O're 904 swimmers from 00 teams met over the weekend of July 29-30 at the ninth annual Lafayette Swim Conference Championship Meet, held at Acalanes High School where families erected tents, set out lawn chairs and blasted music in the packed breezeways of the school. High fives and congratulations were shared among the steady stream of swimsuit-clad competitors on the hot day. Claudia Dumais, a 12-year-old Lafayette swimmer at the Lafayette Moraga Youth Association, qualified for five different events – the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and the individual medley but she was only allowed to swim in two different events. “I practice for over an hour five days a

week,” said Claudia, who also plays basketball and soccer. “I began swimming competitively when I was 9. I have been able to improve by learning new techniques.” She hopes to continue swimming through high school.

Springsbrook Swim Team landed the top slot with 5,317 points followed by Rancho Colorados Swim Team with 4,295.50 and LMYA Dolphins Swim Team with 2,847.50 points. Nine swimmers broke records at the meet, five by individual swimmers and four by relay teams. (See the list of LSC results and individual winners on page C2.)

By Jon Kingston

An inconvenient liability, presented by Lamorinda public agencies

By Nick Marnell

According to the latest audited financial statements, Lamorinda school districts, municipalities and the local fire district carry a combined net pension and retiree health care liability of nearly $320 million, more than $3,000 per Lamorinda resident.

“It’s a gigantic problem, and a well-recog-
nized crisis, but residents aren’t pricing ac-
ceptation,” said Seth Freeman, Moraga finan-
cial officer. "It’s a huge concern. The pro-
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jected returns in general are rare-

ly achieved,” said Freeman. "Not only are the numbers large now, until they are dealt with, they will only get larger." Among Lamorinda public agencies, the Moraga-Ondina Fire District leads the way with nearly $64 million in net pension and OPEB liability, followed by the Acalanes Union High School District with $55 million, the Orinda Union School District and Lafayette School District report nearly $30 million each, with the Moraga School District at about $3 million. The Town of Moraga reports a net pension liability of $3.8 million but no OPEB liability.

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LSC High Point goes to Springsbrook

Window of opportunity missed for fast permanent restoration

By Sophie Braccini

Federal work last summer replaced the Montecito Bridge with a temporary bridge the town called "the emergency reopening," but no net OPEB liability.

The project of the vegetative cover on the sinkhole requires an additional $500 million in order to be approved within a few months. There is a difference between permanent restoration and emergency reopening. Emergency reopening funding gets expedited and approved within a few months. It has limitations, too usually the funds only cover the cost of the damage. As soon as a drive-through is restored, the situation is no longer an emergency and the approval process for the permanent restoration of the damaged infrastructure takes a much longer time.

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Moraga Road fatality underscores the importance of pursuing solutions to Lafayette’s traffic woes

By Pippa Fisher

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Pleasant Hill Road traffic trials

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**Miwok tribe recreated in Lafayette**

By Pippa Fisher

With the emphasis on Native American values of respect, honor and being connected to the earth, retired third-grade teacher and longtime Lafayette resident Peggy Magilen recreated a tribe within Lafayette for an intergenerational workshop teaching the ways of the local Saklan Miwok Native Americans.

With the help of volunteers, Magilen gave the 26 attendees of the free event Aug. 5 in the Lafayette Community Gardens the Miwok experience — creating family names and necklaces, pounded acorns, practicing hunting skills and playing games.

A large display of artifacts, costumes and children-centered projects greeted visitors to the garden demonstrating connective and successful indigenous living.

Magilen’s goal? To send everyone home with a special sense of Native belonging, which was clearly accomplished with lots of fun along the way.

**Local residents can get a charge at three new Lafayette EV stations**

By Pippa Fisher

Two new EV charging stations at the intersection of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Rosa Road.

Lafayette electric vehicle drivers have more choice in locations when powering up their zero-emission cars now since the city has installed three new ChargePoint stations.

The new stations are all on city-owned public parking lots — one at the intersection of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Oak Hill Road just down from Uncle Yu’s Restaurant and the other two stations at the intersection of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Rosa Road.

The stations became operational during the last week of June following approval by the Lafayette City Council and are partially funded through a grant from the Lafayette Electric Power Quality and Management District.

Drivers, who previously had to find and pay for privately owned charging stations such as the ones in the Whole Foods parking lot, will now be able to drive up, swipe their credit card or ChargePoint membership card and pay the $3 credit for kilowatt-hour.

So far these are the only charging stations on city land but more are planned, although the timeline is not yet known.

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by Sophie Bracini

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The book, titled “License plate readers in sight for Moraga,” is written by Sophie Bracini and published by the Moraga Historical Society. It features photographs and text that provide a visual history of the town, starting from its early days when the town was first settled.

The book covers a wide range of topics, including the town’s history, its residents, and events that have shaped it over the years. It also includes information on the town’s geography and its natural surroundings.

License plate readers in sight for Moraga by Sophie Bracini is available for purchase at local bookstores or online. It’s a great way to learn more about Moraga’s history and its development over the years.

If you’re interested in learning more about Moraga’s history, this book is a must-read. It’s a fascinating read that will take you on a journey through time, allowing you to see how the town has evolved over the years.

For more information about the book, visit the Moraga Historical Society’s website or contact them directly. They can provide you with more details about the book and how to purchase it.
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Corrections:
In the July 12 story, “Tale of the World food trucks coming to Orinda,” it was noted that the first food truck event in front of the Orinda Community Center was inclement due to rain in August 4, 5; however, that date was postponed due to inclement weather, and the first food truck event is now scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. We regret any inconvenience.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft submitted; additional $1.75M needed to cover storm damage
By Sara O’Doherty
In order to be eligible for FEMA mitigation funding, Contra Costa County has to submit a Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) by the end of August and Orinda’s part was due on the county on Aug. 7. Prepared by Planner Dave Allen, the draft plan aims to address future risk from hazards and floods. The final draft for city council adoption is anticipated by late fall 2017. Planning Director Drummey Buckley and the Orinda City Council planned on using this report for the very large and complex project. The plan must assess the risk of right natural hazards: dam and levee failures, drought, earthquake, flood, landslide, severe weather, tsunami, volcanic and, as of this year, climate change. Hazard events affecting Orinda include recurrent storms, including the sinkhole on Rheem Boulevard. Mayor Lynn Ballou, who lives on the moraga Way, estimated that hundreds of additional cars are traveling on her road each hour during the 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. detour period, and worries that this is putting added stress on this road that was not designed for such heavy traffic. There are 37 homes on the stretch and 150 residents, according to Gloris So. The traffic, the residents say, is causing actual danger on the road and a potential danger to themselves and their children, not to mention major property damage to their properties and possible evacuations of their homes. EBMUD estimates the reprieve will take 10 weeks to complete. Residents are particularly concerned because this traffic plan is scarcely occurring even before the start of school traffic in late August. They want the detour to Orchard Road stopped, longer working hours by EBMUD to hasten the end of the project, and better communication from EBMUD to afflicted residents. Mayor Ballou said that since the detour began, many residents have expressed their concerns. To address traffic and safety issues EBMUD has added additional signage, including 15 mph signs. The Orinda Police Department for additional patrols; added three temporary speed bumps to the half-mile stretch of road, and restricted right turns on the Moraga and Orchard Road.

