our strongest hitter on the outside and has the most experience on the team," Chen said. "We have been depending on both of them too much, so we're trying to diversify and create more depth to avoid a weekend where we were short of players due to illness and other reasons."

Freshman Amelia Knutson, as the team's setter, brings natural experience to the team, having had two older sisters who played for Campolindo. "Amelia carries herself in a way that's very poised for an underclassman," Chen said. "We're trying to get our other setters up to

speed but overall, Amelia's doing a good job."

Senior Gia Okulicz became a libero last season and has made a successful transition to the position. "Gia is stepping into her own," Chen said. "It took her a little time to get used to the new position and now she is doing great."

With the team's improved record, Chen is hoping for the team to keep stepping up its game: "We're still looking for the team to come together and without that you don't have the drive in the right direction yet, but we'll get it. The key to our success is to be consistent on the court and in our mental approach. You can't change yourself. You can't change anything overnight; it's just rising to the occasion."

ACALANES

Acalanes Head Coach Haley Walsh wanted to know where her team stood right from the start, with a tournament in late August where they played seven matches in two days: "We wanted to stack our schedule because of the new North Coast Sectional model, which is a competitive equity model. Based on that, we would have been the bottom of D1 last year. We decided to play tough teams and either proved we belong in D1 or in another division."

It proved to be a learning experience for Walsh and the team, now with a 12-11 record.

"The idea was to learn what is Acalanes volleyball and where do we rank in competing with the other programs in our area," Walsh said. "We've found some pretty good things. We're serving tough, taking aggressive rips, getting teams out of their system and we're not intimidated when they respond. In the past, our players did have some kind of self-doubt about whether they deserved to be there."

Most of that self-doubt dissipated with a victory over Campolindo 3-2 on Sept. 19, their first win over the Cougars in the last 20 seasons as recorded by MaxPreps. "In that game, we really showed the skills that we're excelling at, and the girls wanted to show what they had been working on all season," said Walsh.

The roster has only five seniors, with 13 juniors and three sophomores. "What's great is that this year, two of our seniors have been on varsity for three and four years, so they know what we've been working towards, and now, we have the pieces that we need to play the game at a high level while acclimating the juniors and sophomores to the competitive level on the varsity and seeing how they are going to help the program," Walsh said.

The offense has been led seniors Addie Ames (70 kills), Annie Baker (67 kills), and Maelin Mason (53 kills), along

with junior Sophia Terry (70 kills). Ames is also second on the team in digs and Baker is the team's leading blocker. "Addi spent a lot of time in the off-season working on defense and familiarizing herself as an outside hitter, which shows in the moves and reads she's making, and she has also been so successful on defense, it's hard to pull her from the court," Walsh said.

"Sophia also worked really hard in the off-season working on her blocking mechanics. She has been very successful on the front row, especially in the schemes we're implementing to shut down our opponents' hitters. Sophomore Sydney Scovic had a huge acclimation period coming up from the JV and has earned the starting role on the frontline with her blocking and attacks, and on the backline as a really strong server."

Mason and setter Emma Seelenbacher have taken on the leadership roles on the team. "They have both worked really hard this season as senior leaders and in our victory over Campolindo - at tight points in the game, they did a great job in making sure the team stuck together and held their teammates accountable in the key moments of the match," Walsh said.

Stella Larkin, who played JV last season, is the team's libero, leading the team with 131 digs. "Stella has been able to handle the faster pace

and is really confident and not afraid to take digs from players that will be playing at Division I colleges," Walsh said.

Walsh is confident as the team heads into the latter half of the season: "We're looking to maintain our strong serves and keep up our positive attacking percentage, and we're going to be a surprise for a lot of teams to face later in the season."

MIRAMONTE

So far, it's been a year of streaks for Miramonte, starting the season off with five straight wins, but since then they have not been able to break a ten-match losing streak. "We are a fairly young team and we're still learning about each other," Head Coach Leslie Ray said. "This year we had 25 freshmen come out so we're really in the developmental stages in every area. We are learning from each match, and we anticipate constantly getting better. Our record does not indicate how much better we've gotten throughout the season. We have some upperclassmen that are on varsity for the first time and the intensity is just different from playing JV the year before."

