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## Letters to the Editor

A New Chief of Police for Moraga

JM auditorium was packed. There were three important items on the Moraga Town Council agenda. The first item, however, brought the largest crowd of friends, family, fellow officers, Moraga town staff and representatives. All had come to witness the swearing in of Robert Priebe as Moraga Chief of Police. Bob has been with the Moraga Police department for 29 years. Chief Priebe thanked many people, with a special thank you to his wife Tracy for always supporting him. This special evening was also Bob and Tracy's 31st wedding anniversary. He gave Tracy a beautiful bouquet of a dozen yellow roses to mark the day they said "I do." Their son Ron was there to help his Mom pin Bob's chief's badge on his uniform. Ron is 29 years old and was 11 days old the day Chief Priebe joined the Moraga Police Department. Ron is a canine officer with the Pleasant Hill police department. Bob and Tracy have two other children, who live out of the area.

His comments about a former Moraga Chief of Police, Brad Kerns, were especially poignant. Brad was Chief in 2004. Chief Priebe said, "Chief Kerns was the most important mentor of my life. He opened up a new way of being for me. I used to be very adversarial. Brad taught me that I could be a successful police officer by being kind and respectful. I could still be tough and straight, but being kind would get me much further with the people with whom I lived and worked. This was a turning point in my life."

Moraga is lucky to have Chief Priebe at the helm of the Moraga Police Department. Welcome, and may you serve Moraga for many years to come.

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