In another action, the city council adopted a resolution transferring $1.75 million from the General Fund unrestricted reserves and the real estate development fund to the General Fund to cover storm damage. In order to be eligible for FEMA funding, Contra Costa County has to submit a Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) by the end of August and Orinda’s part was due on the county on Aug. 7. Prepared by Planner Dave Allen, the draft plan aims to address future risk from hazards and floods. The final draft for city council adoption is anticipated by late fall 2017. Planning Director Drummey Buckley and the Orinda City Council prepared on using this report for the very large and complex project. The plan must assess the risk of right natural hazards: dam and levee failures, drought, earthquake, flood, landslide, severe weather, tsunami, volcanic and, as of this year, climate change. Hazard events affecting Orinda include recurrent storms, including the sinkhole on Rheem Boulevard. Mayor Lynn Ballou, who lives on the stretch and 150 residents, according to Gloris So. The traffic, the residents say, is causing actual danger on the road and a potential danger to themselves and their children, not to mention major property damage to their properties and possible evacuations of their homes. EBMUD estimates the reprieve will take 10 weeks to complete. Residents are particularly concerned because this traffic plan is scarcely occurring even before the start of school traffic in late August. They want the detour to Orchard Road stopped, longer working hours by EBMUD to hasten the end of the project, and better communication from EBMUD to afflicted residents. Mayor Ballou said that since the detour began, many residents have expressed their concerns. To address traffic and safety issues EBMUD has added additional signage, including 15 mph signs. The Orinda Police Department for additional patrols; added three temporary speed bumps to the half-mile stretch of road, and restricted right turns on the Moraga and Orchard Road. The traffic on the Moraga Road is also being compounded by work on a new water main repair the sinkhole on Zilker Boulevard. Mayor Ballou noted that the Town of Moraga has proposed their own detours, including the use of residential roads, but that these do not provide a safe and efficient route. Council Member Dave Miller, after asking if residents could call at any time, was told that they could. Mayor Amy Worsh was told that they could ask if the residents wanted the traffic to continue on weekends and after-hours. Council Member Daune Geog said she had no contrary questions that she feels that the matter be by-agendum, and the rest of the council agreed.
Old yellow house opens to public for fourth Fandango for Moraga Adobe

By Sora O’Doherty

Architecture James Wright in the upstairs hall of the Old Yellow House, which he has renovated to be a net-zero energy use building. The “wallpaper” is old newspaper found under the flooring dating back to pre-WWII days.

Residents of Lamorinda watched with interest as the renovation of the old building moved forward, so this is a rare opportunity to see the inside. Probably most people have never noticed that the old house has two front doors, which Mythril Wright until one day in 2014 while laying brick on the front porch. Orinda resident Janis Milstein, whose father was an engineer for the railroad, stopped by and told him how as a young child she would go with her father on business excursions, staying in railroad overnight housing just like the Old Yellow House. She explained that the two entrances were a remnant of the caste system: the main door was for whites and the other for the Chinese and other laborers who worked on the railroad.

Although built for the California Nevada Railroad, the structure was never occupied by the company, owing to its bankruptcy at the end of the railroad era. The Charles Nelson family lived on the property from 1918 through 1966, after which the property was left vacant and unaltered until purchased by Wright in 2012. Wright decided to make the building a showcase for his skills at developing geo-solar passive houses, a technology which he passionately advocates.

Tickets to the Fandango cost $100, and 200 tickets will be available at the door. For information, call Bobbie Landers at (925) 254-8260. An estimated $80 of each ticket is expected to be tax-deductible.

Fandango at 5 da on Moraga Road. The Yellow House will be treated to tours of another historic building on the surprisingly extensive grounds of the railroad bunkhouse in 1890. Wright will give tours of his historic home, which blends history with green energy technology and amazing creative reuse.

You can also read stories about the Old Yellow House and the Moraga Adobe in the Lamorinda Weekly archives at http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1012/175-Years-Old-Yellow-House-is-Stable-For-Restoration.html

Old Yellow House to be the site of the fourth annual Fandango on Moraga Road. The Yellow House will be treated to tours of another historic building, music including a historical musical, staged gourmet barbecue dinner and an evening of tours of the renovated 19th century structure, originally constructed as a railroad bunkhouse in 1890. Wright will give tours of the historic house, which brings up the on the surprisingly extensive grounds of the house. Although no parking is available at the house, shuttle vans will be provided from St. Mark’s United Methodist Church at 451 Moraga Way, and will run continuously from 4:45 to 9:30 p.m. Architect James Philip Wright embarked on a labor of love when he rebuilt this 19th century structure, originally constructed as a railroad bunkhouse in 1890. Wright will give tours of his historic home, which blends history with green energy technology and amazing creative reuse.

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To be interviewed: Fire Chief Jerry Lee
Curtesy MOFD

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District board of directors has named Battalion Chief Jerry Lee as the interim fire chief effective Sept. 20, the day of Fire Chief Stephen Healy’s departure. The board also agreed to retain an executive search firm to assist in the recruitment of the new chief.

Consistent with the district’s hard-driving push to improve its financial picture, MOFD appointed a new finance director in 2013, which covered the salaries and benefits of four firefighters for two years, and he recently obtained a federal grant to cover the payment of four more firefighters for district ambulances.

Lee is an honor to serve the men and women of MOFD and the community. It’s something I’ve been wanting to do throughout my career in the fire service,” Lee said of his future elevation to interim fire chief. Lee has served with MOFD since 2003.

Though he praised the announcement of Lee as interim chief former MOFD director Dick Olsen, who went through the hiring process of Fire Chief Randy Bradley, urged the board to search as far and wide as possible for the next chief, so long as to confirm that Lee is the proper selection. “It’s always best to open the process,” Olsen said.

“Over the years, you’ll be paying out more than a million dollars to oversize tons of millions of dollars. It’s a pittance of an investment,” Olsen said.

After interviewing potential search firms, the MOFD fire chief recruitment ad hoc committee recommended that the district retain Roseville-based Bob Murray and Associates to conduct the search for the new chief. “The company has hired 15 fire chiefs in the last two years,” said ad hoc committee member Craig Jorgens. Once executives, the contract with Bob Murray and Associates will not exceed $24,000.

Director Steve Anderson cast the only vote against retaining the search firm. “I used to own a recruiting company,” he said. “We would always allow a carve-out. If you make an insufficient low, you don’t pay.”

