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## MOFD awarded major state wildfire prevention grant



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Cal Fire conservation crew at the 2018 Bear Ridge fuel reduction project in north Orinda.

By Nick Marnell

Gov. Gavin Newsom has approved a multimillion dollar project to reduce fuel loads in the high-risk wildfire areas of north Orinda and along Lafayette Ridge, stemming from a grant application submitted to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection by the Moraga-Orinda Fire District.

According to Cal Fire, California experienced the deadliest and most destructive wildfires in its history in 2017 and 2018, killing more than 100 people, destroying nearly 23,000 structures and burning over 1.8 million acres. Newsom made wildfire prevention a top priority of his new administration, and on Jan. 9 he issued an executive order directing Cal Fire to recommend immediate action to protect vulnerable state communities. The North Orinda Fuel Break project is one of 35 programs that the state agency identified for implementation.

"The project is approved and we are ready to go," Cal Fire Deputy Chief Scott McLean said. North Orinda has always been a top concern of MOFD for the threat of a wildfire. "It has many high-value homes, and it's not far from the 1991 Oakland hills fire," said Battalion Chief Jerry Lee, who authored the Cal

Fire grant application. "North Orinda is the highest wildfire risk in our district."

Lee submitted his grant application in November, requesting \$250,000 to implement a hazardous fuel reduction and removal project along Bear Creek Road in north Orinda. Cal Fire expanded the reach of the project to encompass an 11-mile fuel break from Inspiration Point in Tilden Park, along Bear Creek Road and Happy Valley Road through Lafayette, to the Pleasant Hill Road - Highway 24 intersection, and the agency bumped the estimated cost to \$5 million. The completed fuel break will allow more time for evacuation and fire suppression response.

Cal Fire used various data points to rank the 35 statewide projects, with the North Orinda Fuel Break coming in at No. 9, scoring at the top for the number of communities at risk and the affected population. "We were fortunate to have submitted a project that was complete and fit the scope of what the governor was looking for," Lee said.

As the project will cross jurisdictional boundaries, MOFD plans to partner with the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the East Bay Regional Park District and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District.

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## Ribbon cutting at St. Perpetua's new community center – building 'community and connection'



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Oakland Diocese Superintendent of Schools Kathleen Radecke (back left) poses with School Principal Karen Goodshaw, helped by a class representative from each grade before the March 7 ribbon cutting.

By Pippa Fisher

The culmination of 18 months of construction is in sight for the brand new, state-of-the-art, multimillion dollar com-

munity center tucked away on Hamlin Road at St. Perpetua Church. Although the center is still a month away from completion, a well-attended ribbon cutting cere-

mony, watched by the entire school body from transitional kindergarten to eighth grade, took place March 7, appropriately enough on the feast day of their patroness, St.

Perpetua.

"We're chomping at the bit to get in here," said Rev. John Kasper, smiling as he thanked the many donors for their financial support, the school teachers, staff and students as well as parishioners who have dealt with the frustrations of the past 18 months of construction.

"The extremely wet winter has caused a number of delays. The parking lot repaving is the last piece to be done and that won't happen for a couple more weeks at least," said Kasper. "The interior is almost completely finished. So, yes, there have been weather delays, although that is never unusual for any major construction project, especially one that extends through the winter months. I appreciate the patience and perseverance of our parish and school members and their overwhelming financial support."

St. Perpetua School Principal Karen Goodshaw spoke, reminding the eighth-grade students that they were just

in third grade when meetings first started to put the wheels in motion.

"A small group of parents and parishioners met who wanted to see the next phase of the parish master plan completed," said Goodshaw. "We met every few weeks until we were ready to begin the first phase of the capital campaign in April 2015. Through the incredible generosity, we raised enough to break ground on this project in October 2017."

Aided by class representatives from all grades providing visuals in the form of posters, Goodshaw explained some of the many ways the school will use the community center, from rainy day PE classes to the science fair and literacy night.

In fact the first major event, the school's annual fundraiser auction/dinner dance, is to be held in the Grand Hall on April 6 with the theme of "A Night in Havana."

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## City moves closer to codifying procedure to fill vacancies on council

By Pippa Fisher

Following the contentious and divisive situation the city council found themselves in two months ago as they grappled with how to fill a suddenly-vacant seat on the city council mid-term, the council has now set about putting together a resolution that would codify the process for similar situations in the future.

When a seat becomes unexpectedly vacant, as happened in November with the sudden pass-

ing of City Council Member Mark Mitchell, historically the council has filled vacancies by announcing and advertising the vacancy, accepting applications and conducting interviews of all candidates, according to the staff report given by city attorney Mala Subramanian at the March 11 city council meeting.

Subramanian said that most of the nearby councils have a similar resolution in place, to interview and appoint within 60 days of a seat becoming unex-

pectedly vacant.

Since this most recent vacancy occurred within a day of the election, residents, and indeed the new council were divided on whether the replacement should be appointed following previous precedents, or whether they should take the election results into consideration and simply appoint the runner up.

Council members Teresa Gerring and Steven Bliss and Vice Mayor Mike Anderson to-



Photo Pippa Fisher

From left: Council Member Susan Candell, Vice Mayor Mike Anderson, Mayor Cam Burks and Council Member Teresa Gerring debate the filling of a vacant seat on the council in January this year ahead of their appointment of Steven Bliss.

gether with Mayor Cam Burks all agreed on the need to get a policy in place and to "get it done before we're in crisis mode," as Burks said.

"The residents of Lafayette elected us to make extraordinary decisions – from millions of dollars in financial commitments to community-based value policies that will impact the city for generations to come," said Burks. "This is our job and the public has certainly made it clear that they wanted a policy – as quickly as possible – to address this specific scenario, so we are not faced again with a situation where we are interpreting past 'practices' or 'traditions' in the middle of what could certainly be considered a crisis."

Burks says he agrees with the public on this. "I believe the staff's proposed resolution is fair, transparent, and, as we heard from staff research, a model that

is used consistently and functionally by multiple jurisdictions in the area and around our state."

Council Member Susan Candell did not think it appropriate for this same council to codify the process, however, saying that she considers the decision not to appoint the candidate who came third in the election as going against the electorate.

Anderson raised the issue of adding language to the resolution to specify whether or not an appointed council member would be able to run as an incumbent at the end of his or her term – something that Subramanian said would not be enforceable.

The five members agreed to continue the discussion to the March 25 meeting to give council members time to consult further with the city attorney about wording.

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### City Council

Monday, March 25, 6:15 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### School Board Meetings

**Acalanes Union High School District**  
Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

### Planning Commission

Monday, April 1, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Design Review

Monday, March 25, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Arts & Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Lafayette School District

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting  
District Office Board Room  
3477 School St., Lafayette  
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

# Lafayette's Citizen of the Year, four decades of service



Photo provided

**Don Tatzin with his wife Ellen Reintjes and border collies (from left) Cloud, Tenaya and Greylock form what the family calls a "Happy Pack."**

**By Pippa Fisher**

This year's Citizen of the Year needs little introduction to many in the community. Indeed if there are any residents who haven't heard his name, the odds are still pretty good that they have benefited from his 40 years of public service in the city, 33 years of which were served on the city council with seven of those years served as mayor. Still, Don Tatzin was surprised to be named Citizen of the Year.

"It is humbling," says

Tatzin, adding that last year's naming of the community hall at the library after him was more than enough of an honor.

Tatzin was born in Cocoa Beach, Florida but has lived in Lafayette since 1976. He earned a bachelor's degree in urban studies and planning as well as a bachelor's in economics and a master's in city planning from MIT, before earning a second master's in economics in Australia, where he worked for a time following his studies.

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# Lafayette set to outlaw FTPs



Photo Pippa Fisher

**Blazin' Jayz owner Adam Abdallah says the FTP ban will force him out of business.**

**By Pippa Fisher**

Lafayette is moving closer to banning flavored tobacco products and implementing a tobacco retailer's license.

The council unanimously agreed with an in-depth staff report, called for in December, recommending that the city ban FTPs and adopt a TRL, and requested that the staff bring back a draft ordinance with language clarification to the April 8 meeting.

Lafayette currently has 13 tobacco retailers, including

gas stations, pharmacies, convenience stores, liquor stores and one smoke shop. All of them sell at least one type of FTP.

The staff report included statistics from the Acalanes High School 2017-18 California Healthy Kids Survey, which showed that 50 percent of 11th graders found it very easy to have access to cigarettes and e-cigarettes, with 25 percent having used an e-cigarette in the past 30 days.

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# Lafayette to form 'hybrid' citizen group on gas safety



Photo Jeff Heyman, City of Lafayette

**The city council deliberates at the March 11 meeting.**

**By Pippa Fisher**

It might not look exactly like what Save Lafayette Trees had in mind for establishing a safety task force, but, mindful of minimizing potential exposure to litigation, the Lafayette City Council has agreed to allow the formation of an independent citizens' task force from whom they will hear presentations at public meetings.

Late into the night at its

March 11 meeting, the council made the decision allowing SLT co-founders Gina and Michael Dawson to begin forming an independent advisory group and to enable Vice Mayor Mike Anderson and Mayor Cam Burks to work with City Acting Planning and Building Director Greg Wolff to schedule meetings with PG&E, the CPUC, the council and the community. Such a group will not have council or staff involvement.

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## Moraga's Public Works Department wins prestigious award



Photo Vera Kochan

**Public Works Director Edric Kwan proudly holds NORCAL APWA award.**

**By Vera Kochan**

The Northern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association has bestowed a high

honor upon Public Works Director Edric Kwan and his team. The 2019 award was in the category of Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair for Projects Less Than \$5 million. His team's quick response and strategy regarding the Canyon Road Bridge emergency opening did not go unnoticed by Norcal APWA.

According to APWA's website, the institution was chartered in 1937 and is the "largest and oldest organization of its kind in the world with over 28,000 members. The Association currently consists of 67 Chapters throughout North America of which the Northern California Chapter is one." Included in the Norcal Chapter (formed in 1947 and was the first Chapter west of the Mississippi) are 11 counties: San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Solano, Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte.

Kwan said, "I was surprised, because we thought we were entered in the Small City Category, but we were competing in the Big City Category against Richmond." The judging was done by teams of different consultants and contractors.

The actual award ceremony was held on Feb. 21 in the City of Alameda's Albert H. Dewitt Officers O'Club. Kwan is quick to give credit where it's due. "The town council provided instruction to staff to reopen the access and we outsourced additional consultants and contractors. Our Senior Civil Engineer Shawn Knapp served as project manager. It was an unplanned project and a lot of unknowns were presented to us."

It all began back in April 2017, when the town was notified that a storm-triggered landslide had damaged the Canyon Road Bridge resulting in its immediate closure. Issuing proclamations of local emergencies, Moraga received funding assistance from the Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Program.

Of utmost importance was community safety. Follow-up inspections and tests had revealed additional landslide issues confirming that the only immediate solution was to install a temporary one-lane bridge, while planning for the construction of a new permanent two-lane bridge. Before a temporary bridge could become operational, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District established a relationship with the Oakland Fire Department to assist with any emergencies in the Community of Canyon. While

the temporary bridge was being installed, an onsite safety officer monitored daily worker conduct, and a 6-foot-tall chain link fence was installed around the job site to prevent the public from entering and causing personal injury.

The project included environmental awareness practices, all the while being cognizant of the need for a timely installation. The town reached out to environmental permitting agencies in order to meet essential parameters. The East Bay Municipal Utility District-owned Moraga Creek, which pumps water into the San Lorenzo Reservoir downstream of the bridge, meant that the town had to not only account for a design in the event of a normal hundred-year flood, but an additional 100,000 gallons per day of EBMUD pumped water. The work zone was considered an Environmentally Sensitive Area and silt fencing was installed to prevent wildlife from venturing into the work area.

The Canyon Road Bridge was quite a work horse. Built in 1936, its constructors probably never imagined that one day its daily traffic count would amount to 6,000 vehicles along with significant numbers of bicyclists and pedestrians. With these statistics it was clear that the road through Canyon into Alameda County was not just for joyriding purposes, but a means of job-commuting.

According to Kwan, "I always have a lot of contingencies in place when approaching a problem. It was key for us to be a cohesive team and organized in a uniform partnership to all be on the same page. We came up with the goods, and did what we needed to do to expedite the process."

