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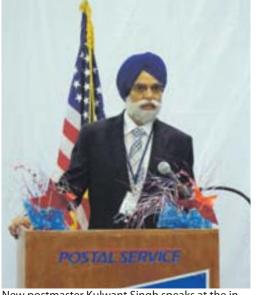
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### Lafayette Welcomes New Postmaster

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New postmaster Kulwant Singh speaks at the installation ceremony July 17.

Daughter Sandeep Singh took the podium to recognize her dad's success, calling him "a man of great dedication and will." She emphasized that the whole family was proud of his accomplishments and very happy for him. Singh, who has a bachelor's degree from Calcutta University, is married to wife Jasvir, has another daughter, Mandeep, and six grandchildren. He lives in El Sobrante where he is the president of the Sikh Temple.

To welcome Singh to Lafayette, the City Council declared July 17, 2013 as Kulwant Singh Day. Mail has been sorted and delivered for 116 years in this city. Lafayette's very first postmaster was Benjamin Shreve, appointed on March 2, 1897; at that time the town was called La Fayette.

Residents may not realize just how much mail runs through the Lafayette facility: daily mail volume of more than 120,000 pieces gets delivered to 18,828 addresses on 24 city routes and to nearly 1,300 post office boxes. Singh will oversee the 48 employees who make it all happen.

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### Planning the Future of Commons Park **Proves Complicated**

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the Back 40 alone.

The most popular suggested alternate use for the Back 40, favored by 10 percent of respondents, was a dog park; although when the same idea was raised during the Rancho Laguna dog park drama it was met with strong opposition. Others suggested tennis courts for the Back 40 or sand volleyball site.

sire for more senior and teen activ- ticed is that people don't necessarities, and additional bocce ball courts.

The lack of clear, overriding needs puzzled the commission. "So have we gotten anything out of this (the survey)?" asked vice chair Robert Lucacher. "My biggest dis-

More than 60 percent of respon- appointment is that we have an en- ways to improve the Commons. strong needs," said commissioner John Haffner.

> Resident David Shapiro suggested that "the survey wasn't good enough. It didn't go out to the entire what they (the residents) would like

ily have an opinion until something happens, until the town makes a move; then people will react to it. If you come up with a plan then you'll get opinions, otherwise everybody is happy with the park."

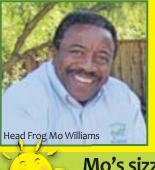
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dents want the volleyball courts to tire group of Moraga citizens, peo- Haffner supported additional bocce stay and 25 percent want to leave ple with kids who use the park, who courts. Lucacher suggested a comdon't seem to have expressed munity garden on the Back 40, "where people could rent a little piece of land, plant some vegetables and practice the essentials of sustainability."

Another problem was summed community. You weren't getting up by Haffner: "The question is who is going to pay for it?"

Chair Karen Reed proposed a Another Moraga resident told homework assignment for the com-The survey also reflected a de- the commission, "What I have no- missioners as the next step in the process — to identify specific ideas, with sources of funding, for future review and analysis. Moragans with ideas and suggestions are invited to attend the next commission meeting or submit written comments; check the town's web-Commissioners imagined other site for the date and time.

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# **Everyday Heroes**



From left: Mark DeWeese, Michael Rattary, Matt Epperson.

at the fourth annual Orinda Everyday Heroes golf fundraiser. Kelly Morris, Michael Rattary and Stephen Rogness, the three Moraga-Orinda Fire District firefighters who were severely injured in December while responding to a vehicle accident

nother great time was had by all their bravery and service to the community. Before the day was over, Ted Urban had scored a hole in one, and the shamble team of Ralph Severson, Doug Moore, John Hunt, and Charlie Allison brought home the gold. Sponsored each year by the Orinda Community Foundation, this very special on Highway 24, were honored for event generates funding that supports bank. L. Snyder

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the Fourth of July Celebration, Lamorinda Idol, local concerts in the park, and community beautification, public arts and building improvement efforts, as well as non-profit services such as the Lamorinda Adult Respite Center, Spirit Van Senior Transportation, and Contra Costa Solano Food-