The terms of the financial arrangement with the search firm would remain the same whether for an internal or separately sourced candidate.

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With respectful regards,
Christopher P. Georgievich
Lafayette

A plea for return to old police blotter
I cannot believe when I opened the paper today, turned to my familiar section the "Morgue crime report," and it was boring!!! I have talked to my friends regarding the man's letter (in fact 25) criticizing the report and all the names could be that narrow minded and not have the joy in his life to appreciate the effort that someone put into making our little town's crime report entertaining to read.

Please, BRING IT BACK.

Charlotte Scherer Moraga

One victim's response to home-

ers police report
Several years ago when living in Britain, my house was burglarized. The burglar stole my large jewelry collection. I had many valuable, unique and special pieces. On a terrible day, among many other irreplaceable items, I lost my engagement ring and a necklace I had bought when I was 9 years old. I was devastated having lost so many irreplaceable items.

When I would read the "Morgue" police reports in the paper, I would feel insulated. I learnt from my personal experience, that for the men and women of the police force, for the retirees on the collection end

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Someone who...: Lamorinda Night Out founders Heather Aguiar (left) and Nicole Damhesel (right).

A modified block schedule when going to do with the kids?

Sitter is on vacation. What are you out of town, or you were told about planned girls’ night out but, just made. But wait … who’s taking mendations to the governing board.

Other districts and made recom-

New AUHSD schedule hopes to broaden scope of student learning

Lamorinda Night Out founders Heather Aguiar (left) and Nicole Damhesel (right).

When I say “good,” you say “neighbor.”

Now that’s teamwork.

The new Academy period gives teachers student days of 50-min-

The district recommends that questions regarding the block schedule be directed toward the student’s principal’s office.
Brian Sullivan with family.

Elaine Frank with family.

The following is a list of additional retirees from the Acalanes Union High School Dis-

trict, the Moraga School District, and the Orinda Unified School District. The Lafayette

School District would not release the entire list of names of retirees without their consent, so we included one retiree’s sub-

mission.

AUSD Retirees

Acalanes High School

Robert Herbert attended Acalanes High School in 1983 where he was a football and basketball

co-captain and three-time all-conference selection for both sports. After graduation, Herbert

attended San Francisco State University where he graduated with a degree in mathematics.

He is currently teaching at Acalanes High School.

Lamorinda bids a fond farewell to local retiring teachers and staff.

Bonnie Bogdeman

after teaching woodshop at Fair Hill

Middle School, Bogdeman has been teaching woodshop and woodworking. He had worked with

the department to update, equip, design, and modernize the fabrication lab.

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Charles MacNulty of Moraga (far right) happily waits on the bench with his team, the Wanderers. Photo B.B. Kaye.

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Don't fall for this romantic entanglement
’Sweetheart scams’ on the rise
By Sophia Bresciani

In Paris or China and canceling at the last minute. Beverly says that the romance went on and off for a year and a half, and eventually ended in New York. She would not share how many times she met Jack in person in New York or in Orinda, but she remembers how sophisticated and classy he looked and behaved.

Once he completely gained her trust, he offered to open a joint account with her, explaining that her financial advisor was not getting enough return for the money he managed and that a joint account would allow him to give her the benefit of his multi-million-dollar operations. She trusted him and transferred all her money to the joint account. But that was all just a pretense. He never showed up, and he would cancel travel arrangements at the last minute. Beverly says that he never showed up, and he would cancel travel arrangements at the last minute. Beverly says that he never showed up, and he would cancel travel arrangements at the last minute.

The wire set off banking system bells and whistles, and the Orange County police and the FBI contacted Beverly, who reassured them that all was well, even when her friends who tried to warn her.

On the day he had told her she would vacate the sold residence, put all her belongings in storage and take her pets with her to a Sausalito home she selected. Beverly says that he never showed up, and he would cancel travel arrangements at the last minute. Beverly says that he never showed up, and he would cancel travel arrangements at the last minute. Beverly says that he never showed up, and he would cancel travel arrangements at the last minute.

The FBI reports on sweetheart fraud/romance in the U.S. for an estimated loss of $219,807,760. Scams targeting men are also on the rise. Anyone interested in helping can log on to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center website.

FBI tips to avoid romance fraud
If you develop a romantic relationship with someone who you meet online, consider the following:

• Research the person’s photo and profile using online searches to see if the material has been used elsewhere.

• Go slow and ask lots of questions.

• Beware if the individual seems too perfect or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or Facebook to go “offline.”

• Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.

• Beware if the individual promises to meet in person but then frequently comes up with an excuse why he or she can’t. If you haven’t met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.

• Never send money to anyone you don’t personally know.

If you suspect an online relationship is a scam, stop all contact immediately. And if you are the victim of a romance scam, file a complaint with the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center.

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Bevmail in Orinda today

Photo: Sophia Bresciani

Beverly is a self-described woman, Beverly is a self-described woman, a sophisticated and intelligent woman, always a sophisticated and intelligent woman, always

Did you know?...
Three new Eagle Scouts join ranks of Lafayette’s Troop 224

Submitted by Suzanne Campillo

From left, Niko Vo, Ivan Dikov and Carson Blocker Photo Suzanne Campillo

By Scout Troop 224 of Lafayette members Carson Blocker, Ivan Dikov, and Niko Vo achieved Scouting’s highest rank of Eagle Scout and celebrated their Eagle Court of Honor on June 24 at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church.

Troop 224, which began in May 1953, is a boy-led Boy Scout Troop dedicated to the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America national organization. The troop holds an annual Christmas tree sale next to the Lafayette Community Garden and meets at Happy Valley Elementary.

To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 13 Eagle-required badges, demonstrate leadership and scout spirit, and successfully complete an Eagle service project that benefits the community.

For their Eagle Scout projects, Acalanes High School junior Carson Blocker built a “hugelkulture” permaculture garden on the playground and nearby roadway; and Niko Vo, a junior at Acalanes High School, built a “bughouse/permaculture garden mound for the science programs at Pleasant Hill Middle School.

For their Eagle projects, Acalanes High School graduate Griessel installed a bike repair station along Moraga Way as part of the 17-mile Lafayette-Orinda-Moraga Loop. The bike repair station features a DERO Tool Station, Air Tire Pump and Swerve Racks.

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Community Service: We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda’s dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions may be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

Saklan alumna and current Bentley School student Taylor Dixon and Paul Griessel Photos provided by the orthodontics office, raising $256 for the Rotary Club of Moraga and the all-access playground at the Moraga Commons.

Earlier this month, Saklan School science teacher Veilka Obenchain and Karen Parks, the middle school dean, traveled with a group of 13 students and parents through Europe to a variety of destinations that connected culture with cuisine, while learning about “fusses of food” trends related to production, security, sustainability and climate change.