The town even had to fight a Temporary Restraining Order and a Preliminary Injunction by a member of the Canyon School Board claiming that the original Canyon Bridge was not really damaged and that the town was not qualified to close the bridge. The court denied the request, but Moraga's \$25,000 in legal fees were nonrecoverable through the FHWA - ER program.

Kwan proudly stated, "With public works, we're the first ones in and the last ones out as far as emergency services."

APWA will also hold an awards ceremony in Seattle, on the national level, in September. Moraga's public works team, having won on a regional level, has qualified and been nominated to enter at this higher level.



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**Planning Commission**  
 Monday, April 1, 7 p.m.  
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**Park and Recreation Commission**  
 Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.  
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## Donation from Hacienda Foundation earmarked for Casita improvements



Casita building at Hacienda de las Flores

Photo Vera Kochan

### By Vera Kochan

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga, established in 2006, had a mission to “enhance, promote and preserve the Hacienda de las Flores.”

To raise money for its many improvements the foundation hosted several events through the years, such as the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Hacienda Nights Food Trucks, October Fest and the Hacienda Holiday Faire, with all profits going directly toward continual refurbishments.

With the dissolving of The Hacienda Foundation, the organization has generously

donated \$120,000 with the hopes that it would turn the Casita into a general purpose room that the community could use for recreational

classes or a meeting room for various community groups and organizations.

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### Nominate a 2019 Moraga Citizen of the Year

Now is the time to consider who you would like to nominate for Moraga’s 2019 “Citizen of the Year.” The selection committee is made up the 2018 Citizens of the Year Sam and Susan Sperry as well as representatives from the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Saint Mary’s College, Moraga Citizen’s Network and the Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club.

The basic criteria for selecting this year’s Citizen are:

1. The nominee must be someone who has given of their time, talent and energy to make Moraga a vibrant community, one where people want to live, work and shop.
2. The nominee must be someone whose body of work has brought the community together and makes folks proud to be Moraga residents.
3. Nominees may include any resident with a Moraga address other than paid public officials, current elected members of the Moraga Town Council, or other elected officials.
4. In making your nomination, please include examples of their contribution to Moraga.

Please email your nominations to [nominations@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:nominations@lamorindaweekly.com) or send them to “Moraga Citizen of the Year Nominations,” Lamorinda Weekly, PO Box 6133, Moraga CA 94556.

**The deadline for receiving your nomination is March 27.** The celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Saint Mary’s College Soda Center.

## Mayor proclaims March as American Red Cross month

### By Vera Kochan

Given the constant rate of global natural disasters, few, if any, have not heard of the American Red Cross and the amazing work it has done to alleviate humankind’s misery. During Moraga’s March 13 town council meeting, Mayor Roger Wykle proclaimed March as American Red Cross Month.

American Red Cross Lead-

ership Council Chair of Contra Costa County Disaster Cycle Services Briana Taylor enthusiastically accepted the proclamation in honor of the many volunteers throughout the county who gave over 43,000 hours of assistance to their neighbors in crisis. Taylor has worked tirelessly to achieve 23 such proclamations county-wide and has seen firsthand the comfort these efforts provided to fire victims during the past few years while being on

the scene of the devastations. She replied, “It’s true what they say, that a tragedy brings out the best in people.”

The Red Cross’ roots go back 160 years to the summer of 1859, when Swiss businessman Jean-Henri Dunant traveled to war-torn Northern Italy on a business trip. He witnessed the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino (a small town south of the Lake of Garda).

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## EBMUD moves forward with photovoltaic energy project



Images provided

By Sora O'Doherty

A large 20-acre flat area near Briones Reservoir has been selected by the East Bay Municipal Utility District for a 5-megawatt renewable energy

project. Known as the Duffel Site, the photovoltaic energy project will see the installation of single-access tracking solar panels that will reduce EBMUD's carbon footprint in Orinda to zero. The project

will have less than one acre of hardscape and will be shielded from view by landscaping. The area, which is currently owned by EBMUD, is very close to a PG&E substation, so there will be only a

short distance over which the energy will be transported. The site would mainly be visible from Bear Creek Road and Tappan Lane, which is one mile from the site.

Although the project would annually produce an equivalent amount of energy to support 20 percent of Orinda, there will be no direct benefit to the city of Orinda. Project Manager Ramona Gonzales gave a presentation March 5 to the Orinda City Council to explain the project, and to address community concerns and receive input. She noted that the solar panels will have an antireflective coating, as required by the Federal Communications Commission.

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## Council recognizes newly appointed city commissioners and committee members

By Sora O'Doherty

The Orinda City Council included on its March 5 agenda a measure to recognize newly appointed city commissioners and committee members. The following individuals were recognized: Robert Hubner, Planning Commission; Peter Hasselman, Historic Landmarks Committee; Travis Blaschek-Miller, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee; Stuart House, Traffic Safety Advisory

Committee; Chris Decareau, Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission; Jerry Condon, Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission; Suzanne Huhn, Finance Advisory Committee and Shelley Hubner, Art in Public Places Committee.

Last month, at the suggestion of Mayor Inga Miller, the city appointed council members Amy Worth and Nick Kosla to serve on a school/city committee to meet with the

Orinda Union School District trustees once or twice a year to discuss issues of mutual interest. Currently Council Member Nick Kosla serves as the liaison to OUSD. The new committee sprang from talks between city staff and OUSD Superintendent Carolyn Seaton. The committee will be composed of two members of the Orinda City Council and two OUSD trustees. The Orinda city manager, the OUSD superintendent, and

other staff members, as appropriate, will attend these meetings. The OUSD members of the committee will be President Hillary Weiner and trustee Jason Kaune.

On Jan. 22 the council appointed the first chairperson of the Orinda Library Parcel Tax Oversight Committee in accordance with the bylaws adopted by the city council in September 2018,

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Orinda Public Meetings

#### City Council

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m. Regular Meeting  
 Library Auditorium, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way

#### Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m.  
 Library Auditorium, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way

#### Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sarge Littlehale Community Room, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### Orinda Union High School District Board Meetings

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## 'Magic Penny' adds to magical Orinda awards night



Photo Sora O'Doherty

**2018 Citizens of the Year. Andy & Carole Amstutz accept a proclamation from Orinda Mayor Inga Miller and Vice Mayor Darlene Gee.**

**By Sora O'Doherty**

The largest ever gathering for the Orinda Community Foundation/Orinda Association awards for the 2018 Citizen of the Year and the 2018 William Penn Mott Jr. Environmental awards

were treated to a special acceptance speech when one of the winners of the Citizen of the Year award, Carole Amstutz, gave an impromptu performance of the song "Magic Penny" by Malvina Reynolds.

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## ConnectOrinda reaches project selection stage



Image provided

**By Sora O'Doherty**

Following the consultant selection, the launch and the workshop, ConnectOrinda received over 1,000 comments between the workshop and online surveys, and projects were presented to the Orinda City Council March 5 to be selected for further

study. Following that, the next steps to downtown developments are a celebration in May, with the final plan to be presented in September.

City staff and the project consultants, Eisen|Letunic, presented 19 projects for the council's consideration.

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# Broschard named new ConFire chief

By Nick Marnell

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District board of directors elevated Deputy Fire Chief Lewis Broschard to the position of fire chief March 12, effecting a quick and seamless transition between Broschard and retiring Fire Chief Jeff Carman, who departs at the end of March. Broschard assumes his new role April 1.

"It's been an incredible journey over the past five and a half years, and collectively we've all done a lot of great work. I'm looking forward to

continuing that momentum in the years to come," Broschard told the board.

Broschard, a 25-year fire service veteran, joined ConFire in 2007 as a fire inspector. He rose through the ranks as fire prevention captain, fire marshal and assistant fire chief and was promoted to deputy fire chief in 2015. As deputy chief, Broschard supervised the five district assistant chiefs.

"Lewis has been 100 percent involved in all decisions that have been made in the organization," Carman said. "I know Lewis will carry on

as he has for the last five and a half years."

Broschard noted the district's relationship with the city of Lafayette, stressing that a continuous focus needs to be maintained in planning for future development, building standards in the city that address the threat of wildland fire, and proactive emergency preparedness that includes the city, district and residents. "Our relationship has strengthened over the last several years and I'm looking forward to continuing supporting a strong working relationship with the city into

the future," he said.

One of the first district projects expected to be completed under Broschard would help throttle the spread of a wildland fire in western Lafayette. "The grand reopening of Fire Station 16 in April is going to mark the end of a lengthy process to bring back a critical piece of emergency response capacity to the city of Lafayette. We are all excited to bring Engine 16 back and look forward to seeing many of our neighbors and residents at the reopening ceremony," Broschard said.



New ConFire Chief Lewis Broschard Photo provided

# Fire chief departs with the respect and appreciation of the rank and file



Photo Steve Hill, ConFire

Fire Chief Jeff Carman pins a new reserve firefighter March 11 at the Briones Station.

By Nick Marnell

Jeff Carman retires from the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District March 29, after more than five years as

fire chief. Much has been written about his accomplishments with the district, but Carman often stressed that the thing that mattered to him most was his relationship with his people. He may not have realized it, but his people noticed, as evidenced by the feelings they shared about their own relationships with the chief:

"He sent out a letter when he first got here, and at the bottom, he signed it 'Jeff.' 'Oh, no!' I thought. 'Not one of these guys who is trying to be cool, and be 'in' with the rank and file.' But you know what? He genuinely is 'Jeff.' One of the most real and honest people I have ever worked with." - Capt. Josh Andrews

"I was sent on a strike team, to the Carr Fire, and we were assigned to an area near where the chief's house was (Redding). I thought everyone was kidding about that so I blew it off. But it was near his house! He invited us to his home for dinner with his family. We hadn't had a home-cooked meal in ages.

He's a firefighters' fire chief." - Capt. Jason Conner

"I was on a call at a structure fire in East County. I had to cut a hole in the roof, probably not a smart thing for me to have done. 'Excellent work the other night,' Carman said, after he had seen a video of the call. 'I'm glad you got off the roof OK. In my time, I've probably been on a roof I shouldn't have been, either.' I've never heard a bad word about him anywhere in the district." - Capt. Jeff Landis

The chief's employees appreciated how he connected with them personally and how genuinely he came across. "We're both from Grass Valley. He would talk with me about our experiences there. I've worked with good chiefs and bad chiefs and I definitely know the difference. Carman is the best one I've had." - Capt. Brent Boling

"I used to deliver pizzas in the Roseville area, and I would deliver to Carman's station (he worked at the Roseville Fire Department).

Years later, he's now my fire chief. At my captain's ceremony, he remembered that and said it was a special moment." - Capt. Denis Ware

"He is by far the most approachable, down-to-earth chief ever. He blows me away. I felt an instant connection with him. I can't think of one negative thing to say about him." - Capt. Elia Alalilima

"I could always be myself with him, and honest. He was always honest with me in return. I always thought that as people climbed the ladder, all that went away. But with him, it did not." - Dispatcher Jeanine Owens

Carman's respect as a leader was palpable. "I'm just a fire captain, but he always listened to what I had to say. I am also the district grant manager, and he gave me the room to make things happen. I always felt I had his backing." - Capt. Shane Kelly

"I've been a captain since 2017. At the pinning ceremony, he shook my hand, and smiled, and I could tell it was genuine. He's got an unmis-

takable sense of command, but still down to earth. He makes you want to do better." - Conner

"He always listened to the rank and file. He was real. I felt like I've known him for years. And he was the first chief ever to work on the Fourth of July!" - Dispatcher Margee Freundenthal

"He gave us the opportunity to bring our reserve program back to where it used to be. I felt comfortable as a member of this organization talking about whatever I needed to talk to him about." - Capt. Sam Nichols

"He changed the culture, to provide strict accountability for our professional behavior - both inside and outside the station." - Engineer Angela Johnson-Davis

Kelly wrapped up his interview with fitting words to wrap up this article. "I offer the chief a thank you for stepping up and guiding us," he said.

