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Removing the bee swarm Photo provided



Paulo Trento preps his spot. Photo Cathy Tyson

From left, Allie Fink, Alicia Hober and Arlee Farrell help install a variety of native plants for butterflies and Community Park visitors to enjoy. Photo Cathy Tyson

## Pint-Sized Gardeners Plant Butterfly-Friendly Natives

### Bee Guy Rescues Field Trip

By Cathy Tyson

Cue the bat, or rather bee, signal. Except unlike Batman, Parks and Recreation staff needed a bee hero to save the day. Just a few hours before young helpers from Merriewood Children's Center were slated to walk over to install native plants in a brand new butterfly garden, bees congregated

a little too close for comfort. "What are the odds that a swarm of bees would decide to take refuge in an oak tree that is right next to the butterfly garden?" said Parks, Trails and Recreation Director Jennifer Russell just a couple of hours from scheduled planting.

Although he didn't have a cape or a bat/bee mobile, Lafayette bee guy Steven Harris happened to pick up his phone and was available to come immediately and gently collect the swarm and move it to a more appropriate location.


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#### Quote of the Week:

"It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to give our young people a voice." Read Teens to Talk Writing, Publishing and Broadcasting with Cynthia Brian, page A6.

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## Jack Zemsch: A Little Person with a Big Voice

By Sophie Braccini



Jack Zemsch with his mother, Kim. Photo Sophie Braccini

Jack Zemsch knows resilience. He's needed a lot of it just to grow up, and he's only 11 years old. The Moraga resident has been supported by his community since the days when his family was fighting to get coverage for a procedure that was critical to his survival.

Zemsch was diagnosed in early infancy with an extremely rare condition called metatropic dysplasia. This form of dwarfism is characterized by severe spinal deformity. By age 6, his spine was bent beyond 90 degrees, which compromised his lungs and heart. After he met with pediatric surgeon William MacKenzie in Delaware, he underwent spinal ligament surgery in 2009, followed by nine weeks in halo traction.

"It's been miraculous; the surgery changed his life," says his mother, Kim Zemsch. "He was losing his lung and heart function. After the surgery he came back standing straight, he was part of the upright world and he could breathe." Zemsch continues to get treatment, including-expandable rods inserted in his back that allow his lungs' growth and normal breathing. They need to be adjusted every six months.

Now his energy and smarts have made him a national spokesperson, going to Washington, D.C. to advocate and to become a face for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

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#### Earth Day is April 21!

Join the festivities at Orinda's Wagner Ranch (page A7) or the Lafayette Library and Learning Center (page B1).



#### Gaels Seek to Defend WCC Golf Crown

Hunter Hewitt has the view from the green on page C2.



#### Summer Camp Guide

28 specialty half-day camps and classes.



#### "Heart of the Home" Tour

Cathy Tyson takes a sneak peek at indoor and outdoor entertaining spaces featured on tour to support Miramonte Parent Club (page E1).