They then met up with 1,500 high school students and teachers from around the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Asia to participate in a two-day EF Global Leadership Summit — a leadership conference that this year focused on student collaboration to create innovative solutions to a variety of global food challenges.

“During the global leadership food summit in Milan, Italy I learned that by being open to working with people from all over the world you can get different perspectives when trying to fix worldwide issues such as hunger and food waste,” said Saklan alumna and current Bentley School sophomore Pyreta Benton. “The Summit immersed our students into each destination’s cultural cuisine and gave them the opportunity to collaborate alongside other students to study and respond to learning challenges focused on the future of food.”

Obenchain said, “From the impacts of climate change to the benefits of composting, Saklan students have already taken the opportunity to collaborate alongside other students to study and respond to learning challenges focused on the future of food.”

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**Lafayette couple celebrates 60 years of marriage**

By Mona Miller, DVM

Dr. Mona Miller lives in Lafayette with her son, Peter A. Dewey, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was a native of Toronto, Canada and a graduate of the University of Toronto. She has attended the University of Tennessee as a graduate student in the early 1960s and has had a successful career in the field of veterinary medicine and public health.

Dewey White and Kimberly Michell, his daughter, attended the University of Tennessee and graduated with a degree in veterinary medicine. He has been a successful veterinarian and public health official in Tennessee, serving as director of the Tennessee Department of Health for 30 years. He is the former director of the Tennessee Public Health Service and currently serves as director of the Tennessee Department of Health and Human Services.

In 2001, Dr. Dewey was diagnosed with cancer. He passed away peacefully on August 17, 2017, at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, his daughter, Brooke, and his son, Richard. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Matthew, Samantha, and Elizabeth.

Dewey White was a dedicated public health official and served in many capacities throughout his career. He was dedicated to serving the public and was known for his commitment to public health and his dedication to serving his community.

Dewey White's passing was a great loss to the community and those who knew him. He will be remembered for his dedication to public health and for his commitment to serving the community. His legacy will live on through his contributions and the work he did in the field of public health.
The Moraga Art Gallery announces its new show entitled, “West Point,” signifying a mix of contrasting culture exhibited in the collages of resident artist Pamela Murray and jewelry by guest artist Footnote jewelry. The show runs from Aug. 16 through Oct. 21. The public is invited to a free opening reception to meet the artists, enjoy wine, light snacks and live music on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19. For more information, visit www.morangartgallery.com, call (925) 376-4809 or email moragaartgallery@gmail.com.

Valley Art Gallery’s featured new artist is Ruth Hlasson. For more than 40 years Hlasson has concentrated on perfecting her skills, specializing in portrait, figure and still life paintings. This exhibition will feature her works done in egg tempera, a medium used by many famous masters in the late medieval and early Renaissance periods. There will be a free reception in the Gallery from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12. For information, visit valleyartgallery.org.

Shaun Sunbrick, local comedian, will perform a stand-up comedy show at 10 pm, Friday, Aug. 11 at St. Therese Church, 1035 Lafayette Blvd., Lafayette. Please call (925) 454-8507 for reservations. Last call for seating is 9:15. Door opens at 9 p.m. Cost: $20 (includes dinner, beverages, tax and gratuity). Call (925) 924-4804 or visit festival@lafayettechamber.org. For more information, visit www.lafayettechamber.org. Call (925) 266-5292 or email info@lafayettechamber.org.

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A Loving Community
Sunday Services: 8 am and 10 am
In-church Youth Zone, 10 AM Nursery Childcare
682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 746.7420, www.stanslems.cs

Orinda Starlight Players present Malcolm Cowley’s adaptation of C. S. Lewis’ “The Wizard of Oz” in the Orinda Community Center Amphitheater. Call 925.528.9225 or email info@orindy.org for reservations. Late week tickets are $8 and Sat., Aug. 12 and Sun., Aug. 13 are $12. There is a free, 20-minute informational talk before each and every performance with plenty of picnic benches. Tickets and past show times available at www.caubok.org.

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Lafayette’s annual Art Festival continues this weekend at Bruns Amphitheater located off the Wildwood Road exit of Highway 24. There is a free, 20-minute informational talk before each and every performance with plenty of picnic benches. Tickets and past show times available at www.caubok.org.

Call “LEGO Batman” at the final summer Movies in the Park on Sat., Aug. 11. The event invites guests to sit, sample and stroll along Highway 26 downtown Orinda. Waking up the Creek is a community-wake-up event where friends experience the practice of botanical drawing at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9 in the Orinda Library Garden Room. Material supplied. Space is limited. Register online at cclcb.org, call (925) 254-2184 or visit in person at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way.

Daly’s Ballet’s Annual Gourmet Gala food and wine walk returns to downtown Walnut Creek for the seventh consecutive year from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 19 at the Orinda Library Garden Room. Visit www.dalyballet.org or call (925) 374-7773. Group rates are available.

August is an awesome time to adopt a kitten or cat from Contra Costa County Animal Services. Find your purrfect pet at this weekend’s adoption event from 1 to 4 p.m., Aug. 12 and 13, at Pet Food Express in Lafayette, 870 Orinda Way. For more information, visit www.communityanimalresources.org.


Contra Costa Tale Spinners invite you to a story swap with LindaYamato to hear tidbits and tips on how to understand the natural world at the Lafayette Library, 349 Orinda Way. Register online at ccclib.org, call (925) 229-9433. Pre-party, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11 at the Lafayette Library, 349 Orinda Way. Call for more information.

Bookseller’s Cluttered House feeling cluttered? Want to organize it? Come sell your treasures at the Heart of the Valley Book Warehouse. Call for more information. You can schedule your event at the Heart of the Valley Book Warehouse. Call (925) 943-1775. Group rates are available.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Join the Lamorinda Democratic Club for a fun evening of music and dancing at Bar Poppy. Live music by Refvilla and The Triva at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10 at the Lafayette Library and Community Center. Please visit www.ldcc.org or contact Tra- via refvillamusic@gmail.com for more information.

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The 20th California Independent Film Festival is right around the corner. Sept. 7-16, and CAIFF is very excited about the amazing lineup of films. Our slogan, “Something for Everyone from Around the World,” holds true with over 75 films from the U.S., Canada, China, Australia, Taiwan, Japan, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The opening night film, “Yours Sincerely, Los Wer,” is a delightful film from CAIFF alumnus, Svetlana Coven. The film examines the achievements of the highest paid silent film director at Universal in 1916, a woman named Lou Weber. It is told through the fictionalized character of a young magazine photographer who hopes to impress her. This is the Northern California premiere for “Yours Sincerely, Los Wer.”