The leaders on offense have been Sena Hens on the outside and Amanda Roach in the middle. "Sena is the one that shuts the game down, putting the balls away," Ray said. "Amanda has been our go to middle scorer

when we need a point. Our main plan on offense is to make sure we find the floor. We're not as big as other teams so we can't be that all-power team. We have to be a team that finds areas on the court to score. We're still looking to get our offense together. Our service team and our defensive line are both pretty good, but we need to be more consistent at the net, putting the ball over and finding spots and ways to score."

"Miramonte has primarily been using a 6-2 offense and will also use a 5-1 offense. With the 6-2 offense, the setters become all that more important to the team," Ray said. "We are using Maddie Yun and Anna Ryan in the 6-2 offense and Maddie is our starter with the 5-1 and they have both been doing a great job as setters."

Senior Sofia Swett is the starting libero and freshman Chelsea Dao has also seen playing time. "Chelsea is doing well and still adjusting to coming off the bench," Ray said. "Sofia and Sena Hens have been our key players on defense."

Ball control is something that Ray feels is essential for the team to ultimately be successful: "It's hard to stop a team that can actually make sure they execute the pass. It's a matter of making the right set ups and effectively executing the first touch on the ball which leads to the second and third touch."

Karate Championships

Submitted by Karate & Fitness USA - Lafayette



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Karate & Fitness USA participated in the LA Fiestas 51st annual invitational Karate Championships in September in Los Angeles. Athletes participated from all over the World. KFPUSA athletes aged 4yrs. - Adults competed. The growing sport for

boys and girls to compete locally, regionally, nationally and on the World Stage. Karate is scheduled to be in the 2032 Olympics in Australia. Athletes returned home with 27 Trophies, 11 first place; 8 second place and 8 third place.



Andrew
1st Place Kata (forms)
1st Place Kumite (sparring)
1st Place Kobudo (weapons)



Ara
1st Place Kumite (sparring) 13-14yrs
1st Place Kumite (sparring) 15-17yrs.
playing up
2nd Place Kata (forms)

Piedmont Makers' youth robotics program grows to over 100 teams

Submitted by Alya Hameed



The FIRST LEGO League Explore team "Happy Robots" kicks off their season



A FLL Challenge team assembles the mission models at their first practice

Nearly 700 K-12 students from Piedmont and the East Bay, including Lamorinda, are participating in youth robotics programs organized by Piedmont Makers this fall. Robotics has become the largest non-sports activity in Piedmont, after Scouting, as Piedmont Makers continue to use robotics to inspire youth to be innovators and creative problem solvers in S.T.E.A.M. Participants hail from 20 other cities across the East Bay, including Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Moraga, Orinda, and Lafayette, with Lamorinda students accounting for nearly 10% of participants.

Over 200 parent coaches and student mentors from across the community have volunteered to lead teams. Piedmont Makers has also hired Moraga resident Alya Hameed as a FIRST LEGO League Program Manager. Over the summer, Hameed worked tirelessly to coordinate with families and coaches to form over 100 teams (including 10 new teams in Lamorinda) and secured the equipment for the season, which kicked off

in August. This December, Piedmont Makers will host its largest-ever robotics tournament at Piedmont Middle School, transforming it into "Piedmont Makersville" for two days of innovation projects, robotics competitions, and Maker fun. FLL Challenge teams (grades 4-8) will compete for the Champion's Award, given to the team excelling in robot performance, robot design, innovation project, and core values. The weekend will also feature the FLL Explore Expo, a showcase of projects from the youngest roboticists and will be open to the community to attend.

Teams have already kicked off their seasons, inspired by this year's theme of ocean exploration. For the youngest students (grades K-3) in the FIRST LEGO League Explore division, practices have combined ocean activities with LEGO building and programming. Their season will culminate in December's Explore Expo, where all the teams will present their final ocean-themed LEGO models and poster projects to each other and the community.

FLL Challenge teams (grades 4-8) build autonomous robots with LEGO Spike kits to solve 15 different LEGO missions on a tabletop field. They also need to re-search a problem tied to this season's ocean theme and propose a solution that they present to a panel of adult judges as part of the Innovation Project. "It's a great way to practice your creativity!" says Ryan Morrison, PMS 7th grader. A record 37 teams are competing at the Challenge level this season, which represents 50% year-over-year growth. Their season kicked off at the beginning of August and teams are now building and brainstorming the best strategies to solve the season's challenges. Teams will next meet in a robot scrimmage in October and project scrimmage in November before the Community Tournament in December.