Share your thoughts, insights and opinions with your community. Send a letter to the editor: letters@lamorindaweekly.com

Fire District Public Meetings
Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors
Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas. Visit www.mofd.org
ConFire Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.
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Alarms 63
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 18
Traffic 124
Suspicious Circumstances 9
Suspicious Subject 26
Suspicious Vehicle 20
Service to Citizen 62
Patrol Request/Security Check 27
Vacation House Check 22
Supplemental Report 18
Welfare Check 10
Vehicle violations
Abandoned Vehicle
3000 Block Old Tunnel Rd.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Laurel Dr./Deer Hill Rd.
3300 Block Sweet Dr.
1300 Block Martino Rd.
Ac Pd Needed
Elizabeth St./Deer Hill Rd.
Auto Burglary
3700 Block St Francis Dr.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Police Department
1000 Block Carol Ln.
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
4000 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.
600 Block Los Palos Dr.
3500 Block School St.
Reckless Driving
Taylor Blvd./Withers Av
St. Marys Rd./N Silverado Dr.
3300 Blk Springhill Rd.
Silverado Dr./Burton Dr.
St. Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.
Lucas Dr./Michael Ln.
Traffic Hazard
3200 Block Andreasen Dr.
El Nido Ranch Rd./Wb Sr 24
Moraga Rd./Sky Hy Dr., Mor
3200 Block Palomares St.
Happy Valley Rd. At South Bart Lot
Upper Happy Valley Rd./Happy Valley

Via Baja/Via Alta
Vehicle Theft
Pd Laf Police Department
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Other criminal activity
Commercial Burglary
3200 Block Stanley Blvd.
3400 Block Golden Gate Way
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Computer Fraud
500 Block Silverado Dr.
Fraud Credit Card
500 Block Silverado Dr.
Grand Theft
S Lucille Ln/St. Marys Rd.
3300 Block Orchard Valley Ln.
Identity Theft
3900 Block Canyon Rd.
1000 Block Via Nueva
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Misc Burglary
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Petty Theft
Police Department
3500 Block Oliver Ct.
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Petty Theft Bicycle
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1000 Block 2Nd St.
Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
Trespass
3500 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd.
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Nuisance to the Community
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Disturbance-Domestic
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Pd Laf Police Department
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Other
Mentally Ill Violent
3600 Block Robertson Rd.
School Assembly Check
1200 Blk Pleasant Hill Rd.
Acalanes High School
3800 Blk Happy Valley Rd.
Unwanted Guest
3500 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Vandalism
900 Block Diablo Dr.
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911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 9
Traffic 97
Suspicious Circumstances 1
Suspicious Subject 4
Suspicious Vehicle 17
Service to Citizen 34
Patrol Request/Security Check 51
Supplemental Report 15
Vacation House Check 18
Welfare Check 6
Vehicle violations
Abandoned Vehicle
2100 Block Ascot Dr.
Country Club Dr./Canyon Rd.
Dui Misd
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr.
Campolindo High School
Petty Theft From Vehicle
2000 Block Donald Dr.
Reckless Driving
Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr.
St. Marys College
Traffic Hazard

Moraga Rd.
Rheem Blvd./Center St.
Other criminal activity
Arson
500 Block Moraga Rd.
Fraud False Pretenses
10 Block Lance Ct.
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbing The Peace
200 Block Miramonte Dr.
Other
Mentally Ill Commit
Campolindo High School
Unwanted Guest
70 Block Sullivan Dr.
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Patrol Request/Security Check 15
Vacation House Check 6
Supplemental Report 10
Welfare Check 8
Vehicle violations
Abandoned Vehicle
100 Block Catherine Ct.
Auto Burglary
10 Block Camino Sobrante
70 Block Brookwood Rd.
10 Block Mira Loma
10 Block Camino Pablo
Hit And Run Felony
El Toyonal/Loma Vista Dr.
Reckless Driving
Camino Pablo/Manzanita Dr.
Moraga Via/Rheem Blvd.
Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24
Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.
Tamper With Vehicle
70 Block Muth Dr.

Other criminal activity
Commercial Burglary
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# Lamorinda officials tear into regional housing proposal



Photo Jeff Heyman, city of Lafayette

Lamorinda council members hear a presentation on the CASA Compact at the March 6 Tri-Cities meeting.

## By Nick Marnell

A plan to confront the housing affordability crisis in the Bay Area failed to impress the 15 Lamorinda council members or the public at the March 6 Tri-Cities Council Meeting in Lafayette, with host city lawmakers ripping the plan as noninclusive and off the mark.

In 2017, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments convened the Committee to House the Bay Area, known as CASA, a think tank of major employers, developers, labor interests, social equity and housing advocates, and government officials from major cities to find a solution to the Bay Area housing crisis. Out of those brainstorming sessions came the 2019 CASA Compact, a 10-point plan which provides a framework for expanded state legislation, including tenant protections, housing approval processes and transit zoning. The Compact provisions would be partially funded over 15 years with \$1.5 billion annually in new local and regional revenue,

with the goal to place the revenue measures on the ballot in 2020, as presented by two MTC representatives at the Tri-Cities gathering.

Lafayette Mayor Cam Burks set the tone for the meeting by denouncing the committee's plan to hire a lobbyist with taxpayer dollars to push through proposed Compact legislation in Sacramento. He also criticized CASA for failing to include a broader range of local stakeholders in the Compact development process. "You left out counties. Counties! Hundreds of thousands of people!" Burks said. Ken Kirkey, MTC planning director, agreed that it would have been helpful to have a CASA member from Contra Costa or San Mateo counties. "I think that was an oversight," Kirkey said.

Burks wasn't buying it. "I believe it was a completely premeditated strategy to alienate a large population, and I am truly disappointed as a taxpayer and a leader in this city," he said.

The onslaught continued as Lafayette Vice Mayor Mike

Anderson upbraided the MTC representatives because the Compact did not recommend that housing be built where the jobs were already located — in San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties — and that the plan did not include any relief to the local transportation system, to make sure it could handle what was being proposed.

"If you're not doing that, you're not serving us," Anderson said. "You're just here to make us feel better. I hope that you will question these things, but I have a feeling that you won't."

Anderson was just warming up, as he pressed the MTC representatives to show exactly where in the Compact the transportation issues were addressed. "It's all through it," Kirkey said.

"In what way is it 'all through it'? Are those words used? What are you saying?" Anderson said.

"Ramping up the production of housing and aligning it with job growth over time would address a lot of the concerns that you are talking about," Kirkey said.

Other Lamorinda officials piled on, though with less intensity: Where will the affordable housing units go? Lamorinda will be a donor to this project, not a recipient. Municipalities may have to raise taxes. When you build new housing, the benefit goes to where the jobs are. How will the Regional Housing Enterprise, the proposed administrative entity, not be a burden? "Everything is directed at local municipalities. How about the state policies and mandates that discourage growth?" Moraga Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus said. "How about reallocating state spending to handle this?"

Members of the public called the Compact authoritarian, or likened its proposals to taxation without representation. "The people on these commissions should be elected officials, not appointees," one speaker said.

As a summary of sorts, Kirkey said that the people who worked on the Compact believed that housing was a huge problem for the region,

and that it required some very difficult approaches to try to change things over time. The MTC representatives said they would relay the questions and concerns to their board.

Anderson suggested that the three municipalities join with those in the surrounding area and hire the advocacy firm Townsend Public Affairs to lobby for their needs in Sacramento. Orinda Council Member Amy Worth, an MTC commissioner, also recommended that officials engage the MTC and ABAG legislative boards to voice their concerns. "We will have more influence on this legislation than bills that were done independently. And that's very real," Worth said.

Lamorinda mayors and city managers plan to meet, and councils will conduct public sessions, to craft a written strategy that advocates for the needs of the region. "Some of these bills you can't stop, but we can be very effective in amending them," Worth said.

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## Susan Candell's Recusal

Since Susan Candell's election to the City Council, O'Brien Homes has demanded that she recuse herself from any involvement with "The Project" — despite, or because of, Lafayette voters' clear support for her leadership. Ultimately Ms Candell did recuse herself, from an abundance of caution and to protect our City and her family. Still not satisfied, O'Brien Homes now demands her silence even as a private citizen. **If Lafayette lets developers cherry-pick the City Council and stifle dissent with intimidation tactics, we will lose the system of volunteer self-governance that gave us the Lafayette we love.** Tell the Council to protect one another from bullying and protect Lafayette from excessive development.

## The EIR

An Environmental Impact Report identifies traffic, air pollution and other hazards that would result from development. The 2012 EIR on the Deer Hill site found multiple severe and unmitigatable impacts, and the area has only gotten more congested and polluted since then. Nevertheless O'Brien Homes demands that the City accept only an "addendum" to the 2012 EIR, thereby avoiding public review and input. Tell the Council to safeguard the public and **require a supplemental EIR and public review.**



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# Lafayette's Citizen of the Year, four decades of service

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He has been married to his wife Ellen Reintjes since 1982, serving on the city council for 90 percent of that time. He is looking forward to spending more time at home with her. And with his three border collies: Cloud, Greylock and the new puppy, Tenaya.

Reintjes says that they are really best friends. "We met when were 18/19 years old. So I look forward to being able to spend more time doing things together – taking longer trips, doing more on the spur of the moment, and trying out new activities."

Spare time is not something Tatzin is overly familiar with, however. He was still "commuting" to work in Australia as he began his years of public service, first with the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission from 1979-94 and then the Planning Commission from 1984-85.

Elected to the city council in 1985, Tatzin spent many hours on various local and state boards – the Redevelopment Oversight Board, Lamorinda School Bus Transportation Agency; Lamorinda Fee and Financing Authority; Lamorinda Program Management Committee; Southwest Area Regional Transportation Committee; Con-

tra Costa Transportation Authority; Central Contra Costa Transit Agency; Contra Costa Local Area Formation Commission; San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority; and Marin Clean Energy – all routinely adding up to a minimum of 11 scheduled meetings each week, plus many additional hours spent on preparation.

Tatzin's leadership has been a part of all the significant projects completed by the city over the past three decades, including the Lafayette Community Park and Buckeye Fields, the acquisition of Leigh Creekside Park, the deal to acquire the Acalanes Ridge Open Space, the rebuilding of Lafayette Plaza, the Veterans Memorial Building and the new Lafayette police station.

Additionally, as an early member of the Lafayette Community Foundation, Tatzin played a key role in the fiscal planning for the \$50 million Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Former City Manager Steve Falk commented that to his mind this was probably both Tatzin's greatest accomplishment as well as his least well known. "His plan not only helped pay for the library but also endowed the Library Foundation with more than \$10 million, thus ensuring that the library would not only be built, but also (be) successful for generations."

Vice Mayor Mike Anderson notes that Tatzin is a genius with numbers. "I have seen Don calculate returns on compound interests in his head while sitting at the dais. He reads 150-page long annual budgets and auditor reports with a passion," he says.

But the message that comes through over and over in talking to those who've worked with him is Tatzin's ability to welcome all and listen to all opinions.

Lafayette resident and last

year's Citizen of the Year Don Jenkins recalls his first impressions of Tatzin as Oakwood Athletic Club many years ago went through the permit process to build the current club. "In the contentious permitting process I remember Don as one of the councilmen that was able to listen to the citizen rancor for meeting after meeting. He never seemed to be upset and was always courteous to the speakers," says Jenkins, adding, "I admire his a-political approach to city government. I have known Don for perhaps 20 years. He serves as my role model of how I should behave when I want to serve my community. Don exemplifies what citizen politics is in a community ... caring resident/citizens willing to give of their time and talents for the betterment of their community."

In addition to fairness and open-mindedness, Reintjes says, "I think Don's greatest talent as a public servant has been his ability to come up with creative and novel approaches to solving problems. He's always been able to tease insights and opportunities out of voluminous amounts of disparate information. Our community has been fortunate that Don devoted this talent to civic endeavors."

When asked about what he considers to be his greatest accomplishment over his years on the council, he is modest and quick to point out, "I did nothing alone. There are five members of the council," but he admits that he is proud of his part in making Lafayette a place people want to live, maintaining great schools and healthy city finances along with low crime.

He says the biggest challenges continue to come from outside forces such as the CASA Compact and land-use legislation that would potentially strip local control.

Overall Tatzin says he hopes to be remembered for having

the best interests of the community at heart and for respecting differing opinions.

For now, with a chunk of time opening up, Tatzin says he plans to enjoy time with his wife and the dogs. "A new puppy keeps you busy," he says. He says he and his wife hope to spend more time at their cabin with their dogs.