The opening night feature, “Class Rank,” directed by Ira Schultz, is also a Northern California premiere showing and the perfect film for the CAIFF celebration of 20 film festivals. Bernie is back – Bernard “Bernie” Flannigan (Skyler Gisondo), that is, in this delicious and supremely satisfying indie comedy/civics lesson/pair of teenagers and grandparents falling in love – in age appropriate ways. The film, starring Bruce Davison, Kristin Chenoweth, Oliver Holt, and Skyler Gisondo, has been compared to the work of Wes Anderson and John Hughes. Festival tickets are now on sale to CAIFF members and will go on sale to the public on Aug. 15. View this year’s lineup of films online at www.caiff.org. It is never too early to start planning your festival schedule.

See you at the festival!


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bility. With an unexpected short-
age at the USC tight end position,
Petite, a freshman, went on to play
14 games, catching 10 passes,
including two touchdowns. As a
sophomore, Petite played in all 13
games, starting twice and catching
15 passes with one touchdown.

There were major adjustments
for Petite when he first arrived
at USC. “I had great size and was
bigger and more ath-
tletic than the players he competed
against,” said Petite’s father, who
played college football at Dartmouth College, saw
him use the skills of a wide receiver, Petite
went on to play as a freshman and that I was
able to be effective for the team...”

As a rule, most freshmen are
“redshirts” where they do not
play in their first year without losing
a year of eligi-
bility. With an unexpected short-
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Lafayette Buckeyes are the 2017 Turf and Dirt Champs
Submitted by Anthony Giorgianni

From left, back row: coaches Andy Orear, Anthony Giorgianni, Mark Weaver, Adam Gallegos; middle row: Gus McKinney, Reid Aldrich, JD Orear, Jack Giorgianni, Harrison Labrosse, John Weaver; bottom row: Kian Frazier, Peter Thorns, Grant Eubanks, Pierce Gallegos, Ace Reeder, Lucas Dissman, Dave Foster; not pictured: Liam Rackeeler

The Lafayette Buckeyes 11U took home the Championship at the “Turf and Dirt” baseball tournament in Danville. The Buckeyes won six games in five days and came from behind to win the title with a dramatic 6-5 victory over Granada.

Lafayette Little League's 10-year-old All Star team Champions
Submitted by Luisa Miles

From left, top row: coach Brian Miles, Manager Matt Pecci, Mac Fisher, Austin Wampler, Ben Pecci, Brady Quin, James Stadt, coach Nick Michlitsch; bottom row: Brendan Miles, Dominic Patitucci, Cody Michlitsch, Jake Yahnowsky, Wyatt Cooper, Austin Birbo.

Lafayette Little League's 10-year-old All Star team had quite a run of baseball this summer. In June and July the 10's won six straight games to capture the District 4 Championship and then followed that up with four consecutive wins to become Section 1 Champions. This qualified Lafayette for the Northern California State tournament which consisted of the top seven teams in Northern California. The team was recently eliminated from the Northern California State tournament bringing its amazing summer season to an end.

Lafayette Generals Baseball Team takes second place
Submitted by Kevin M. McCarthy


The 9-10 Lafayette Generals capture second place in the Summer Baseball Classic in Albany. The boys played hard throughout the tournament, including an exciting, late-inning come-from-behind win, to make it to the championship game.

Lafayette Little League 11-year-old stars win the Buckeye Classic
Submitted by Linda Choi

From left: Tammy Loo, Omar Good, Jake Briel, Ewan Pitts, Christian Litterini, Martin Akre, Tyson Bates, Nikko Weidner, Henry Souza, Colin Malmojaro, Gavin Bender. (Photo Linda Choi)

Lafayette Little League hosts an annual baseball tournament at Buckeye Fields. This year was the 15th annual Buckeye Classic, July 15-20. Teams from Orinda, Monta, Lafayette.

Diablo Valley Track and Field Club brings home gold from national Junior Olympics
Submitted by Erika Pringsheim-Moore

The 2017 National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships in Lawrence, Kansas was one of the most successful in the Club’s 49-year history, producing five National Champions and nine medals in total. Eighteen Diablo Valley athletes attended the event, in which nearly 10,000 athletes competed at Rock Chalk Park July 25-30.

Gold medal winners included Tyler Hunt in the boys 11-12 800 and 1500 meter, Kai Rednour in boys 13-14 long jump, and both the boys 11-12 and men’s 17-18 4x800 meter relay teams, pictured here. Other medal winners included: Alex Ludwick, 3rd place in boys 11-12 3000 meter; Niki Moore, 3rd place in men’s 17-18 1500 meter; Dylan Quinn, 4th place in boys 13-14 3000 meter; Tyler Bergers, 4th place in boys 11-12 800 meter.

Boys 11-12 4x800m relay team: Tyler Hunt, Tyler Bergers, coach Harlan Lopey, Trevor Bogens and Alex Ludwick.

Boys 11-12 3000m relay team: Tyler Hunt, Tyler Bergers, Niki Moore, Alex Ludwick.

Women’s 17-18 4x100m relay team: Peyton Wilcken, Autumn Budhamsan, Jason Gomez and Niki Moore.

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2017 OMPA Championship Final Results

Team Rankings

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Most Improved Team

- **Place**
- **Team**
- **Points**
  - 1st: Thee Douglas (Doc) - Webster Memorial Plaque
  - 2nd: Sani / Mike Arvész (Honorary Plate)

Team Sportmanship

- **Team Name**: CCC

Girls 2017 Meet High Point (Outstanding Swimmer)

- Name: Katrina Drake
- Age Group: 15-18
- Team: OCC
- Place/Stroke: 1st 100FR; 1st BK; 1st IM
- Total Points: 72

Records

- Event: 15-18 50 BK
- New record: 0:26.37 (Old record: 0:27.08)
- Event: 15-18 100 FR
- New record: 0:51.67 (Old record: 0:51.73)

Boys 2017 Meet High Point (Outstanding Swimmer)

- Name: Will Clark
- Age Group: 15-18
- Team: MEAD
- Place/Stroke: 1st/BK; 1st/FL; 1st/IM
- Total Points: 72

2017 Meet High Point Relays

- **Team**
- **Event**
- **Time**
- **Relay Names**

Girls 2017 Individual High Point Awards

- **Event**
- **Place**
- **Name**
- **Age Group**: 6 & under
- Place: 1st
- Name: Ellie Letulle
- Place/Stroke: 1st FR, 1st BK
- Points: 48
- Team: Mead
- **Place**
- **Name**
- **Age Group**: 7-8
- Place: 1st
- Name: Lily Holloway
- Place/Stroke: 1st BK, 1st FL, 1st IM
- Points: 72
- Team: MCC
- **Place**
- **Name**
- **Age Group**: 9-10
- Place: 1st
- Name: Emma Knutson
- Place/Stroke: 1st FR, 1st BK, 3rd IM
- Points: 68
- Team: MCC