Coached by parents and mentored by FIRST Robotics Challenge team members, each team will design and build a driver-controlled robot 18 inches in each dimension that competes on a 12 foot square field. The teams will face off in a Piedmont scrimmage in October, and then compete against other Bay Area teams in regional tournaments. Piedmont Makers is hosting a regional FTC tournament in January 2025. At the end of September, Highlander Robotics Team 8033 will compete in the prestigious Chezy Champs event at Bellarmine Prep in San Jose. This competition attracts top teams from across the country and around the world including many from the Bay Area. For example, one of the teams from last season's world championship winning alliance -- Orbit from Israel -- will be competing at the event. 8033 also is very much in the conversation securing a division finalist finish at 2024 Worlds making it a Top 50 team in the world. If you want to experience high school robotics at a truly elite level, please attend September 27-29!

This past Saturday morning, FIRST Tech Challenge teams (grades 7-12) gathered in the Ross Engineering Lab at Piedmont High to watch the grand reveal of this season's "Into the Deep" challenge. Piedmont's FTC division has grown to eight teams this year

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Endless Summer

By Cynthia Brian



Manzanita is a native shrub.

Photos Cynthia Brian

"Magnificent Autumn... It is the funeral anthem of the dying year." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

When I was young, I was a surfer girl. I spent many weekends catching waves in Santa Cruz, Bolinas, and Hawaii. My favorite movie was *The Endless Summer*. I dreamt of traveling the globe in search of the perfect ride.

Today, I surf gardening catalogs and magazines looking for the waves of new plant species and hardy specimens that are deer-resistant and drought-tolerant to thrive in our clay soils.

The first few days of autumn were refreshing. The cooler temperatures prompted me to start digging and enhancing the soil as I anticipated the joys of fall plantings. But Mother Nature had other plans and decided to shower us with an endless summer of sizzling sunshine and stifling nights. The winds have been so ferocious that I awoke to my patio umbrellas blown across my backyard. Until recent years, summer has always been a favorite season, but as our globe warms, an endless summer portends a major drought in the future. While the East Coast suffers from torrential rains, hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes, the



Tomato vines intermingle with Jacobinia Justica Carneia.

West Coast endures another heat wave and increased risk of deadly wildfires.

As temperatures soared to 103 degrees, our street suffered a fire hydrant leak this week, resulting in our neighborhood's water being shut off for twenty-four hours without warning. It was disconcerting to turn on the tap with no drip available. My empathy for those anguishing in disaster areas and war zones soared when water and basic necessities are unavailable. Water is life.

Before I provide tips on drought-tolerant plants that you may wish to include in your landscape, I want to remind you that although fire season in California is considered year-round, October is an especially monstrous month for wildfires. Make sure you have your home Go-Bag up-to-date and ready to go in the event of an emergency. It's a smart idea to keep an additional Go-Bag in your car in case you get stranded and can't make it home.

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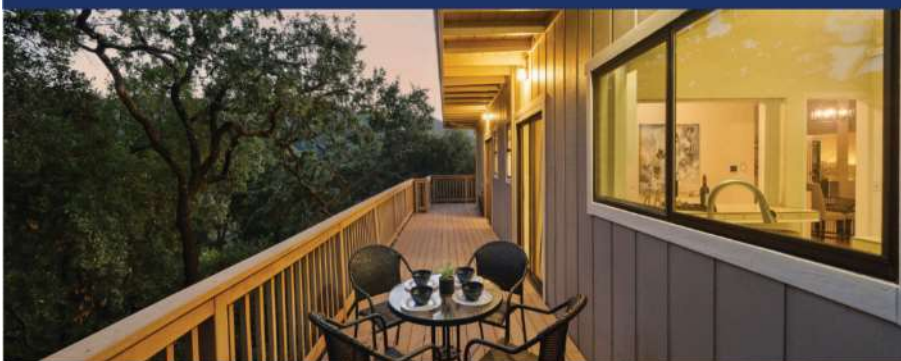
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MORAGA	7	\$463,500	\$1,715,000
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The Real Estate Quarter in Review

By Conrad Bassett, CRP, GMS-T

The third quarter of 2024 showed consistency in the volume of closings on the residential side of Lamorinda real estate. The recent softening of interest rates did not help increase the number of closings over the last several months due to a continued lack of supply. The recent changes in how real estate agents might be compensated has not really affected things in areas of high prices like Lamorinda.

