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By Sophie Bracco

From left, Chef Alan Rivas and Victor Iruy in front of their new Lafayette restaurant, American Kitchen. Photo: John Brown

American Kitchen in Victor Iruy's new baby. The Orinda resident, sports coach and commercial real estate professional, who entered the restaurant business four years ago with the opening of Table 24, and later Barbacoa, in Theatre Square with partner Michael Kary, recently opened American Kitchen in Lafayette. Iruy has a new partner ... [read](#)

**Film Festival Opens in Lamorinda This Weekend**  
By Sophie Bracco

What better way to kick off a wonderful weekend of fantastic film than to rub elbows with the film's stars, directors and producers? This year's California Independent Film Festival, Sept. 11-14 at the Rheim ... [read](#)

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By Richard Salgado

After a hot start, the Saint Mary's women's soccer team has suffered its first setback of the season: two consecutive losses. [read](#)

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By Chris Lavin

You've got to have it: That latest book, something from an interview on NPR, or Fox News, or the New York Times best-seller title that seems to resonate. You order it, or better, you end up buying it from an ... [read](#)

**New Art Form Makes Debut Spin at Art and Wine Festival**  
By Cathy Tyson

This year's Art and Wine Festival brings the public debut of a new art form - live fraction painting that feeds off the energy of the crowd and music as it's performed. Several artists have stepped up to ... [read](#)

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By Laurie Snyder

Three seats are opening on the Orinda Union School District board of trustees. Four accomplished, passionate professionals are running in November, 2014. Each has direct experience volunteering for and serving ... [read](#)

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By Laurie Snyder

The four candidates for the Orinda Union School District board shared their views recently on issues ranging from budgets to school building conditions. Here are their thoughts on one issue likely to shape the ... [read](#)

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By Sophie Bracco

The Moraga Town Council unanimously rejected the adoption of a local ban on single-use plastic bags Aug. 27. Within two days of the council's vote, a bag ban bill passed both houses of the state legislature ... [read](#)

**City Council Approves ALS Ice Bucket Challenge**  
By Cathy Tyson

In what turned out to be the shortest meeting ever, all five members of the Lafayette City Council responded to Matt Chaney's request for them to take the ubiquitous ice bucket challenge. "Thanks for stepping ... [read](#)

**Learning from a Neighbor**  
By Sophie Bracco

Remember school field trips? Though curriculum-related, you'd get to go places, learn new things, and the usual school rules would be somewhat relaxed. That's exactly

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By Cathy Tyson

After four meetings and a site visit finalizing design details, KB Home is

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