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After Long Delay, Woodbury **Condos Coming to Lafayette**

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with Branagh Development. "They are the perfect client; they respect good design and always strive to create the best product possible. When I first sat down with them to look at this project, they came up with an innovative and much needed housing concept to fill a niche in the area."

Together they focused on creating a project that has all the advantages of single family residences, but none of the disadvantages. "We have developed large single story units that share no walls with other condominiums and have windows on three sides," said Thomsen. "We strove to make the units feel private Ken Hertel noted the "fantastic rebirth and separate with some breathing room between neighbors; to that end we incorporated individual garages, that has been lacking for some time."

Thomsen said he enjoys working large private outdoor terraces and even included personal foyers off the elevators. We believe all this attention to detail will create a truly unique project."

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He's leaving his imprint on the city's west end— Thompson is the brains behind the skinny Fresh Connection building just down Mt. Diablo Boulevard and the soon to be constructed Eco Vive West office building that will occupy the corner of Risa Road and Mt. Diablo.

Design Review commissioners commented on the evolution of the project, praising its livability and scale. Commissioner and architect and salvation of this project" adding, "it will certainly dress up a hillside

KB Home Condo Project Gets Green Light

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existing apartments with an enthe intention for that parcel to remain a gravel parking lot forever – it will either be an office or residential

land, Ivan Glover testified that he bought the property when he was 56, do believe it's time."

In describing how he came to have just recently heard about it, the reason we are here is that we growth in the area.

He explained that the KB Home didn't want an office building on project will be similar in scale to the this site - there was unanimous consensus that we want housing hanced design, and that it was never here." Scolding the developer for last minute adjustments he said, "I'm very unhappy with the applicant and the way they've gone about this." Despite KB's timeli-One of the partial owners of the ness he summarized that this is a perfect location for high density housing, close to BART and freenow having just turned 76, "I really way access - a strong beneficial project for Lafayette.

The majority of public comment his decision, Anduri noted that al- on the proposed 72-unit building has though some residents claim to been negative, citing traffic, school crowding, loss of views and more, the public has been on notice of a but fans of smart growth added their project at this site, "at least for the voices to the fray pointing out the last 16 years – since I have been on need for housing and advocating for the Planning Commission and City a pedestrian-friendly complex that Council." He continued, "Part of will accommodate the inevitable

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Runaway Librarian Settles in Moraga

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went from a position in a branch to a headquarter management position. "I was in charge of personnel, purchasing, budget and facilities," she says. In that position she acted as a project manager for the construction of new libraries in Meadow Vista and Rocklin. "It was very interesting and diverse, but I was missing the branch work and relationship with the public," she says.

hind the counter as often as possible tions with authors and culinary/recipe and not spend too much time at her desk in the back office. She wants to Moraga's needs. get to know the collections and the vast network that allows patrons to domain with the critical eye of a projget books from any of the branches in the county system. McDonnell also expects to spend a lot of time planning activities in partnership with the Friends of the Library. "This group has such a great reputation throughout Contra Costa," she says. "I'm looking forward to working with them."

She is interested in both the adult and children programs. "The children's programs are of great impor-situations.

In Placer County, McDonnell tance to me, supporting early literacy is very rewarding," says McDonnell. She remembers the first time she participated in a 'Paws to Read' program in Placer County. "It brought tears to

my eyes," she admits. "My personal interests are very diverse, from contemporary folk music to travel all over the world," she says, "but before planning programs I want to get to know the community." She has ideas about In Moraga she plans to work be- computer classes, literary presentaswap meets; but will first get a feel for

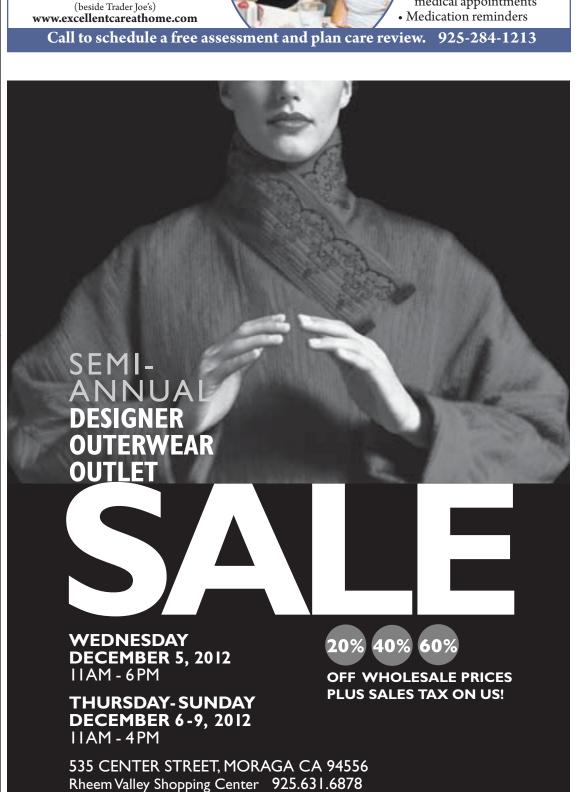
> McDonnell looks over her new ect manager. "It looks like the building is well maintained and that renovations have been made to preserve its charming character," she says. She enjoys the wildlife that roams by her window, up the hill behind the library. "Here it's just deer, the occasional cow and a few turkeys; we don't have to worry about bears," says the librarian, who's obviously used to dealing with all kinds of

A Parking Lot in the Making



The Town of Moraga is building a new 29-space parking lot for the skate park. The parking area will be separated from the road by a planted border. The cities of Orinda and Lafayette are sharing in the cost of the project. The skate park remains open during construction.





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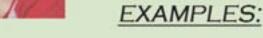
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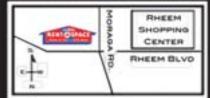
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