He is honing his musical talents by joining the Walnut Creek Concert Band – he is a euphonium player, playing also with the Stanley Band every Friday since 2014.

And he says he and his wife will continue to run their free truffle-making classes for residents several times a year.

He plans to continue his masters' swimming which he does every day at 5 a.m. He says he picked it up more seriously on his retirement several years ago from his "day job," registering for the "Go the Distance" program. Despite his claims that he is a "mediocre" swimmer, he challenged himself to improve through the program and has placed first in the nation three years in a row. "It's swimming for old people," he shrugs characteristically. That is a doubtful assessment, since he continues his lake swimming, entering the Trans Tahoe and does the circumferrence swim at Pincrest.

Of course Tatzin can't just quit public service cold turkey. He has recently joined the Library Foundation and will serve as their representative for the Chamber of Commerce.

Reflecting on differences he's seen over the years he says that council members always used to wear suits to meetings. One thing is certain: Tatzin, better known now for his colorful sweater attire, has served as a mentor for many on the council and has had a hand in much of what is known as Lafayette today.



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- Downtown Street Improvement Master Plan Implementation Committee(DSIMPIC)
- Emergency Preparedness Commission
- Environmental Task Force
- Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Senior Services Commission
- Transportation & Circulation Commission
- Youth Commission

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Application deadline March 31, 2019.  
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## Ribbon cutting at St. Perpetua's

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"I believe that people everywhere and especially in our area are looking for a sense of community and connection. This new community center will help to provide that in significant ways for all ages."

Kasper explains that over the years they have been limited in the ministries and services they could offer because they've lacked an adequate gathering space. "The new community center will bring people together for social, spiritual and service opportunities. In particular, the children of our parish school and our faith formation programs, which serve hundreds of local families, will be

among the greatest beneficiaries of our campaign: Continuing our Growth ... Building our Future."

Kasper says that St. Perpetua has always supported outreach efforts in the Lamorinda area including scouting, CYO sports, Winter Nights Shelter, CCIH, Shelter Inc., and National Charity League.

"We hope that our new community center will help us to carry out our parish mission in even greater ways," says Kasper, explaining, "That mission was articulated in our Parish Strategic Plan several years ago: Celebrating our Faith; Enriching our Community; Sharing our Gifts."

Kasper says that when

the project is completed they will have a reception after each of that weekend's masses. A gala opening celebration will be held on Saturday, May 18.

Diocese of Oakland Superintendent of Schools Kathleen Radecke and members of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce were also on hand to say a few words.

The 10,500 square foot center, roughly three times the size of the old one, is the first major change to the church hall facility since it was built in 1952.

Kasper is most excited about what this means for the future. "We are passing on to the next generations a heritage of faith, family and community," he says.

## Lafayette set to outlaw FTPs

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Several speakers, including Acalanes Union High School District Superintendent John Nickerson spoke during public comment of the extent of the problem in the high school and even the middle school.

Jen Grand-Lejano from the Contra Costa Public Health's Tobacco Prevention Program said that Acalanes High School has the highest vaping numbers in the county. She said that four out of five people who smoke start with vaping a flavored product and with flavors such as coco puffs and bubble gum it is clear FTPs are targeting children.

But is the issue as simple as banning these products from the city?

The council heard from Lafayette's one smoke shop owner, Adam Abdallah of Blazin' Jayz, who said that since FTPs make up 85 percent of his business, a ban would force him to close. "Why should I take a hit?" he said.

Abdallah was quick to point out that he doesn't allow anyone under the age of

21 into his store.

"I did everything right," said Abdallah later. "I didn't have to put a minimum age on my store, but I did. There's nothing I can do. I will lose my business." He pointed out that he has people thanking him on a daily basis for getting them off cigarettes, using vaping as an alternative while they quit.

Abdallah said he believed that banning FTPs would give the black market a bigger hand.

That was a point reiterated by several other speakers who said that children would just go to other towns or buy online.

Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Jay Lifson said that this had been a difficult subject for the chamber. He noted that although the Chamber works for the good of the community, its role is to work on behalf of its businesses. He said that they are in favor of a strict licensing program, "but we can't get behind a ban."

All city council members agreed with the ban. Vice Mayor Mike Anderson acknowledged that there would be a black market but said

that this would discourage future users from starting. "It's a significant statement ... on our values," he said.

Mayor Cam Burks said that he respects free enterprise.

"We will be voting on the livelihoods of our business owners and this is something I don't take lightly. I deeply respect and believe in free enterprise and vibrant, unregulated commerce as a key, fundamental policy basis for our city," says Burks, but adds, "However, I do not condone nor do I support at any measure, commerce that involves placing our kids in direct medical risk."

Burks says he is pleased with the vote to move this forward and commended his council member peers for their leadership and accountability, adding, "I would like to thank the public for their robust input both verbally during the meeting and via written correspondence – representing both sides of debate – as I believe it's critical, and certainly the 'Lafayette Way' of governance, to consider all sides of such an important decision."

# Letters to the editor

## Potential MOFD financial emergency warning

Director Jex has once again asserted that MOFD is facing a "financial emergency." Since his first Board meeting over two years ago Director Jex has repeatedly stated the District faces potential "bankruptcy". In fact, on at least two separate occasions Director Jex has stated the District must be prepared to "close a Fire Station".

Director Jex has made a significant contribution to the auditing of MOFD's Financials. His skill as an auditor is non pareil. However, when Director Jex steps from the role of an auditor to one of a financial analyst, Director Jex demonstrates a lack of understating of public sector financing, our local government organizational requirements, and the key role of Contra Costa County's Teeter Plan. With multi-million dollar balances in various District

funds, Director Jex has forgotten the cardinal rule of governmental accounting; all dollars are fungible.

Since the financial doldrums of FY 2008/09,

MOFD has:

- Almost completed a new Fire Station
  - Replace several major pieces of capital equipment
  - Established two funds for the retirement of pension and OPEB unfunded liabilities with multi-million dollars balances
  - Establish a general fund balance in excess of 5 million dollars
  - Raised MOFD's ISO rating (an objective measure of the quality of a District performance)
- The above are hardly the hallmarks of a public agency facing bankruptcy.

Director Jex's periodic cry of "bankruptcy ... financial emergency" is not the cry of a Cassandra

but more aptly the cry of a Don Quixote. Director Jex's periodic pronouncement does a disservice to the hard working men and women of MOFD.

Stephen Anderson  
Orinda

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# Saint Mary's College seeks job placement opportunities for its students



Photo Vera Kochan

**Saint Mary's College Graduate School Advisor Brother Glenn Bolton, FSC, EDD.**

**By Vera Kochan**

It comes as no surprise to anyone living in Lamorinda that there is a prestigious college within our midst. Looking to add another link in the town-gown bridge is Saint Mary's College Graduate School Advisor Brother Glenn Bolton.

Bolton and his colleagues in the Career and Professional Development Services Department are hoping that local residents and businesses can step up to the plate with offers of internships, full- or part-time positions, even volunteer opportunities for SMC undergraduate or graduate students looking to test the waters in various fields of employment. Says Bolton, "Safeway and some of our local restaurants have been good to us, but Moraga, as a whole, is not very aware of our program. That's why get-

ting the word out is so important."

No stranger to higher learning, Bolton himself has an impressive roster of degrees under his belt. He holds four graduate degrees in history, psychology, ethnic counseling and private school administration, as well as a doctorate in higher education administration.

In addition to Bolton, there are three other full-time staff members working with 2,700 undergraduates and 900 graduate students at the college. Bolton is the graduate and law school advisor, Director Beverly McLean works with undergraduates and especially grad students and alums for employment opportunities, Paula Conrad is the employer relations and internship manager and Vicki Crum is the marketing and career strategist.

Internship experiences in

the past have opened wide doors for SMC students, giving them invaluable footholds for careers in business, law, medicine and more. Bolton states that they are looking for "community members who can act as mentors and 'connectors' in all phases of work: law, finance, STEM, development/real estate, medicine, dentistry, marketing, banking, accounting, arts, language, hospitality, construction management, sports management, politics, IT, etc. ... basically all fields of endeavor."

The program also encourages "shadowing opportunities" to give students real-life experiences by shadowing a lawyer, doctor or banker, to name a few. A valuable asset to students, according to Bolton, would be "counseling in your area of career." Or "summer and academic semester internships/externships in a legal or medical office, company office, counseling center, town department, gallery/museum or production company."

SMC currently receives

over 50 job/internship postings a day. Each of these is meticulously screened for legitimacy. There are occasionally unscrupulous offers for job placements that turn out to be scams. However, those that do pass muster offer opportunities for internships with pay at for-profit companies. Nonprofits are allowed to post for career experience opportunities. Within the past six months, the college listed 1,500 internships, as well as 2,030 part-time, 4,630 full-time and 60 volunteer

postings.

Bolton says, "We use Handshake, a program that serves as a place where students, career centers, and recruiters come to meet, talk, and share internship, part-time and full-time job opportunities. Individuals and companies go to Handshake to post internships and jobs. Students keep their resumes on Handshake and go to the site to find internships, part-time and full-time jobs." He added, "We also just had a job fair called Hiring Now."

For more information about the program call Saint Mary's College at (925) 631-4600. To list a job, prospective employers can go to: <https://stmarys-ca.joinhandshake.com>.



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# MOFD awarded major state wildfire prevention grant

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"We're not sure how the details will work out yet. We may need to work with the city and property owners to get permits and permissions," ConFire Deputy Chief Lewis Broschard said.

That will be a concern for MOFD as well. Fire Chief Dave Winnacker said that the district will be able to mobilize immediately - "One of our strengths is our small size," he said - but the chief is preparing to face potential environmental hurdles from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bay Area Air Quality Management and other entities.

Rapid mobilization will be critical, as Cal Fire says in its summary report that the fuel break must be completed in 2019. The project was expected to head to the MOFD board for formal acceptance of the grant money at the March 20 district meeting.

Under Winnacker's direction, MOFD has amped up its north Orinda fire prevention efforts since he took over as chief in December 2017. Working with Cal Fire, the district organized vegetation trimming along Bear Creek Road. It tested poor-flowing hydrants, and identified supplemental water sources like pools, ponds and privately maintained water

tanks. PG&E trimmed trees interfering with power lines along Miner Road, and the district tested fire detection sensors in January during a north Orinda evacuation exercise.

North Orinda residents are savvy about the need for fire prevention, and local neighborhoods are proactive, as the Orinda Downs Homeowners Association contracted for a goat herd to trim back vegetation in open space west of Happy Valley Road each of the last two years. In the 2018 general election Lucy Talbot, a businesswoman with no firefighting background, came within 123 votes of defeating a career firefighter for a north Orinda MOFD board seat, running on a platform based largely on increased fire prevention for the area, for which she continues to advocate.

"While a (fuel) break is a place to start, I have grave concerns that far too little is being done by our elected officials to address the very real threat of a fire danger to our community," Talbot said.

The North Orinda Fuel Break project will reduce fuel loads in more than 1,700 acres in and adjacent to Lamorinda. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity - a recognition of a critical situation, and the state has opened the door," Winnacker said.

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# 'Magic Penny' adds to magical Orinda awards night

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"Love is something if you give it away ... You end up having more," she sang, as she accepted the award with her husband, Andy Amstutz. Bill Hudson was honored with the 2018 William Mott Jr. Environmental Award and Andy Radlow and Bobbie Landers were honored with the 2018 Orinda volunteers awards.

More than 180 people were in attendance for the dinner and awards presentation at the Orinda Country Club on Sunday evening, March 10. Previous dinners had not had more than about 100 people in attendance. Attendees enjoyed a three-course dinner, and the person at each table with a birthday closest to the date went home with the beautiful floral centerpiece prepared by mother-daughter floral arrangers Gail Emmons and Lisa Hallahan of the Orinda Garden Club.

Opening and closing remarks were offered by Richard Westin, vice president of the Orinda Association, and the awards were presented by Carlos Baltodano, president of the Orinda Association and former Orinda mayor Sue Severson. Additional proclamations were presented by current Mayor Inga Miller and Vice Mayor Darlene Gee, by Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who also presented proclamations from California Sen. Steve Glazer, and by Jill Ray on behalf of Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen.