Per Contra Costa Association of Realtors statistics reported from July 1 through September 30, 2024, 69 single-family homes closed in Lafayette which was consistent with the 66 in the year ago quarter and below the 85 that closed in the third quarter of 2022.

Sales prices ranged from \$705,000 to \$8,495,000. The average number of days on market was 27—almost identical to the year ago when it was 26. The average sales price was \$2,339,175, a solid increase from 3Q 2023 when it was \$2,198,109. This is the highest quarterly price average in Lafayette ever. In 2022 it was \$2,273,646. In 2021 it was \$2,067,747. In this same quarter in 2020 it was \$1,972,380.

In Moraga, the number of single-family closings was 31, up from a year ago when it was 25. Prices ranged from \$1,022,000 to \$3,197,000. The average sales price was down at \$1,922,527. In the same period a year ago it was \$2,094,182. This was an increase from \$1,890,272 in 2022. In 2021 it was \$1,993,792. The average marketing time was 27 days, up from 15 days a year ago.

In Orinda, the number of single-family closings rose to 63, up from 48 last year. Sales prices ranged from \$875,000 to \$4,800,000 with an average price of \$2,120,476. In this quarter last year, it was \$2,265,458...close to 3Q2022 when it was \$2,243,571. It took an average of 26 days to expose a home to the market this last quarter. One year ago, it took 20 days.

In the third quarter of this year, on an average price per square foot basis, Lafayette detached single-family homes sold at \$834.12 ... essentially the same as last year's \$835.79.

Moraga homes sold for \$780.77, down from \$822.43. In Orinda it was \$791.24. A year ago, it was \$821.29.

The biggest change came in the area of list price versus sales price. In Lafayette, the average sales price was again 102% of the final asking price like in this quarter of 2023. In Moraga, it was just over 100% of asking and in Orinda it was just over 102%.

This is likely a factor of sellers realizing that they needed to be more realistic in pricing and buyers understanding that there were fewer buyers to compete with so they were not as aggressive in their offers.

On the Oakland/Berkeley side of the hills, many agents have still been asking far below the market value of homes in order to generate the multiple offers and the sales prices well above asking. Often this has failed to work, so they raise the asking price and call the list price "Transparent." This phenomenon (sometimes known as "Teaser Pricing") is not as prevalent in Lamorinda.

In Lafayette, 41 of the 69 sales sold at or above the final listing price. A year ago, it was 40 of the 66. In Moraga, 14 of the 31 sales sold at or above asking. A year ago, it was 16 of the 22 sold. In Orinda it was 35 of 63 and a year ago it was 28 of 48.

In the condominium/town home category, Lafayette had seven closings reported to the MLS. They were priced from \$685,179 to \$1,498,000. Moraga had 13, down from 17 a year ago. Sales prices ranged from \$463,125 to \$1,625,000. Orinda had four sales from \$535,000 to \$1,600,000.

As of October 6, 2024, there were 58 pending sales in the three communities combined. A year ago, there were 50 pending sales per the MLS. The asking prices for the pending single family detached homes range from \$1,098,000 to \$5,850,000. It should be pointed out that there are no "Potential Short Sales" or foreclosures that are currently pending although this trend may change.

It is interesting to note that of the 58 pending sales in the area, 10 received acceptable offers in the first six days of October. That is an average of almost two per day.

Usually many of the sales are completed prior to the start of school. Depending upon how many of the homes are being purchased by families with children who are new to Lamorinda, it may impact certain grades at the elementary level.

Inventory, however, is finally starting to rise. When looking at the available homes of all types in Lamorinda, there are 123 homes listed in the MLS. In Lafayette there are 52 homes on the market as of October 6 and there were 36 at this time one year ago.

In Moraga buyers have their choice of 32 properties, up from the 20 properties a year ago.

Orinda inventory has increased to 39 currently available up from 23 one year ago.

Current asking prices range from \$450,000 for a Moraga condo to \$25,000,000 for a Lafayette property.

At the high end, 22 homes closed above \$3,000,000 in the three communities combined during the quarter—up from 17 one year ago.