Boys 2017 Individual High Point Awards

- **Event**
- **Place**
- **Name**
- **Age Group**: 6 & under
- Place: 1st
- Name: Jack Temple
- Place/Stroke: 1st FR, 1st BK
- Points: 48
- Team: Mead
- **Place**
- **Name**
- **Age Group**: 7-8
- Place: 1st
- Name: Brian O'Malley
- Place/Stroke: 1st BK, 1st FL
- Points: 48
- Team: Mead

2017 Meet Records

- **Event**
- **Time**
- **Swimmer Name**
- **Team**
- **Year**

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2017 OMPA Championship Final Results

Girls 2017 Individual High Point Awards

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- Place: 1st
- Name: Katrina Drake
- Team: OCC
- **Place**
- **Name**
- **Age Group**: 15-18
- Place: 2nd
- Name: Charlotte Wu
- Team: OCC

2016 Outstanding Relay-Boys

- **Team**
- **Event**
- **Time**
- **Relay Names**

2017 Outstanding Relay-Boys

- **Team**
- **Event**
- **Time**
- **Relay Names**

2017 Outstanding Relay-Girls

- **Team**
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2017 OMPA Championship Final Results

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- Name: Grace Tehaney
- Team: Mead
- **Place**
- **Name**
- **Age Group**: 15-18
- Place: 2nd
- Name: Charlotte Wu
- Team: OCC

Charlotte Wu, Savannah Sherwood, Katrina Drake, Katie Lyons

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Dylan Shulman, Sleepy Hollow Legends

2017 Meet High Point Relays

- **Team**
- **Event**
- **Time**
- **Relay Names**

Grant Stevens, Sleepy Hollow Legends

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- Team: OCC

Kelly Murphy, Sleepy Hollow Legends
What a great way to kick off spirit week leading into the Lafayette Swim Conference Championship Meet (LSC)! LMYA hosted an in-the-water clinic with Olympic Gold medalist Missy Franklin and her former Cal Berkeley Associate Head Coach, Kristen Cunnane. Swimmers from all over the county were invited to attend this event and over 140 excited participants benefited from their stroke instruction, positive attitudes, and contagious smiles!!

LMYA Welcomed 2-Time Olympian and 5-Time Olympic Gold Medalist Missy Franklin!

LMYA Dolphins - Power of the Pod

After an exciting fun-filled spirit week that included a trip to Waterworld, an on deck pancake breakfast, coaches appreciation day, Missy Franklin clinic, pasta feed in the park, car decorating, and coaches tuck-ins for the younger swimmers the LMYA Dolphins were ready for the Lafayette Swim Conference Championship Meet! We are proud to announce that LMYA finished 2nd in Pop Time Achievements, 2nd in Overall Points per Swimmer, and 3rd in Overall Points Per Team. LMYA also had some notable achievements accomplished by several Dolphins: Claudia Dumais broke a 2013 record in the girls 11/12 50 FLY with a 28.36 and our 11/12 Boys Medley Relay Team comprised of Owen Salmon (back), Austin Voong (breast), Harley Venable (fly), and Nathan Chan (free) broke a 2009 record with a finishing time of 2:03.38. Madden McSorley tied as High Point Winner for the 7/8 girls. All LMYA Dolphins had a fantastic meet with several swimmers popping times, swimming personal bests, and qualifying for County in several strokes. Many thanks to our coaches Corey Dolley, Kira McDonough, Weston Carpenter, and Monica McNamara for all the hours dedicated to these swimmers all season long! The Lafayette Swim Conference Championship Meet could not have been possible without the dedication of the LSC Board and parent volunteers from all teams. Special thanks to LMYA parents John Griscavage and Brennan Geraghty for leading the charge as Meet Directors for the past 2 years.

The LMYA Dolphins season is not over yet. Over the course of the next two weeks LMYA families will be busy planning to host one of the largest (and fastest) recreational meets in the country for the 57th year, the Contra Costa County Championship Meet (aka “County”).

Swim fast Dolphins! There is POWER IN OUR POD!!!
The recurring allure of mid-century modern architecture
By Paula King

With sweeping hillside views and window walls that showcase outdoor living spaces and lush grounds, Lamorinda’s mid-century modern homes fit the indoor and outdoor California lifestyle and are more popular than ever.

“I have been lucky to list many of them in recent years,” said Lafayette Realtor Ashley Battersby. “The classic design features of that mid-century movement fit well with how we live today.”

On any given weekend in Lamorinda, prospective homebuyers, mostly in their 20s and 30s, are rushing to open houses to admire the current mid-century modern finds on the market. This younger generation strongly appreciates the architecture’s unique features such as panoramic views, large outdoor wraparound decks, vaulted ceilings, oversized windows, exposed beamed ceilings, built-in shelving, wood siding, open floor plans, spacious dining rooms and light-filled ambiance.

The push for these homes in the market began about three or four years ago, noted Regina Englehart of Better Homes and Gardens in Orinda and Walnut Creek.

“Most of the clients I see like the look and feel of those properties,” Englehart said. “They are interested in the lines of mid-century homes and the high ceilings and windows.” She added that the newer architecture is now emulating this style.

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23 Almaden Court, $1,150,000, 3 Bdrms, 1688 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 6-26-17; Previous Sale: $535,000, 01-11-01
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3232 Brookwood Drive, $1,610,000, 4 Bdrms, 3219 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 6-16-17; Previous Sale: $690,000, 05-09-00
3231 Camino Colorados, $1,100,000, 3 Bdrms, 1527 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 6-16-17; Previous Sale: $785,000, 10-19-12
1 Cattle Chute Road, $1,055,000, 2 Bdrms, 2651 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 6-29-17; Previous Sale: $800,000, 06-24-03
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The recurring allure of mid-century modern architecture
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“Everyone loves the period of time they were built in,” said Abrams. “They are so interesting looking and they are unique in their design. That is what people are looking for.”

Since Lamorinda developed and grew during the mid-century modern boom, the community has its fair share of these real estate gems. According to Vlatka Bathgate, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker in Orinda, these popular homes have character and bigger yards than more modern houses.

“They have lots of details,” Bathgate explained. “They are not cookie-cutter homes. Some of them are dated but most of them have been worked on.”

Abrams noted that these customized homes have a desired architectural quality that is lacking in the rancho homes of the area. She noted that the average price for one in Lamorinda is $1.2 million and some of them still need to be renovated.