There were many former Citizen of the Year award winners present; the award has been presented for the past 70 years. Landers, who



2018 William Penn Mott Jr. Environmental Award. Winner William Hudson, center, with his wife, left, and his mother, right.

was a joint winner in 1994, was awarded one of the two Orinda volunteer awards, the other going to Radlow for his work on the Fourth of July Parade.

Landers said that her entire family does volunteer work, naming, among other projects that they volunteer to help, the Friends of the Moraga Adobe and Concerts in the Park. She mentioned that her niece is the president of the Orinda Garden Club. A former mayor of Orinda, Landers was instrumental in the incorporation of the city and was a member of the first city council. She continues to be involved with the Orinda/Tabor Sister City Foundation and the Friends of Joaquin Moraga Adobe. Radlow has managed the Fourth of July Parade for the last five years. He coordinates over 100 volunteers and has spent thousands of hours each of those years making the Orinda Fourth of July Parade a successful event.

Hudson accepted the en-

vironmental award with thanks and humility. He noted that he has been fortunate to work on two major projects: Save Open Space, led by Mimi and Pete Wilson, who won the Volunteers of the Year award in 1998, and the Friends of the Wagner Ranch Nature Area, led by Kathy and Reg Barrett, winners of Penn Mott Jr. Environmental award in 2007. Save Open Space led to the preservation of 1,300 acres in conjunction with the development of Wilder. Part of the land is now EBMUD watershed and 640 acres are becoming part of Sibley Regional Park.

Hudson's works on the Nature Area with others, including Toris Jaeger, winner of the first Mott Award in 1993. Since passage of the recent school bond, the Orinda Union School Board is working to expand the Wagner Ranch Nature Area and open it to more students.

Connecting children to nature is also a high priority



Photos Sora O'Doherty

Volunteer of the Year. Bobbie Landers accepts award from Sue Severson, both former mayors of Orinda.



Volunteer of the Year Andy Radlow accepts award from Carlos Baltodano for his work on the Fourth of July Parade.

of the winners of the 2018 Citizen of the Year award, Carole and Andy Amstutz. Their children attended all three Orinda schools. Carole taught music at Glorietta, as she demonstrated with her song, which charmed all in attendance. Their volunteer efforts have benefited the Na-

ture Area, as well as the Orinda Garden Club and Lamorinda Village, a volunteer organization that helps seniors. In addition to musical talent, there must be literary talent in the family too, as their son Paul honored his mother with a poem.

## ConnectOrinda reaches project selection stage

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The six projects that received the most favorable comments were creating a plan for creek access (143 positive comments, 10 negative), creating a pedestrian-friendly alley at Vashell Way near Moraga Way (98, 9) moving the eastbound access ramp to Highway 24 (91, 28), enhancing the walking route between BART and the Theatre District (81, 5). Creating direct pedestrian linkages between the Village and the Theatre District garnered 84 positive responses, but also 33 negative responses. The only

other project to receive the same number of negative responses was calming Moraga Way, which received 62 positive responses.

Another project that received many negative responses, was enhancing the north end of Orinda Way for flexible uses and improve walkability from Avenida de Orinda to Camino Pablo (37, 32). The remainder of the projects were, in order of the highest positive responses, creating gateways to Theatre District; inviting people into Theatre District from BART; improving walkability in middle portion of Orinda Way from Santa Maria Way to Avenida de Orinda; enhanc-

ing civic-area outdoor spaces for flexible uses; improving roadway bike facilities along Camino Pablo; re-envisioning public spaces in the Theatre District; making south end of Orinda Way pedestrian friendly; providing access to de Laveaga Trail; providing direct street level path to and from the Village and improving the casual carpool waiting area.

The projects are broken down both by whether they are short-term, long-term, and by estimated cost. A popular project that could be completed quickly within six months to a year, and at a relatively low cost of approximately \$10,000, is the pedestrian-friendly alley at Vashell Way, while moving the eastbound Highway 24 on-ramp to the intersection of Camino Pablo and Brookwood or long-term ways to connect the two sides of downtown Orinda could take from five to 10 years and cost from \$5-15 million. Although it is considered a short-term project, planning and preparing for creek restoration is estimated to take one to three years at a cost of over a half million dollars.

Many Orinda residents were present at the meeting to express their opinions. Council Member Dennis Fay estimated that the cost of studies alone on changing the eastbound freeway access could cost half a million dollars or more. However, he thought that an additional on-ramp would be a benefit for fire safety. Council Member Amy Worth suggested that the solution would be to open an additional on-ramp, but not to eliminate the current one, which serves a portion of Orinda. Council Member Nick Kosla agreed that it wouldn't be the plan to close the exist-



Images provided

ing on-ramp.

Vice Mayor Darlene Gee emphasized that small steps headed in the right direction toward downtown development is the best approach, and once again wondered if it would be cost effective to hire a grant consultant. "I'd love to get started with the low-hanging fruit," she said, suggesting that projects that could be completed quickly are the Vashell Way alley and the use of the library terraces, which was mentioned as a short-term project that could be accomplished within six to 12 months at low cost. The suggestion was that the library terraces had originally been intended for some use, such as small shops, whereas they currently are just part of the landscaping. While Gee believes that the cost of a project to widen the underpass under Highway 24 would be high, she suggested that there might be funds available from Measure RR to open an additional access

point to the BART station. Planning Director Drummond Buckley agreed, and said that he had done a three-hour walking tour with BART personnel to point out all the matters relating to the station that could be quickly fixed, such as lighting and access for the disabled.

The council also discussed, at the suggestion of City Manager Steve Salomon, the idea of installing a sound wall to protect the Theatre District from the noise of Highway 24. Worth favored plantings in lieu of a wall, while Gee thought that a wall would be not a lot of effort. Fay pointed out that, in his experience, trees do nothing to deflect sound. Some issues to be considered that were mentioned were whether the wall would go up only to come down later as part of the highway on-ramp project, and whether or not it would in any way impede the view of the iconic Orinda Theatre.

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# Mayor proclaims March as American Red Cross month



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From left, Council Member Mike McCluer, Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus, American Red Cross' Briana Taylor, Mayor Roger Wykle, Council Member Renata Sos and Council Member Steve Woehleke.

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While touring the battlefield, Dunant saw more than 40,000 dead and wounded soldiers. He wrote a book, "Un Sou-

venir de Solferino," which described the suffering of the wounded and the lack of medical attention given to them. This book and Dunant's tireless advocacy was the in-

spiration behind the creation of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Red Cross emblem was designed as the inverse of the Swiss flag, an homage to Dunant's Swiss citizenship. The ICRC laid the groundwork in providing attention to the conditions of wounded soldiers. It also provided the protection of neutrality for medics, ambulances and field hospitals during wartime. For his efforts, Dunant was awarded the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901. To this day the Red Cross symbol is internationally respected and trusted for its humanitarian deeds.

The American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton. She had first heard of the ICRC while visiting Europe after the Civil War. Barton, a hospital nurse, led the American Red Cross for 23 years, not only providing relief

to military personnel, but also overseas disaster relief efforts. She campaigned successfully for the inclusion of peacetime relief work as part of the global Red Cross network. Part of the American Red Cross' charter restates "the traditional purposes of the organization which include giving relief to and serving as a medium of communication between members of the American armed forces and their families and providing national and international disaster relief and mitigation."

Taylor stated, "We want people to remember that we began as an organization to help members of the military and their families, and that function has not diminished even though we have a strong disaster relief presence." Blood collection (processing and distribution), health and

safety education and training along with international relief and development are all synonymous with Red Cross.

According to Wykle's proclamation, the American Red Cross is "the largest humanitarian organization in the world," responding "to an average of more than 62,000 disasters across the country." He added, American Red Cross Month is "a special time to recognize and thank the American Red Cross volunteers, partners and donors who give of their time and resources to deliver help and hope to members of the community." Additionally, "We encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission."

For more information or to donate visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

# Donation from Hacienda Foundation

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Having these purposes in mind, the Casita could become an additional source of revenue for the Hacienda.

During the Feb. 27 town council meeting, one of the foundation board's co-presidents, Hollie Lucas-Alcalay, said, "As the Hacienda Foundation, our biggest concern was that there was preservation for the community there. We felt that turning our efforts to the Casita would be a place that, if something did happen down the road, we would always have this as a community center. It would be a nice place." She added, "Right now it's a little rough around the edges there. With this money we're really thrilled that it can go a long way, and we can make it a really nice facility for all ages." The foundation's other co-president, Heather Spellman, was unable to attend the meeting.

Some envisioned uses for the refurbished venue include camps in the summer,

senior yoga classes or even Girl Scout or Boy Scout meetings.

The foundation's mission had always been to preserve and promote the Hacienda property. Prior to 2006, many residents never knew of the building's existence.

Throughout the years, it became broadly recognized that the Hacienda was a treasured asset, but had many financial challenges to overcome. Consequently, plans for improvements to the main building and pavilion were put in a holding pattern in order for the town to decide what route to take. According to Lucas-Alcalay, the foundation was instructed, "Don't spend a dime. We never had the chance to turn it into a registered historical site, and as such, it does not have historic protection in case a developer did come." She also pointed out that its layout would make it difficult to turn into a restaurant or Bed and Breakfast.

The \$120,000 donation will have its own separate account from which im-

provements would be paid and which could not be used for other town purposes or emergencies. Parks and Recreation Director Breyana Brandt noted, "Our high priorities are the installation of an ADA restroom, and to replace the floor, lighting, doors and windows." If there is money left over it would go toward pavilion improvements.

Hacienda Foundation Co-Founder Judy Dinkle expressed her wishes by adding, "I just want to urge the council and the community at large to continue to keep the Hacienda as a gem, that most towns don't have the benefit of having, open to the residents to use. It's a very bittersweet thing to see the Hacienda Foundation dissolving, but I do urge you to continue to take care of it. Keeping the funds going that will continue to keep the building from deteriorating and fixing up the public spaces so that the community can continue to use them more is really important."

# EBMUD moves forward with photovoltaic energy project



Sun tracking

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Council Member Dennis Fay expressed concerns about fire safety, and Mayor Inga Miller agreed that wildfire is of paramount concern. Gonzales replied that the solar tracker technology now

allows EBMUD to use the smallest possible area to generate electricity. Nick Waranoff suggested that perhaps EBMUD would consider waiving the rent that Orinda pays the utility for use of the Orinda Sports Fields. One speaker asked where the di-

rect current from the panels will be converted to indirect current. Another suggested that inverters produce noise, which could be a concern.

EBMUD will need to file a permit to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. This will be followed by a public meeting, hosted by EBMUD, to receive community input. Following that meeting, EBMUD will incorporate the input received and then complete California Environmental Quality Act requirements with EBMUD as lead agency. Construction is expected to begin in 2020 and the site is expected to be operational in 2021.

# Committee members recognized



Photo Sora O'Doherty

New committee members recognized at a recent Orinda City Council meeting.

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Mayor Inga Miller recommended that the city council appoint Linda Landau as the

first chairperson from the designated members of the Library Parcel Tax Oversight Committee.

Hereafter, the Committee

shall annually select a chairperson and vice chairperson by majority vote. In order to allow the Oversight Committee to meet, it is necessary for the city council to make the appointment of a chairperson. The Committee has a total of eight members who are residents of the city. The eight members consist of the five members of the Financial Advisory Committee plus three members appointed by the Friends of the Library. In accordance with the bylaws, the Friends have confirmed that their members shall be: Nancy Ross-Madnick, Friends president; Fran Strykowski, Friends secretary; and Linda Landau, Friends treasurer. The current representatives of the Finance Advisory Committee are: Jeffrey Lyon, FAC chair; Reynold Samoranos FAC vice-chair; Yasaman Lee; Molly Schneider; and one seat is vacant.

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## Lafayette to form 'hybrid' citizen group on gas safety

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Formed initially in response to the council's spring 2017 decision allowing the removal of hundreds of trees on both private and city-owned land which the utility claims is needed for pipeline safety as part of the Community Pipeline Safety Initiative, SLT expanded its reach to address the lack of automatic shut-off valves, exposed pipeline, lack of testing and aging infrastructure. The group is currently suing PG&E and the city.

Wolff presented the staff report which outlined two main reasons why city staff did not recommend the formation of a safety task force as SLT had proposed, which would involve city staff members, citing the cost involved, and the potential for liability in the event of an incident.

