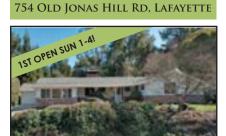
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Monday, March 12, 7:00 pm Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Planning Commission

Monday, March 5, 7:00 pm Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Design Review

Monday, March 12, 7:00 pm Lafayette Library & Learning Center in the Arts & Science Discovery Center at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

School Board Meetings Acalanes Union High School District

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 pm Board Room AUHSD Office 1212 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 pm LAFSD Office 3477 School Street, Lafayette www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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Planning Commission Weighs Balloons vs. Poles

By Cathy Tyson



Photosimulation courtesy of KB Home for proposed Town Center III project.

ow best to erect story poles on now, after a long, complicated history a constrained lot? Just behind current developer KB Home has pro-Panda Express is a one and a half acre posed a five story, eighty-one unit submitted. gravel BART overflow parking lot. apartment complex for the site. Back Although it doesn't look like much in August of 2010, story poles were that's why they are proposing this al-

determined to be required when an official application for this project was

"The problem is the guy wires,

ternative," said Lafayette Senior Planner Christine Sinnette at a recent Planning Commission meeting explaining the rationale behind balloons. While it's not unusual to have story poles for neighbors and city staff to get a sense of how tall a second story home addition will be, because the proposed building is approximately seventy feet tall - the poles, either wood or metal, would need a substantial amount of support and anchoring to keep them steady. In researching the project, KB Home found only one construction company, Swinerton, that has ever erected story poles that tall using wood. After reviewing the plans a Swinerton representative commented, "I do not see how we can do it with conventional wood story poles."

Jeb Bennett, Project Manager for KB Homes, outlined his firm's preference for using large helium balloons and anchoring them with ropes to keep them in place on a non-windy ... continued on page A11

Lafayette's Police Officer of the Year



Officer Jacqueline Dennison

t a recent City Council meeting, Chief Mike Hubbard recognized Officer Jacqueline Dennison as Lafayette's Officer of the Year, "We couldn't be more proud of her." She's been working in Lafayette

for the past five and a half years, and Springs Road a while ago. The driver mom's life. had a medical emergency and there leaking all around. She selflessly volunteered to get the toddler out of the back seat, knowing that a single spark could cause a dramatic explosion.

A second incident occurred at 6:30 in the morning - the first call of the day, there was a medical emergency. "I responded with a Code 3 – sirens and lights." A 63-year-old woman had a heart attack. Dennison used her defibrillator and performed has gone above and beyond the call of CPR for seven minutes until paraduty on more than once occasion. medics arrived. She saw the woman's Residents may remember a dramatic son later at the Art and Wine Festival; car crash into a house on South Silver he thanked her again for saving his

"It's all part of the job," said Denwas a child in the back strapped into a nison. Look for her patrolling the car seat. Officer Dennison and her streets of Lafavette in a four door partner Officer Ryan Sullivan, rescued Dodge Charger. With a wry smile, both individuals while gasoline was she notes, "it's very maneuverable." C. Tyson

> (A letter of commendation for Officer Dennison appears in Letters to the Editor, page A8)

Police Report



Prescription for trouble, 2/10/12 Someone tried to unlawfully fill a prescription by phone. The doctor's office was called to verify, and quickly put the kibosh on that.

Precursor for trouble, 2/8/2012 Police took a report regarding theft of narcotic prescriptions pad. Hmmm...

Hit and run, 2/10/12 Police received a report of an accident causing property damage. The culprit fled the scene without notifying the property owner or police.

The good and not so good news, 2/7/12 The good news: it appears a burglar was stopped in his tracks. The not so good: some window screens at the residence involved were cut and on the ground. Fortunately, that was the only damage.

Photo Cathy Tyson

Double Smash and Grab, 2/9 and 2/12/12 Two separate auto burglaries in the space of three days, with a similar M/O. Each car's owner had a front passenger window

broken and a purse stolen. \$70 missing and \$100 damages in the first case; \$200 missing and \$200 damages in the second. Must have been a bigger purse.

Surf and Turf, 2/15/12 Two street bikes and a surfboard were taken from an Acalanes Road residence, just ahead of a long weekend. Someone had vacation

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