Glenside Drive Sign Helps Ring in the New Year



Photo Cathy Tyson

www.lamorindaweekly.com

✓owner Larry Cody is famous for his messages on the sign in front of wish for a happy new year to his neighbors. Cody's family has a long what is now Burton Valley were purchased by his grandfather Augustine Lobo. Lobo crossed the Atlantic Boston to find work in a shoe factory. try his luck. C. Tyson

ongtime Burton Valley home- Later, in the 1920s he came west, purchased the land, made improvements and planted pears and walnuts. The his home on Glenside Drive. Just a family eventually subdivided the land few days before Jan. 1, he painted his in the 1950s. Cody is well known in the neighborhood for his signs, changing them from time to time with history in the area; many acres in the seasons or for holidays. Some of messages recollect fond memories of past loves or his affinity for race horses. On a recent Saturday he was coming from Portugal, first landing in heading out to Golden Gate Fields to

Tatzin Takes the Helm as Mayor, Again

... continued from page A2

Reflecting on the role of being mayor, Tatzin discussed the virtuous circle philosophy, a chain of events that reinforces itself through a feedback loop with positive results and how it is applicable to residents.

contact people have with government," he said, explaining that the City Council is one of a number of components of the virtuous circle, that can create an environment of trust and respect, which strengthens the fabric of the community. Residents also contribute via a wide range of avenues, for example supporting their kids' education, or sports, which further benefits Lafayette and adds to its appeal, attracting new people. His role as mayor, he believes, is to support this circle, by being accessible, to listen, respond to citizens, and explain is currently in the very preliminary

the decision-making process. he'd like to address in the new year, Bark in the Park. Possible features inthat include a variety of civic conclude a dog/owner look-a-like concerns, for example working with the test, perhaps a demonstration of committee that is going to decide the canine search and rescue techniques, future of two city-owned parcels, the along with an education component. old library building and a former medical office on Moraga Road.

Also on his agenda is encouraging residents to "think big," to find a real solution to Moraga Road congestion and downtown traffic. The incremental changes over the years haven't impacted the fundamental problem, in his opinion. Tatzin would like to "take this opportunity to step back served the citizens of Lafayette for aland gather input to come up with a shared vision" for a plan that could address endless back-ups.

Terraces project should be resolved in cide." Tatzin plans to run again for 2014, and he'll continue to work with City Council this November.

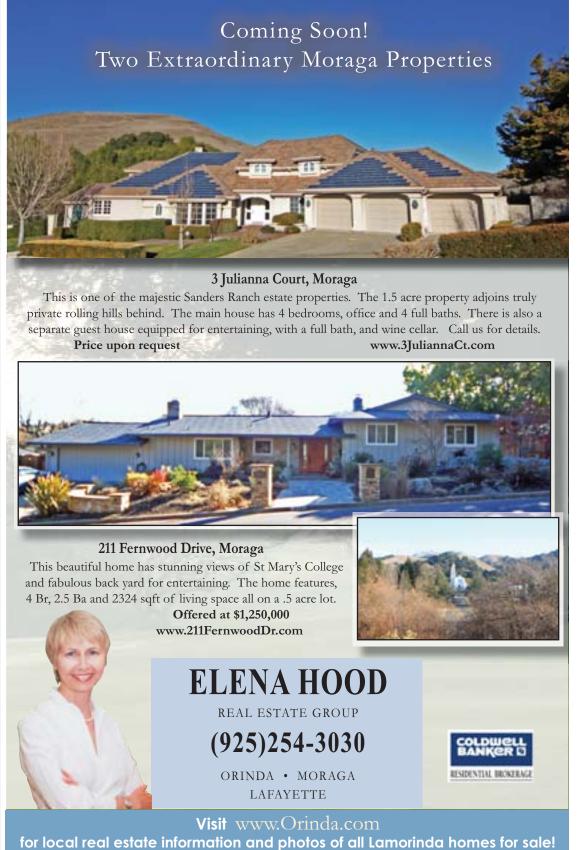
fire agencies to seek a solution to provide better fire and emergency response in Lafayette even though it's not a city responsibility. The new mayor has a unique perspective as a volunteer on the Contra Costa Local "Often we are the first level of Area Formation Commission, also known as LAFCO. The organization oversees boundaries of towns, cities, and special districts, like water, sanitation, and especially relevant for Lafayette – fire protection.

As mayor five years ago for the official grand opening of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, he plans on a birthday celebration this fall along with a fundraising ef-

On a lighter note, as a dog owner, Tatzin would like to spearhead an event that focuses on pets. Planning stages for a furry friends party that He shared a series of initiatives could be called Dog-stravaganza or

> In his free time, Tatzin logs endless laps in the Oakwood swimming pool. Results aren't yet in for 2013, but in 2012, Lafayette's mayor came in first in his age group with a staggering 1,524 miles for the U.S. Masters Swimming annual "Go the distance" fitness event.

That kind of dedication has most 30 years. When asked if he was going to hang up his gavel when his term expires at the end of this year, he Tatzin anticipates the proposed replied, "That's up to voters to de-







HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sherrie Knows Your Neighborhood Lamorinda Home Prices Soar to the Highest Since 2007 Thinking of Selling Your Home in 2014?

With the backlog of Buyers and the current lack of inventory... preparation, planning and good old fashioned "know-how" are the keys to Sherrie's success. Sherrie uses proven marketing techniques and the latest technology to get you the results you want, which is to sell your home for the highest possible price. Call for a no-obligation, confidential consultation to discuss your individual needs. Sherrie has color consultants, stagers and landscapers at your disposal. When it's time for a change, there is too much at stake to settle for anything less than Sherrie's years of experience, expertise and professional service. Spring 2013 was our busiest season. Take advantage of today's market.

REDEFINING THE WAY BUSINESS IS DONE



www.OrindaHome.com

2 Theatre Square, Suite 117, Orinda, CA 94563 | Follow me @ Facebook.com/SherriePerlstein