Several residents spoke expressing serious doubts about the ability of PG&E to keep communities safe given recent fires and the San Francisco gas line explosion, and supporting the need for an advisory body of some sort.

Susan Callister of the Lafayette Homeowners

Council reminded the council of the Homeowners Council's request made by letter March 10 from LHC President William Bucher calling for a "Need to move forward now with the formation of our citizens committee, separate and apart from PG&E, CPUC and the city council."

This suggestion – that it could be a group independent of the city council and staff – sparked the conversation leading to the setting up of this "hybrid" body. As Anderson pointed out the group can now be placed on the agenda to give presentations without a three-minute constraint.

Michael Dawson says that he is disappointed that there wasn't an approval of an official gas safety task force but says he was encouraged by the ultimate reaction of city council members, while noting that "city staff again deferred safety to the citizens of Lafayette, but the residents have already acted as informal Gas Safety Task Force members for the past couple of years. The city says safety is their number one priority, and yet chooses to be passive players in dealing with PG&E."

Burks says that he believes they have advanced a

plan that suits everyone; a plan centering on the "core concern of public safety vis-à-vis PG&E operated pipeline safety in Lafayette.

"We did so in a way that I believe did not create liability for the city, and one that will give our public the opportunity to engage in an independent and impactful way – with strong, appropriate city support," Burks said.

The mayor commended the Dawsons for their sustained and unwavering commitment to safety in Lafayette, adding, "I am also very thankful to the Lafayette Homeowners Association's analysis and proposed solutions related to the situation and the personal engagement on Monday evening by Board Member Susan Callister. Ms. Callister's thoughtful comments and ideas materially helped us move forward."

Michael Dawson acknowledges progress. "The city council's support of better gas safety going forward is a small step, but a step in the right direction," he said. "We appreciate the city council's willingness to have a real discussion on this issue outside of the constraints of a council meeting."



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## Papa John celebrates 1,000th student at chicken workshop



Papa John by his coop during his March 3 workshop

Photo Pippa Fisher

By Pippa Fisher

Proving the impact one individual can have on a community, John Kiefer, better known in these parts as Papa John, clocked his 1,000th student at his March 3 chicken workshop. It could be said his impact is far from chicken feed.

Kiefer's classes are always well attended. He is a Lafayette icon and the undisputed authority on all things chicken in Lafayette. He has been running his free classes out of his home since 2010 when, prompted by public concern for sustainability and nutrition, he first introduced his chicken workshop, "How to Raise your own Chickens."

Kiefer says it all started on a small family farm in the countryside beyond Menlo Park where he grew up amidst organic vegetables, a fruit orchard, vineyard and a menagerie of poultry. Keeping company with his French immigrant grandma, he connected early with the natural world.

Kiefer moved to

Lafayette with his young family in the mid-1960s. He says it wasn't long before his childhood on the farm came alive once again. First came chickens and then later rabbits and pigeons. "I still look forward to feeding fresh cut greens to the rabbits and chickens in the morning, and collecting yummy eggs in the evening," he says.

It was observations of the life cycle of jungle fowl (chickens) while traveling in South America that inspired him, in collaboration with the research of a Diablo Valley College teacher, to create his own original sustainable chicken coop.

"Refinements over time produced what is now the popular Kiefer Sustainable Coop, which has no smell and needs no cleaning," Kiefer explains.

His design keeps chickens on soft soil, rather than raised up on a floor in the way of traditional premade coops. Kiefer says that the chickens like to scratch in the dirt and, by keeping them on the soil they create healthy manure by effectively digging it in for them-

selves. And because in this natural environment the manure dries quickly, there is no odor and no cleaning is required.

Attendees at his workshops learn all about the sustainable coop and get to examine it close up. In fact Kiefer teaches the entire A-Z of chickens, from starting young chicks in a brooding box to moving them into the coop and maintaining laying hens.

And at the March 3 workshop the group had a special treat, as Kiefer cracked open the bubbly to celebrate the milestone 1,000th attendee.

This year once again both workshops are full so he has added a third one on March 24. For Kiefer, he says, "it's important to encourage sustainable living, and this is a way of paying back to the community for the gift of living here."

The workshops are free but require registration by contacting Kiefer directly via email at chickenspapajohn@gmail.com.

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## Orinda woman honored for 30 years of volunteering for hospitalized children

By Sora O'Doherty

The Ronald McDonald House Charities Bay Area honored Orinda resident Deana Freedman at the end of February with the organization's 2018 Big Red Shoe Award. Every year, RMHC Bay Area's Big Red Shoe Award is presented to a member of the extended RMHC Bay Area community who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to supporting their mis-

sion to provide communities of support, access to medical care, and the healing power of family and home for critically ill children. Freedman and her husband, fellow RMHC Bay Area supporter Dr. Harvey Freedman, were also presented with Certificates of Honor from the city and county of San Francisco in recognition of the decades of support they have provided families in the hospital.

"As one of Ronald McDonald House's most valued and

appreciated volunteers, donors and ambassadors, it is fitting for Deana to be honored with this award, which we consider a lifetime achievement award," said Annette Eros, CEO at RMHC Bay Area. "Her enthusiasm, passion and commitment is unparalleled and has translated into much-needed and appreciated support for thousands of families here at the House." Her insights and experience led to the creation of the Child's Bedside Program, a mobile hospitality cart that brings the comfort and care of the nearby Ronald McDonald House directly into the halls and patient rooms of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco. The cart offers complimentary refreshments to their caregivers. Since its inception in 2008, the program has served thousands of individuals and is being extended to Oakland Children's Hospital.

"I am grateful to receive this award and honored to serve the children and families at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital," Freedman said. "The families experience enormous stress while their children are being treated at the hospital. The House, hospitality cart and all of the volunteers give them a little comfort and relief during some of the worst days of their lives."

Freedman, who has lived in Orinda for 18 years, once lived in a Ronald McDonald House for four months. She and her family traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1987 for her son David to undergo a bone marrow transplant for leukemia. Unfortunately, David did not survive.

In 1989 a Ronald McDonald House opened in San Francisco. Freedman read about the opening in a local newspaper and she called and offered to volunteer there. When she started, there were no other volunteers, "just me and the executive director," she said. The first thing Freedman did was to start a volunteer program. Since then, she has served on the



Deana and Harvey Freedman

Photo provided

board of directors and many different committees, and is now on the alumni committee of the board.

Her older son Matthew was 16 when his younger brother David died. Freedman recalls, "It was a very, very difficult time for all of us, but within two years Matthew was off at college," which gave her the time to volunteer. She identifies with the families she helps. "It isn't easy, but you just go day to day," she explained. "Parents who lose children are as handicapped as a person who has lost an arm or a leg. I talk and interact with parents all the time." She volunteers two days a week. One day for Ronald McDonald House and one day in a resource space for parents. Matthew is now married with children; he is currently on a Fullbright scholarship in Finland with his family, where Freedman will visit him next

month.

In addition to the Child's Bedside Program, RMHC Bay Area's in-hospital programs at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco include: overnight housing services for families traveling 50 miles or more to receive care for their child; restorative family and sibling programs; and the megabites meal program that provides more than 4,500 meals each month to families spending long days in the hospital.

Freedman's additional outstanding contributions to RMHC Bay Area have included service on the board of directors and multiple other leadership councils. She leads volunteer orientation and training sessions and is a proactive and effective advocate for the House throughout the hospital community.



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### John Norman West

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John (Jack) Norman West, loving husband, father, and friend passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 7, 2019 in Walnut Creek, California at the age of 97. John was born in New York City, New York on Oct. 6, 1921, the second son of the late Rehan (Spencer) West and Arch J. West. He spent his childhood in Salt Lake City, Utah, graduating from East

High School in 1937. John served in World War II as a pilot in North Africa, beloved as Captain "Smiling Jack". He developed a lifelong love of flying and continued flying as a hobby. After the war, he returned to school, earning a B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Utah in 1950. John worked for Hoffman La Roche in many capacities in pharmaceutical sales until his retirement in 1987 and then continued serving as a convention coordinator for another 20 years. In addition to flying, John loved traveling, dancing, skiing, and watching football. He will be remembered for his devotion to his family and friends, his kindness and wit, his spontaneous tap dancing, and playing his ukulele (along with the card games Kings in the Corner and poker). John lived in Lafayette for 57 years, thoroughly enjoying Lafayette life. In his last few years, he could be found at Chow restaurant every Thursday morning, brunching with his family. He loved California, and in his last years kept a picture of Yosemite nearby to gaze at every day. The long-lived patriarch of the West family, he will be dearly missed.

John is survived by his devoted wife Joan, beloved daughters Sheila (Matt), Alexandra Kathleen (KC) (Michael), and Meghan (Brian); granddaughters Alison (Paul) and Kate; and beloved dog, Misty. John was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathleen, their second child, Erin, and his brother James.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. March 23 at St. Perpetua Catholic Church, 3454 Hamlin Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his name to your charity of choice.

## Playwrights' CageMatch pits writers against one another



Image provided

By Sophie Braccini

Over 300 playwrights from across the English speaking world entered a unique theater competition offered through Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette – all for the glory and the fun of it. The five best plays will be performed Sunday, March 24, with the audience choosing a winner. Susan Evans, THT artistic director, is sure it will be a memorable evening not to be missed.

Evans is not new at organizing such a competition; in her previous role as artistic director in Hayward she led a similar contest several years in a row, consistently receiving hundreds of entries. She said she was quite taken aback when plays kept pouring in at THT, ending with a whopping 310 entries by the final deadline. The theme was not particularly simple and the constraints framed it tightly: the action had to deal with connections; the play had to be set in a high-rise

apartment in a large community, in a corridor or common area; a bridge had to be somewhere in the story; and the maximum of four characters had to achieve gender parity. Since five plays selected will be performed in one night, the length is restricted to 20 minutes each.

Evans dove into the piles of texts and was reassured when she found some real nuggets in the middle of it all. "Some people just recycled other texts of theirs, adding an apartment or a bridge that has no real significance in the action," she said with a smile. That kind of text is not making the cut; she wants relevance, she wants good construction, and character development. She said that THT received texts from across the United States, as well as from Australia, New Zealand, England and even one from South Korea.

After Evans chose the 50 most relevant plays, a team

from THT worked hard to select the best ones. Following the selection, it is up to the actors to bring the plays to life, with very little prep time and rehearsal.

Evans already knew which actors would be given the opportunity to perform the selected plays, and says it's a lot of fun for both the actors as well as the audience – especially when audience chooses the winning play.

Spectators can buy \$5 tokens that they award to the play of their choice. Evans says one year in Hayward a playwright's mother bought 100 tokens to make sure her child would win. "It is not necessarily a fair process," says the director, adding that this is all about discovery, surprises and having a wonderful evening marveling over human creativity. She says that she is always surprised and happy to discover so many completely different stories, set in different time periods, and she wants to bring these unexpected literary pleasures to her Lamorinda audience.

Evans said that she cannot guarantee that the plays will appeal to a very young audience, but she states that she would not select those few texts that were too explicit or used inappropriate language; the purpose is not to offend or provoke the audience.

Admission for the Playwrights' CageMatch is \$5 (free to subscribers), and tokens to vote will be sold for \$5. The competition will start at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, 3535 School Street,

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# Acalanes alum speaks to local teens about anxiety



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Motivational Speaker Megan Gallagher gets ready to deliver her TEDx talk in early March.

By Diane Claytor

Anyone who is a teenager, has a teenager or ever was a teenager can fully understand what the experts say: those teen years are difficult. Young people, perhaps more so today than in the past, are stressed, anxious and overwhelmed. A recent afterschool.com poll asked tens of thousands of high school students how often they feel stressed; nearly 45 percent reported “all the time.”

Lafayette native Megan Gallagher can certainly relate. The 2014 Acalanes High School graduate spent years dealing with anxiety issues. It started when she was as young as 11 years old, Gallagher remembers. “I got upset a lot, freaked out, worried,” particularly before events such as sleepovers or field trips, she said.

Her anxiety really “started kicking up” when she began high school. “I was having actual panic attacks in class,” Gallagher noted. There were numerous trips to the nurse’s office. “I thought I was dying. I was feeling awful and it was really hard for me to focus in class. It’s just so scary when you don’t know what’s going on.”

