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Water Polo Champions

Lamorinda was well represented in the water polo North Coast Section playoffs this season. All three girls teams and all three boys teams qualified to compete. In the playoffs, the local teams dominated competition. Both girls and boys championship titles went to Lamorinda.

Boys: As time expired late Saturday afternoon, the Miramonte boys' water polo team, along with their fully-clothed coaches, jumped into the pool to commemorate their 10-8 victory ...

Girls: The Campolindo girls' water polo team has become one of Northern California's most dominant sports programs. On Nov. 15, they capped their brilliant season ...
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Shopping Small is Big in Lamorinda

Small Business Saturday is Nov. 29

By Sophie Braccini

The holiday gift lists seem to grow longer as the days get shorter. Black Friday is nearly upon us, for those inclined to participate in that bustling post-Thanksgiving tradition. Local retailers are hoping Lamorinda residents will consider visiting the independent businesses just down the street that make our downtowns unique and bring much needed sales tax revenue to our cities.

Four years ago, American Express launched Small Business Saturday. According to the company's website, "Customers and small businesses alike have been able to kick start their holiday shopping season on a day celebrating the uniqueness, charm and economic impact that small busi-

nesses bring to communities nationwide."

Add that to the call to "Shop Local," which has echoed throughout Lamorinda for the past few years, and you have a perfect storm. This year, retailers in Orinda, Moraga, and Lafayette – with a somewhat different paradigm – will seize the opportunity to strut their stuff on Small

Business Saturday, Nov. 29.

"This is the first year we are seriously digging in," said Sylvia Jorgensen, president of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce. Orinda is taking the event very seriously – the City Council just issued a proclamation recognizing Nov. 29 as Small Business Saturday; and look for a special event banner to appear on the BART bridge.

The Moraga Chamber of Commerce is also supporting local retailers. "Our town's merchants have a lot to offer, and they all want to celebrate their uniqueness on Small Business Saturday," said executive director Kathe Nelson.

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