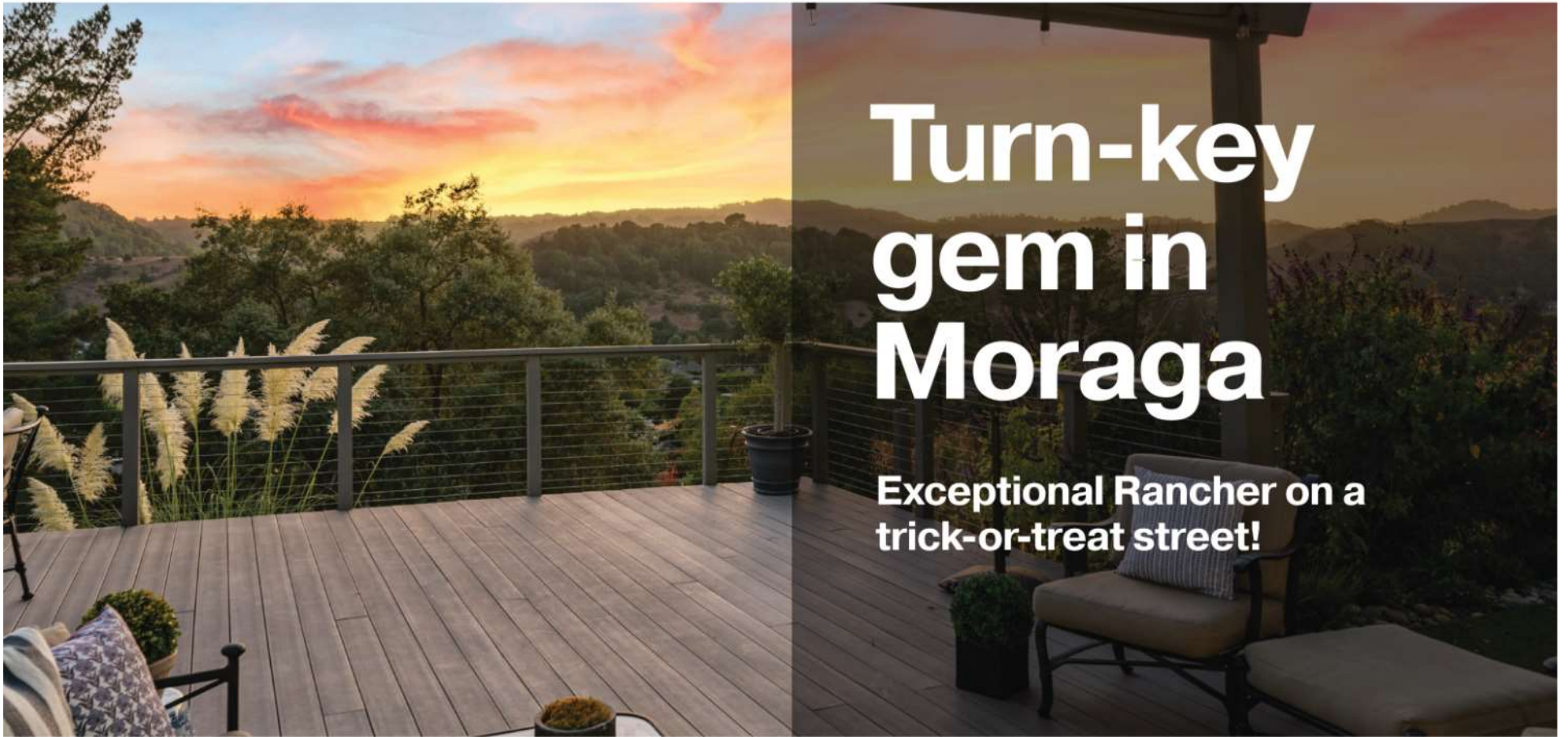
There are 30 currently available above this amount...a year ago there were 19.

You also have a lot of homeowners who refinanced when rates were very low and are reluctant to sell their homes because they do not want to have to give up this "cheap money" and buy something to pay 6% or more. This will help limit supply.

And, some buyers are in the market to buy anything, regardless of the interest rates. They feel that if rates fall, two things will happen...more buyers will be back in the buyer pool AND if rates go down...they will just refinance again.