Gallagher’s parents, who, she said, are “seriously the best people,” were extremely comforting and supportive at this difficult and confusing time. They assured her she’d get through this and would, indeed, be OK. With their help, Gallagher began therapy and “had a really positive experience. It made me feel like I could talk to someone,” she said. “I could tell them exactly how I was feeling and get an unbiased opinion. When I kept my feelings inside, I would wonder why was I having such crazy thoughts. But when I would take the words out of my head and tell them to someone, well, it’s such an incredible feeling.”

She also journaled her feelings every day, ate healthy, exercised regularly, practiced breathing techniques and meditated. By the time Gal-

agher finished high school, she was feeling far less anxious. “I had learned so much through therapy,” she said. “You have to put in the work if you want to feel better.”

Deciding that a four-year college wasn’t right for her at the time, Gallagher moved to Southern California to attend community college. Even then, she said, she really wasn’t happy, remembering that “something just felt ‘off.’”

And then she had a serious health scare. Months of constant pain, misdiagnoses and almost 30 different antibiotics followed before Gallagher found the right practitioner who offered the right diagnosis and, more importantly, the right antidote to make her feel healthy again. Her diet changed drastically and, Gallagher believes, that really helped her feel better, happier and far less anxious.

A spiritual person, Gallagher trusts that “everything happens for a reason.” Looking back, she believes her health issue was “a life awakening moment. It really inspired me to reevaluate my life and try to figure out what makes me happy, what brings me joy. Life is so short and so unpredictable and I wanted to turn my pain into my purpose.” And she has.

“I realized that what I craved in high school, while experiencing chronic panic attacks, was a place where I could go and feel heard and seen,” Gallagher explains. “Just to have someone young to talk with, someone who could relate, could have really helped me. I want to be that person for teenagers.”

Not knowing where to start, Gallagher made business cards that simply described her as a motivational speaker. She placed them on community bulletin boards. She went to schools, “feeling so nervous my hands were shaking,” and introduced her concept to administrators. After months of “pushing, pushing, pushing,” it finally worked.

Initially speaking to 10 students in a high school wellness center, Gallagher was on

her way to doing what she loves: Inspiring young people to trust in themselves and follow their dreams with confidence.

“I fully understand how overwhelming being a young adult can feel,” Gallagher reminds the audiences she has spoken to in schools around the country (as well as on podcasts, local TV and radio, and, most recently, a TEDx talk). And this is the same message she’ll deliver when she speaks at Walnut Creek’s Las Lomas High School next week.

Life is so competitive for today’s young people. With so many social media sites highlighting the happiest times, brightest smiles and myriad of friends, it’s easy to forget that this isn’t real life. Gallagher reminds young people that no one is perfect and everyone struggles with something.

“I kept my anxiety and panic attacks hidden and I felt so alone,” Gallagher recalls. “I never want a teenager to feel like this. I’ve made it my mission in life to raise awareness and to remind these teenagers that they’re not alone, they can get through it and they can have a great life when they follow their dreams.”



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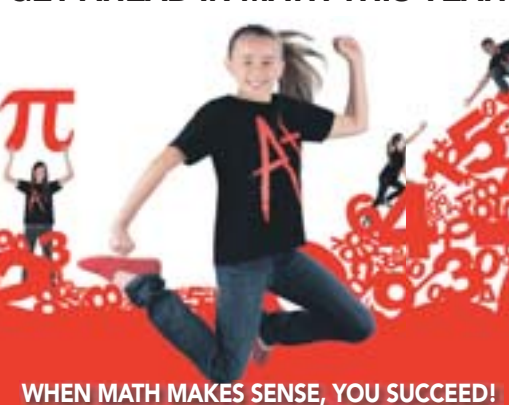
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This seminar, led by Jim Brommers Bergquist, a parent of two teenage daughters, and a career-long youth and family mentor who has worked with hundreds of families, could be called: “I wish I would’ve known this when my kids were young: lessons from my adventures in parenting.” Tanuka Gordon, Founder and Executive Director of Mindful Littles will also present a section on “Mindful Parenting.”

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## NCL 'Love Your Heart' Event a huge success



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The NCL Acalanes Area Chapter celebrates "Love Your Heart" with help from the American Heart Association, Joy in Motion, Amphora Nueva and Dr. Mary Donnelly.

### Submitted by Laura Dillard

National Charity League is an organization of mothers and their daughters in seventh to 12th grade that focuses on community service, leadership development and cultural experiences.

Each year NCL chapters from across the nation join together to support one philanthropy organization under the National Philanthropy Initiative. On Feb. 24, over 150 members of the NCL Acalanes Area Chapter came together to support the American Heart Association. This special event's theme was "Love Your Heart" and included heart healthy dancing led by Justin Cole from Joy in Motion, heart

healthy oils and vinegars by Nate Bradley of Amphora Nueva, and a healthy heart discussion with Dr. Mary Katherine Donnelly, chair of the nursing department at the University of San Francisco. The chapter learned about maintaining a heart healthy lifestyle by focusing on "Life's Simple 7": managing blood pressure, controlling blood cholesterol, reducing blood sugar, not smoking, eating a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight and daily physical activity. The chapter also made 150 heart pillows for the John Muir Cardiac Center in Concord to aid patients as they recover from cardiac surgery. The "Love Your Heart" event was a huge success.

## New Troop 224 Eagle Scouts



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From left: Henry Baer, Colby Suppiger, June Jung and Drew Campillo.

### Submitted by Suzanne Campillo

Boy Scout Troop 224 of Lafayette honored four Scouts – Henry Baer, Colby Suppiger, June Jung and Drew Campillo – for achieving Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout. To become an Eagle Scout, a candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 13 Eagle-required badges, demonstrate leadership and Scout spirit, and successfully complete a community service project.

Baer, a senior at De La Salle High School, wanted to help disadvantaged women and children in West Oakland. He chose to build a sandbox and two safety gates for Project Pride, a residential treatment program for pregnant and/or parenting women seeking recovery from substance use. The sandbox, which included an 8-foot-high shade trellis, was constructed in Project Pride's outdoor space and included a removable cover to keep animals out. The safety gates were requested by the program to keep children away from a secluded, potentially unsafe area. The result of this project was a safe, outdoor play-area for the children living at Project Pride. Baer also served as the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader during the 2017-18 school year. Outside of Scouting, Baer is on De La Salle's Rugby team, and enjoys skiing and attending concerts.

Suppiger, a senior at Acalanes High School, organized and coordinated the making of 200 no-sew blankets that were donated to pediatric patients at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in San Francisco. Suppiger was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in February 2014 and was treated at UCSF for

the duration of his seventh grade year at Stanley Middle School. He had a special blanket that comforted him throughout his treatments, and he wanted other kids to have one, too. In addition to Scouting, Suppiger swims for Acalanes and is planning to pursue a degree in engineering after high school.

Jung is an Acalanes High School junior. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, he had built two benches and re-coated two benches at Love-A-Child Missions Homeless Recovery Shelter in Bay Point. The purpose of these benches was to give more areas for the people at the homeless shelter a more comfortable and loving environment where they can interact and rest. As these benches weren't like standard benches, they had multiple support beams and were embedded in the ground, so people don't accidentally move or tip the benches. Jung also plays lacrosse at high school.

Campillo, a senior at Acalanes High School, also worked with Project Pride for his Eagle Project. After visiting the site and realizing the amount of direct sunlight that shines in the play area, Campillo planned and lead the installation of a sun shade to cover the play area. His project also addressed the mothers need to have a place to sit while their children played in the sandbox. He designed and led construction of a bench with planting area. Finally, an outdoor chalkboard art area was planned, built and installed. In addition to Scouting, Campillo played football at Acalanes, he also is a LEGO Master and enjoys scuba diving.

For more information about Troop 224, visit <http://www.troop224lafayette.com>.

## Several Lamorinda Odyssey of the Mind teams advance to state finals



Photo Nancy Phan Fields

Orinda Rotary #42350 Team, from left: Abby Kim, Livia Phan Fields, Aimee Steinmeier, Angelica Steinmeier (back), Caitlin Chan, Zia Cohn, Ava Yap, Sannam Tognotti and Janis Dewar (OM NorCal Regional Director).



Photo Nicole Hoppe

Lafayette Elementary School's fifth-grade team along with their Leonardo de Vinci show props and sets. From left: Toby Meehan, Claire George, Weston Hoppe, Varya Efimova, Sean Hu, and Noah Henry.

### Submitted by Nancy Phan Fields and Hannah Yan

After facing tough competition at the regional finals held March 2 at Concord High School, several local Odyssey of the Mind teams advanced to compete at the Northern California State finals this year: Orinda Rotary, Moraga Rotary A, Glorietta Elementary School Red, Del Rey Elementary, Burton Valley Elementary, and Stanley Middle School.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. While teams have adult coaches, the students are responsible for all planning, collection and construction of materials, and writing of the presentations, which often include humor and musical elements. Coaches and parents are not permitted to offer suggestions or to opine on the team's ideas. Strict penalties are assessed for any adult assistance.

Team members apply their creativity to solve "long-term" problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics, as well as "spontaneous" problems presented on the spot at tournaments and solved as a team in a very limited time. Performances in both long-term and spontaneous problems are graded on multiple elements. Teams with the two highest combined scores in each division go on to compete in the World Tournament in Michigan against other teams from the U.S. and about 25 other countries.

Lafayette Elementary School fielded four teams to compete in the March 2 San Francisco Bay Region Odyssey of Mind Competition. For each

team the competition was a culmination of up to six months of hard work in order to be ready to tackle a Spontaneous Problem and present their solution to the Long-term Problem of their choice. The PTA for sponsoring all the OM teams at Lafayette Elementary.

The fifth-grade team (aka "Creative Horse Yaks") won first place in their division and will be going on to compete in the Northern California State competition on March 30th. This team had an amazing performance in their self-directed skit that went back in time to the workshop of Leonardo de Vinci and emphasized both creativity and style with detailed props, costumes, and sets made from scratch. Additionally their teamwork was recognized with both a high scoring solution to the spontaneous problem and an OM sportsmanship award given to only one team out of 147 teams. Many thanks to their coaches Nicole Hoppe and Iryna Ryzhenkova for their enthusiasm and tremendous efforts in organizing and supporting the team.

Orinda Rotary 42350, a rookie team, consists of seven fifth-grade girls – five girls from Sleepy Hollow Elementary School (Abby Kim, Aimee Steinmeier, Caitlin Chan, Ava Yap and Sannam Tognotti) and two (Livia Phan Fields and Zia Cohn) from Hillcrest Elementary School in Oakland. Orinda Rotary 42350's participation in OotM is coordinated and coached by Zimian Huang and Angelica Steinmeier, parents at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School. The team chose the "Opposites Distract" long-term problem and there were 14 teams competing in that problem category in the SF Bay Region, consisting of San Francisco and all of Contra Costa County.

The Odyssey of the Mind Northern California State Competition will be held in Santa Rosa on March 30.

**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](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header In Service to the Community.

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## PCO performs ‘Schubert – The Sublime’ at LLLC



Lawrence Kohl

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### Submitted by Lawrence Kohl

Pacific Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Conductor Lawrence Kohl, will perform Schubert's Octet, Ravel's Introduction and Allegro, and Francaix's Dixtuor, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23 in the Community Hall at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Maurice Ravel's Introduction and Allegro flows like a delightful afternoon conversation between the harp, flute, clarinet and strings from the dreamy opening to the lively and buoyant conclusion. The Erard piano company, inspired by Debussy's Danses Sacree et Profane, commissioned Maurice Ravel to write a piece for its new double-action pedal harp to display the harp's extensive range, encourage more works to be written and, of course, sell harps! The new harp's range, subtle colors and textures are

displayed throughout from the dreamy opening to the buoyant conclusion.

Ravel's musical ideas, often stemming from his love of childhood fairy tales and stories of faraway lands, flowed during his solitary excursions through the countryside or while roaming the streets of Paris, oblivious to the hubbub around him. Featuring Dan Levitan, his "impeccable virtuosity" has made him the most sought after solo and orchestral harpist throughout Northern California from the Santa Rosa and Napa Symphonies, to the San Francisco Opera Orchestra to San Jose's Symphony Silicon Valley.

