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business briefs



Michael Wu ready to eat a plate of Sushi prepared by his new chef Photo Sophie Braccini

#### Sushi Replaces Tao Restaurant

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Michael Wu who took over the burger joint next to Chevalier in Lafayette made the first transformation when creating Tao Restaurant that served Japanese and American food, burgers and ramen. "That was a little confusing for our customers," says the young owner, "so we decided to make this place completely Japanese." Now, it is totally transformed. "And we've added a Sushi Bar," he says. Wu knows that there is competition in Lafayette so he wanted to do something special. "We have selected four different fish suppliers and we ask them to deliver every day," he says. "We want to serve the best quality fish." He's decided to also keep his prices competitive and the portions generous. "I have to build my clientele," he says with a broad smile. Wu came to America seven years ago from Hong Kong. "Hong Kong is the best place in Asia to eat," he says with a tinge of nostalgia in his voice. "There you find the best Chinese and the best Japanese food, and it is vibrant 24/7." So why come to quiet Lafayette? "I knew I had to leave when I decided to have a family," he says. "My family said

California was the best place, and since I came here, I knew that Lamorinda was where I wanted to raise my children." Last year, he moved to Lafayette with his wife and two small kids; the oldest will be in first grade this fall. "We are here to stay and become part of this community," he says.

#### Restructuring and Name Change for Sixto's Hair Design

386 Park St., Moraga  
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Martha Estrada wants to thank her clients for their support and to inform them that she changed the name of her salon to Unisex Hair Design. Martha will continue to work next to the Rheem Theatre, and she is in the process of recruiting new people to work with her.

#### News from the three Chambers of Commerce

##### Lafayette

The Chamber supports the movies: Movies in the Plaza at 8 p.m. on Friday nights: The Muppets on Friday, July 20; Iron Man on Friday, July 27.

##### Moraga

Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. The First Annual Moraga Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament promises to be a great day of golf and a great evening of fun and prizes Monday, July 23 with check-in at 10:30 a.m., shotgun start at noon at the Moraga Country Club. The \$150 entry fee includes golf, refreshments, prizes and an after-party. If golf isn't your game, but you don't want to miss the fun, just come to the after-party for a \$50 fee. For full registration details, visit [moragachamber.org](http://moragachamber.org) or contact Kathe Nelson at [Kathe@moragachamber.com](mailto:Kathe@moragachamber.com).

##### Orinda

Cal Shakes "After Hours Tour and Wine" event. The Orinda Chamber invites its members and friends to California Shakespeare Theater's scenic Bruns Amphitheater in Orinda from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. July 26 for a casual wine-and-cheese hour outdoors in one of the eucalyptus-shaded picnic groves. Join current Cal Shakes corporate partners Pat O'Dea (CEO, Peet's Coffee), Marshall Kido (Preferred Banking Segment Manager, City National Bank), and Victor Ivry (Owner, Table 24 and Barbacoa restaurants) to learn how and why their organizations partner with Cal Shakes, and get insight into the ways that partnering with this nationally-renowned theater can strengthen your business. Although this event is free, each guest needs a grounds pass to enter the Bruns. Guests of this event are also eligible to purchase half-price tickets to Cal Shakes' 7:30 p.m. performance of Spunk that evening. When you RSVP, please indicate if you would like to stay for the show. For reservations, contact Darcy Brown-Martin at [dbrown-martin@calshakes.org](mailto:dbrown-martin@calshakes.org) or (510) 548-3422 ext. 141 by July 23.

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