We are still seeing Oakland, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and Peninsula agents representing buyers in their purchase of Lamorinda homes. They are coming from higher priced areas and have more available equity to use in Lamorinda.

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian **Endless Summer**



A bee savors the lavender blossoms.



Many salvias are California natives.

Photos Cynthia Brian

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Fill these Go-Bags with all the necessities you, your family, and your pets will need for three days, including water, protein bars, a first-aid kit, medications, masks, gloves, extra chargers, blankets, change of clothes, jacket, socks, headlamp, and a flash drive with your important documents, photos, or other digital items that you don't have in the cloud.

When working in your yard, on red-flag days, scorching hot or windy days, refrain from using any equipment that could cause a spark: lawnmower, weed whacker, or chainsaw. Do not ignite a fire pit, cook over an open flame, vape, or smoke outdoors. Be fire-safe.

In September articles, I discussed how to prepare your soil for fall plantings (Prescription to Plant: <https://lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1815/Digging-Deep-with-Goddess-Gardener-Cynthia-Brian-Prescription-to-Plant.html>) and also suggested plants that are deer resistant, (Dear Deer! <https://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1816/Digging-Deep-with-Goddess-Gardener-Cynthia-Brian-Deer.html>). But how do we move forward in an endless summer of heat and heavy winds?

The answer is to keep your landscape appropriately watered so that established plants and trees don't perish. WAIT to plant anything until the weather cools. The soil will still be warm, but the air temperatures will be lower. In this scenario, with minimal watering, the roots can establish themselves and be less stressed.

If you are considering reseeding your lawn or adding sod, start preparing the soil. Turn the soil six inches, mix in compost, then WAIT for chillier weather. Double-check your irrigation system to make sure that your sprinklers will reach every part of your grass. If you are ordering sod, start now researching the type of grass you want to install and get a quote from a reputable landscaper or grower. In the past few weeks, I had to replace my irrigation controllers. I hired my handyman from Honey-Homes to help me. I also repositioned several sprinkler lines. Thankfully, everything is working perfectly now after several years of pulling hoses. If you need help, this company has qualified service people in Lamorinda and you can get a major discount with my code <https://honeyh.me/eXEn>. As soon as the weather cools, I'll be reseeding and overseeding, knowing that when I turn on a sprinkle, it will work.

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Drought-tolerant plants to consider for fall:

If you've been perusing my garden columns, you already have a list of deer-resistant plants and know how to prepare the soil with mulch and drainage that retains moisture without waterlogging. Here are a few of my favorite low-water options that can be planted before the winter cold arrives and after our endless summer has ceased. Remember, no matter how drought-tolerant a plant is, every plant needs some water. California natives will be the most tolerant, conserving more water and requiring less maintenance. Many natives are also deer-resistant.

Natives:

- Manzanita
- California Poppy
- California lilac (ceanothus)
- Muhly grass
- Pink flowering currant
- Blue-eyes grass
- Salvia
- Yarrow
- California fuchsia
- Blue elderberry
- Shaw's Agave

Other Drought-Tolerant

Plants:

- Lavender
- Aloe Vera
- Echeveria
- Barberry
- Sedum
- Russian Sage
- Feather Reed Grass
- Black-eyed Susan
- Pride of Madeira
- Stonecrop
- Succulents
- Cacti
- Many wildflowers



For a flash of annual border color, buy pansies, which use minimal water. ... continued on Page OH10

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If you have the space, Pride of Madeira is a gorgeous statement shrub.



Barrel collecting rain water

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For a flash of annual border color, buy pansies. They use relatively little water, are low maintenance, and provide beauty in the winter.

You can create a beautiful and sustainable landscape with native and drought-tolerant plants. Biodiversity is increased, and you'll cultivate a garden that will thrive in arid and water-scarce conditions. Save every drop of water by putting a bucket in your shower or a bowl near your sinks. I use the water for my indoor plants and patio potted plants. If you want to go the extra mile, install a rain catcher or barrel to collect the wa-

ter from downspouts.

On a positive sunny note, my tomato plants are enjoying this endless summer. They have mingled with my Jacobinia Justica Carneia and continue to sprout new flowers which will provide me with tomatoes for a few more months.

As we look forward to a magnificent autumn, catch a gardening wave in this endless summer! Soon enough, the funeral anthem of a dying year will be playing, and we'll be longing to surf the sunshine again.

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