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Helping Buyers and Sellers in 2017

117 Broadview Terrace, Orinda $1,607,500
36 El Patio, Orinda $2,300,000
24 La Campana Rd, Orinda $2,100,000
85 La Encinal, Orinda $1,005,000
11 Las Palomas, Orinda $1,365,000
42 Morello Place, Orinda $1,385,000
37 Southwood Dr, Orinda $1,565,000
246 Sundown Ter, Orinda $2,700,000
109 Van Ripper Ln, Orinda $2,304,000
29 Via Callados, Orinda $1,270,000
90 Hillcrest Dr, Orinda $1,460,000
918 Dewing Ave, Lafayette $790,000
16 Diablo Cir, Lafayette $1,605,000
33 Diablo Circle, Lafayette $1,488,000
1253 Panorama Dr, Lafayette $1,905,000
1083 Upper Happy Valley Road, Lafayette $1,905,000
25 Byron Dr, Pleasant hill $900,000
141 Brodia Way, Walnut creek $2,400,000
38 Valley View Drive, Orinda, Listed for $3,495,000
The recurring allure of mid-century modern architecture
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While Abrams says mid-century homes that have a contemporary feel are pop-
ular, she is quick to point out that these minimal homes have their drawbacks for
today’s homebuyers including limited kitchens, dysfunctional bathrooms and small
master bedrooms. She said there can be a problem when floor plans need to be
altered significantly, but true mid-century modern enthusiasts are willing to deal
with that issue.

“Nothing about them is what modern people want except the style and they
are so pretty,” Abrams said. “They (buyers) absolutely still see the challenge of it.
They make the sacrifice.”

Most of the time, buyers will transform the small kitchens into larger, enter-
taining kitchens that are mainstays of homes today, Abrams said. Luckily, spacious
and lavish dining rooms were the norm in the 1950s, so those mid-century modern
rooms fit the current housing trend.

What mid-century modern homes lack in room size, they make up for in scale
and proportion, according to Battersby, who said they are very efficient and livable
houses. She doesn’t see the popularity of these homes fading anytime soon.

“People go nuts over them. They appreciate the original features,” she said. “It
takes the right buyer. There is a big demand. I think there was a movement back
then that was really popular and there is a resurgence right now.”

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Can you believe we are already winding down summer, school is almost here, autumn is only a few weeks away, and the holidays are just around the corner?

Wait … the holidays? I know, I know. It seems too early to start thinking about “tis the season.” If you’ll hear me out though, before this article ends, I’ll share a special holiday planning tip that’s only accessible for the next few weeks.

As someone who feels the need to be a good steward of the money my clients entrust in me, I share options for allocating funds that ensure the best design possible. When approaching any project, I start by determining which parts afford a choice, allowing for spending flexibility.

Here are my top three suggestions for where to both save, and splurge, which are applicable regardless of what time of year it is.

**Where to save:**

1. **Accessories:** Accessories are important for creating that “finished” look but do not necessarily have to break the bank. Shopping local antique markets, vintage shops or online stores like eBay for unique pieces, results in a more authentic look at a reasonable price.

2. **Accent furniture pieces:** Smaller furniture pieces like side tables, decorative benches, or storage bins are not used as often and generally act more like highlight pieces. They are easier to replace should the room need to be reconfigured or changes in taste encourage a fresh look. As a result these items should veer toward a smaller proportion of the budget.

3. **Rugs:** If you are part of a young family with small children or pets, I suggest purchasing an inexpensive machine-made rug that can be easily replaced. Let’s face it, little feet tend to leave trails of their presence behind.

**When to splurge:**

1. **Furniture:** Investing in high quality furniture is important. More than anything else in your design, you will hold onto these pieces for years to come. Even if the initial appearance doesn’t pass the test of time, with classic lines it’s quite easy to change things up. A new wood stain or upholstery renews the appearance.

2. **Lighting:** Never, ever skimp on lighting. Good lighting can make or break a space. It’s easy to think of your lighting as just a functional element. In reality it can be so much more. Like a chronograph on your wrist or a handbag on your arm, it is an opportunity to marry form and function in a way that creates a level of distinction that’s hard to match.

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At Home with Amanda

Tips on how to save those design dollars – and when to splurge!

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3. Window Treatments: Custom window treatments can be costly, but provide details that set your space apart. Even simple linen panels tailored to fit your windows make a huge difference. Off the shelf drapery that is too short or too long draws the wrong kind of attention, like an ill fitted pair of trousers. It’s always beneficial to have a seamstress hem your drapes to the appropriate length.

Now, for that special holiday-related tip, let me share some “coming attractions.”

Throughout the summer I receive requests to engage our services. Start dates get pushed back however, due to vacations and the start of school. Before you know it, September is past, it’s early October and clients just start getting around to kicking off their projects. Their biggest concern now is … trying to get the install complete before the holidays. Unfortunately, by October, that ship has probably already sailed.

If clients submitted their orders earlier, they’d enjoy the benefits of avoiding the holiday rush. They’ll sidestep back-ordered items, which can cause compromises in choices toward potentially more expensive pieces, they avoid “rush-order” requests, which mean higher fees from craftsman and delivery services, and dodge warehouses swelling due to holiday shipping, increasing the chance that a critical piece won’t arrive in time. This is truly a case where the early bird gets the worm.

Hopefully both the general and time-sensitive tips I’ve shared will guide you when you are making upcoming decisions for decorating your home. Until next time dear friends!

As the Owner and Principal Designer of Lamorinda-based Amanda Carol Interiors, Amanda Eck believes your home’s interior should be both approachable and well-appointed. She often asserts, “Beauty is a necessity.”

With a distinct sense of style that mixes contemporary and classic design she fashions spaces that are both elegant and inviting. Her design aesthetic is inspired by anything visual but especially fashion, architecture and art.

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59 Lambeth Square, $1,450,000, 4 Bdrms, 2487 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 6-30-17;
  Previous Sale: $875,000, 04-28-10
1056 Larch Avenue #A, $1,145,000, 3 Bdrms, 1936 SqFt, 1976 YrBlt, 6-30-17;
  Previous Sale: $670,000, 02-25-11
651 Moraga Road #24, $442,000, 2 Bdrms, 1144 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 6-27-17;
  Previous Sale: $310,000, 11-21-13
1151 Rimer Drive, $1,290,000, 3 Bdrms, 2067 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 6-30-17;
  Previous Sale: $1,080,000, 04-08-13
1095 Sanders Drive, $920,000, 3 Bdrms, 1536 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 6-27-17;
  Previous Sale: $78,200, 09-29-76
132 Selborne Way, $1,376,000, 5 Bdrms, 2463 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 6-28-17;
  Previous Sale: $1,300,000, 10-07-15
378 Glorietta Boulevard, $1,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 2660 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 6-30-17;
  Previous Sale: $825,000, 12-28-10
36 Loma Vista Drive, $500,000, 2 Bdrms, 964 SqFt, 1934 YrBlt, 6-30-17
13 Sally Ann Road, $1,525,000, 3 Bdrms, 2221 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 6-20-17;
  Previous Sale: $1,299,000, 08-23-06
14 Scenic Court, $1,325,000, 3 Bdrms, 2006 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 6-16-17;
  Previous Sale: $825,000, 07-17-12
17 Sleepy Hollow Lane, $1,285,000, 3 Bdrms, 1803 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 6-28-17;
  Previous Sale: $995,000, 11-27-13
452 Tahos Road, $1,680,000, 5 Bdrms, 2488 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 6-29-17;
  Previous Sale: $760,000, 08-31-01
38 Tara Road, $1,001,000, 3 Bdrms, 2366 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 6-27-17;
  Previous Sale: $927,000, 05-03-17
224 the Knoll, $1,000,000, 3 Bdrms, 2252 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 6-21-17;
  Previous Sale: $470,000, 03-31-99
26 Via Hermosa, $2,475,000, 4 Bdrms, 4039 SqFt, 1938 YrBlt, 6-30-17;
  Previous Sale: $983,000, 03-28-91
6 Westwood Court, $1,798,000, 4 Bdrms, 2986 SqFt, 2006 YrBlt, 6-20-17;
  Previous Sale: $1,170,000, 12-29-11
Digging Deep-Gardening with Cynthia Brian

In Praise of Farmers

By Cynthia Brian

“Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization.” – Daniel Webster

With so many luscious fruits and vegetables at their peak of perfection in August, the prospect of the perfect meal awaits! Ripe and juicy nectarines, peaches, apricots and Asian pears are devoured right off the tree, or drizzled with olive oil to be grilled on the barbecue. Tomatoes, peppers, corn, cucumbers, zucchini, eggplant, blackberries, melons and beans offer the promise of culinary creativity as we harvest yet another bushel. Farmers’ markets tender the very best of the season, a good reason to stock up on freshness and quality to freeze or can for the winter months.

But have you ever pondered the labor involved from the farmers behind the superior produce you discover at the farmers’ markets or in your local grocery aisle?

Throughout my teen years, I worked in the fruit cutting sheds along with my two sisters where we would halve and pit apricots, peaches and pears, laying them on wooden flats to be sun dried, packaged and sold. For years afterward I couldn’t eat any of these three fruits because of the memories of the dirty, exhausting work in the hot summer sun. We were paid by the 50-pound lug of fruit cut, with apricots earning us about 20 cents a box containing two or more “cots.” Peaches and pears paid half as much because they were bigger and therefore, less fruit was packed in a lug. Cutting peaches was the nastier job. The peach fuzz stuck to our skin as the juice ran from the peach pit to our armpits. When the gong rang at 4:30 p.m. indicating that our nine-hour shift was terminated, our itching bodies would dash home for a shower. If we had earned $20 for a full day’s work, we were considered in the top 1 percent of farm employees.

Although the work was tough, when I reminisce about those farm day experiences, I am grateful for the manual labor of my youth. Whenever I purchase a fruit or vegetable that hasn’t grown in my personal garden, I am filled with appreciation for the toil of the farmers and the laborers who have worked rain or shine for many seasons to bring these crops to market. These hard working people are the unsung heroes of our lives.

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My Daddy was one of those men. Farming was a career that demanded attention 365 days a year. He could work for several months only to have a complete crop and his one annual paycheck devastated by rain or pests or drought. When he was asked why he didn’t like to gamble he’d retort that being a farmer meant that every day was a gambling day. He didn’t have to go to the tables to wrestle with Lady Luck.

From the time my siblings and I could toddle, we worked the fields. As our age and abilities grew, we were given more responsibilities. By 8 years of age, we all drove tractors, plowed the vineyards, picked fruit, and worked the harvest. We always knew where our food came from because as farmers, we planted, weeded, watered, tilled, mowed, hauled, mulched, fertilized, pruned, sprayed, protected and harvested, then started the process all over again prepping for the next season of crops.

There have been surveys done around the world asking children to explain from where their food came. Responses in the United States included that cucumbers come wrapped in plastic, eggs come from cartons, peas are found in the freezer, and chocolate milk is from brown cows. Recently, 27 percent of Australian kids in their final year of primary school believed that yogurt grew on trees while 75 percent thought cotton socks came from animals. In England, one-third of the country’s children thought fish sticks came from pigs or chickens, tomatoes grew underground, potatoes grew on bushes, and cheese was raised on plants. More disturbing was the majority of children stated that everything originates in the supermarket. Unfortunately adults didn’t fare much better in surveys. These statistics reflect poorly on the intelligence of citizens in first world countries. We need to do better educate our public of where our food is grown, how long it takes to grow, and the hazards that farmers face.

America was an agrarian society until the early 1900s. Now we are a technology-focused country. As of the last census, only 1 percent of Americans are farmers. I commend the schools where gardening is part of the curriculum. We can all become more appreciative of the growing cycles when we become knowledgeable, and even more so when we become home farmers ourselves.

We have the responsibility to involve our children in the growing process by giving them the opportunity to plant, water, and tend to fruits, vegetables and herbs. Besides being a superb science lesson, children will develop an appreciation for farm freshness and feel a sense of achievement and accomplishment. An added benefit is children enjoy eating what they grew. Thankfully, there has been a renaissance in learning the skills of canning. Baking pies from scratch is becoming fashionable again. As a child, “putting up” our fruits and vegetables for winter consumption was a fun family affair, one I passed on to my children, and hope that one day they will pass it on to their progeny.

The next time you bite into a peach – fresh, dried or canned – say a little prayer of thanks for the extraordinary efforts that went into its development. Farmers are the foundation of our civilization and we need to honor and respect their art. It’s time we get back to our roots.

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Asian Pears need to be yellow before picking for the sweetest flavor. Allow Asian Pears to ripen on the tree. When the skin color changes from green to yellow they are ready for picking. Fruit can be stored at room temperature for two to three weeks and up to six months in refrigeration.

Super Star Vegetables: Kale has been on the popular healthy vegetable list for several years. In the near future, you’ll start seeing more publicity around beets and cauliflower. Packed with vitamins C, K, and B6, cauliflower can be roasted, mashed, steamed or eaten raw. Beets have anti-inflammatory properties, lower blood glucose, improve muscle power, and aid heart health. Plan on planting all three this autumn.

Order or be on the look out for bulbs of garlic, shallots and onions for fall planting.

Warning: Coyotes are getting bolder. In less than a week, I came within 10 feet of a coyote on my driveway at 9 a.m. and another ambling down Camino Pablo at the school sidewalk around 3:30 p.m. Neither of these large carnivores were frightened by me. Keep your small animals and children safe. My article “Rats, Rattles, and Voles” (http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1111/Gardening-Guide-for-August-Rats-rattles-and-voles.html) increased the conversation concerning wild animals around our homes. Readers reported an increase in skunks, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, deer, moles, voles, rats, mice and snakes. Although these critters were here before we settled, we do need to be vigilant to protect ourselves.

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Shasta daisies are especially stunning when surrounded by natural rocks.

Cynthia Brian by a stream.

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