Early on Jean Francaix caught the society's attention. Ravel pronounced, "Among the child's gifts I observe above all the most fruitful an artist can possess, that of curiosity." Francaix's Dixtuor for wind quintet and string quintet begins in the French countryside – tranquil, calm, re-

laxing and closes, it's as if bird calls wake us for a brisk walk back to the city. Indeed, as one musical genius recognizes another Francaix went on to become one of France's most celebrated composers.

The exuberant opening in Franz Shubert's Octet for Clarinet, Bassoon, French Horn and Strings moves into a silver-lined melody for the clarinet and continues through a walking-bass which lightens your heart; it ends on notes of jubilant delight.

Schubert's genius lay in translating the direct experience of nature's breathtaking beauty into music. One is whisked away into the sublime. Franz Schubert passed away at age of 31, officially due to typhoid fever. However, some have said it was actually syphilis. Still, Schubert managed to write over one thousand pieces in his short lifespan. Schubert idolized Beethoven. Influenced by his work, he built on it as he struggled to further develop the Romantic spirit in music. Such was they kindred spirit that they are buried next to each other in Vienna.

The members of the Pacific Chamber Orchestra also appear in such prestigious groups as the San Francisco Symphony, Opera and Ballet Orchestras, touring Broadway shows, and feature films recorded at Skywalker Ranch. They are touring soloists and chamber musicians.

PCO will also perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24 in the Bankhead Theatre, 2400 First Street in Livermore. Tickets may be purchased for "Schubert – The Sublime" online at [www.pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://www.pacificchamberorchestra.org) and additionally for the Livermore performance by calling or visiting the Bankhead box office (925) 373-6800 or [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

## With summer fast approaching, lifeguard slots open at regional parks



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### By John T. Miller

Ever consider becoming a lifeguard over the summer? If so, the East Bay Regional Park District is recruiting 40-60 new full-time lifeguards for the 2019 swim season at its 11 facilities in the East Bay. But the application process isn't easy. Participants must swim 500 yards in under 10 minutes, carry a rescue board 50 feet, retrieve three dive rings under 4-7 feet of water, tread water for two minutes using only their legs, and retrieve a 10-pound brick from under water. A short interview will follow successful completion of the swim test.

Four different testing dates remain on Saturdays and Sundays over the last two weekends in March. Participants who pass will receive paid training and certification in open water lifeguarding at the District's Lifeguard Academy, which takes place over five weekends in April and May. The swim season begins in May for most facilities.

The remaining testing schedule includes Saturday, March 23 at Livermore High School, and on March 24, 30 and 31 at Roberts Pool in Oak-

land. All sessions start at 1 p.m.

Lifeguards can work at any of the District's 11 swim facilities: Lake Del Valle in Livermore (East and West Beach), Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton, Quarry Lakes in Fremont, Lake Don Castro in Hayward, Cull Canyon in Castro Valley, Roberts Pool in Oakland, Lake Anza in Berkeley, Castle Rock in Walnut Creek, and Contra Loma in Antioch.

"Promoting water safety and educating park visitors on how to safely recreate around the water is paramount in what a lifeguard does," says EBRPD Aquatics Manager Pete DeQuincy. "Working as a lifeguard is one of a few ways a young adult can give back to their community and learn about public service."

Anyone age 16 or over by April 20 is encouraged to apply. Applicants must submit an EBRPD job application online and a supplemental questionnaire included in the application. For more information, call (510) 690-6625 or visit [www.ebparks.org/activities/swimming/lifeguard.htm](http://www.ebparks.org/activities/swimming/lifeguard.htm).

## 'Lamorinda Teens Read' program returns for second year



Nic Stone

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### By John T. Miller

Following the successful launch of the Lamorinda Teens Read program last year, the school libraries of the Acalanes Union High School District and the Lamorinda community libraries of Contra Costa County have teamed up again to offer "One Community, One Book" to local teens.

The program, which runs through March 29, offers free copies of "Dear Martin" by Nic Stone to teens living in the Lamorinda community or attending schools in the AUHSD. So far, over 600 books have been given away. Copies are available at any of the four high school libraries, or from the community libraries in Lafayette, Moraga or Orinda. Copies can also be purchased at local bookstores.

The book revolves around Justyce McAllister – a straight-A African-American student at a mostly white prep school – who encounters racial profiling when he helps his drunk girlfriend into a car. As Justyce tries to reconcile the experi-

ence of being thrown into handcuffs while attempting to do a good deed – and his subsequent struggles with injustices and aggression – he addresses letters to the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. The book has some scenes with violence, teen fights, police brutality and clear examples of racism, while also addressing issues of underage drinking, stereotypes, and the Black Lives Matter movement.

As part of the program, Patrick Turner, a counselor at Campolindo High School who also serves as the Black Student Union Advisor and Diversity Chairman for the school, led a panel discussion on "A Race to Racial Harmony" at the Moraga Library earlier this month. About 25 community members ranging in age from 13 to 65 and representing many diverse races attended the discussion. Commenting on the evening, Turner said, "Adults and students who read "Dear Martin" say that it painted the perfect picture for an African-American student in a school

community similar to ours."

The group brainstormed how to improve the social conditions that students of color experience in the community. Some of the ideas included: hosting similar assemblies at each school site; enforce mandatory diversity training for all AUHSD staff; create policies and consequences to hold students and staff accountable for verbal assaults stemming from racial slurs; abolish books with the N-word; incorporate more diverse literature from authors of color, women and LGBTQ; add an ethnic studies class; and hire more people of color to present multiple perspectives.

The suggestion to abolish books with the N-word, however, would include the very book that brought up the discussion, as the dialogue in "Dear Martin" includes its usage.

"Making changes for all will better suit our district for many years to come," summed up Turner. "Hopefully, this session will encourage friends

and family of the participants to attend more events and create a different narrative for the future."

About 16 participants – again of all races, ages, and genders – joined facilitators Kat Culberg, David Dean, and Julie Shackleford-Bradley from the East Bay group Circles for Social Change on March 13 for a workshop on "Racial Harm and Healing, A Restorative Approach" at the Orinda Library. The group focused on microaggressions and how these have happened to them, or how they themselves may have hurt someone, knowingly or unknowingly.

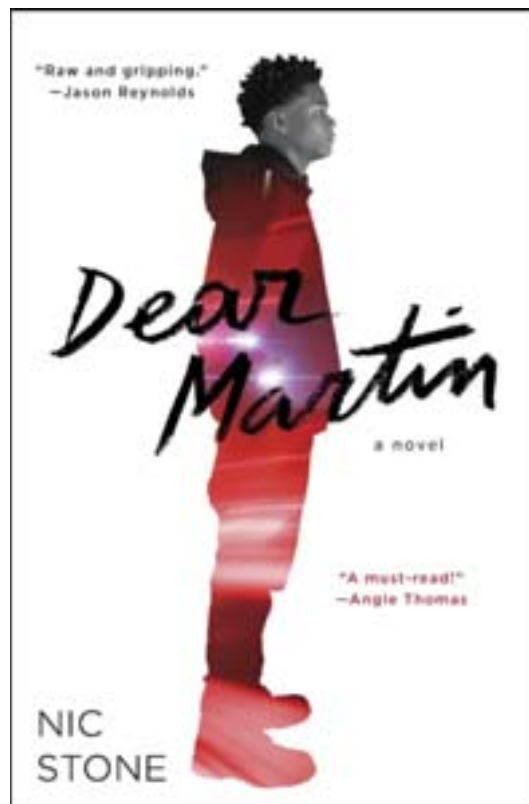
According to David Wing Sue, Ph.D., writing in Psychology Today, "Microaggressions are the verbal, nonverbal, and environmental slights, snubs, or insults, whether intentional or unintentional, which communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative messages to target persons based solely upon their marginalized group membership."

The point of the session

was to create a safe space where participants can talk about difficult subjects in an authentic and vulnerable way.

There is also a writing contest for students between the ages of 12-18 to write a letter to a particular person who has greatly inspired them, just as the main character in "Dear Martin" does. The hero can be someone alive, deceased, a relative, a teacher, mentor, or famous person, etc. The deadline is at 8 p.m. Monday, March 25. Complete rules and guidelines for the contest can be found at [cclib.org](http://cclib.org). Click on Lamorinda Teens Read, scroll down to Lafayette: Writing Contest, and follow the link to Full Contest Rules.

Finalists in the "Dear Hero" writing contest will read their letters during a movie screening event featuring short film "Think of Calvin," where racial profiling escalates to a night in jail. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 11 at the Lafayette Library, with prizes awarded to the writing contest winners.



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ART

The Moraga Art Gallery announces the opening of "Into the Wood(s)" an homage to trees, opening on the first day of spring, March 20. Watercolor landscapes by Moraga's George Ehrenhaft, the show's featured artist, capture the arboreal splendor of Lamorinda and beyond - from the Pacific shore to peaks of the Sierra. The show's featured guest artist, Duke Herrero of Orinda, has created museum-quality wooden objects - utensils, table-top boxes, footstools, cutting boards, and more - all hewn and lovingly shaped from a variety of trees from everyday walnut and cherry to exotic ipe and cocobolo. The show runs through June 1, with a free reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on March 23. For more information, visit www.moragaartgallery.com or call (925) 376-5407.

Valley Art Gallery Announces "SPLASH," a new exhibition for Spring opening March 30 and running through May 11. A free reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on March 30. Nothing refreshes an interior like a splash of original art. With that in mind the Gallery has assembled more than 300 fresh pieces for its 70th annual spring show that are sure to create a Splash! From abstracts to zoomorphics to everything in between, the work represents the best of the best by East Bay artists — with all works available for sale or rent.

Saint Mary's College Museum of Art (SMC | MoA) is pleased to present two Spring Exhibitions, "Foad Satterfield: THINGS KNOWN" and "David Otis Johnson: NOCTAMBULANT." These exhibitions run through June 9. For more information on programs and events, please visit www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum.

MUSIC

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Campolindo Music Department presents "The Phantom of the Opera" March 22-24 at Campolindo High School. Based on the 1910 horror novel by Gaston Leroux, "The Phantom of the Opera" is a thrilling and romantic account of the legendary Phantom, a musical genius who dwells deep beneath a majestic opera house in Paris. Tickets and showtimes at http://www.cam-

pochoir.com/tickets/.

Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra presents NYC Tenor Comes Home to Sing Italian Opera from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on March 24 at Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Alex Frankel joins the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra to perform Italian operas, including Rossini, Verdi, and Mascagni. Cost: Adults: \$30; Seniors: \$20; Youth (17 & under): \$10. For more info see http://www.contracostachamberorchestra.org or email info@contracostachamberorchestra.org.

The Spazmatics, performing '80s hits with "geek choreography" and "spaztic" movements at 8 p.m. on Friday March 29 at Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25 advance, \$30 at-the-door; Midnight Flyer, a tribute to the Eagles will play at 8 p.m. on Saturday March 30. Doors open at 7 p.m. \$30 advance, \$35 at-

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Saint Mary's College Music Department presents a solo piano concert by Bobby Mitchell, a young award-winning American international concert pianist, recording artist, composer, author and teacher at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 31 at Saint Mary's College Chapel. A reception will follow the free concert.

Berkeley Chamber Performances presents The Mana Saxophone Quartet from 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley. Mana Saxophone Quartet imaginatively performs Bach, Mozart, Glazunov, Keuris and Glass on vintage instruments. Reception for all follows concert. Cost: \$30 General Admission; kids through high school, free; Higher Ed students, \$15. For more info see http://www.berkeleychamberperform.org or call (510) 525-5211 or email chiara9@comcast.net.

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THEATER

Diablo Ballet celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a world premiere fairytale ballet, "Once Upon a Time" at 6:30 p.m. on March 22 and 2 and 8 p.m. on March 23 at the Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Join Diablo Ballet on this fairytale adventure where you will meet Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Alice in Wonderland, Sleeping Beauty, Jack and the Beanstalk, Snow White and more. Children in attendance are invited to dress up as their favorite fairytale character and stay and meet the dancers after the performances. Single tickets are \$15-\$50. For tickets, call (925) 943-SHOW (7469) or visit www.lesharartscenter.org. For more information, visit www.diabloballet.org.

Town Hall Theatre Company presents "Brooklyn Bridge" by Melissa James Gibson, directed by M. Graham Smith through March 23. Tickets and showtimes are available at TownHallTheatre.com or by calling (925) 283-1557. The theatre is located at 3535 School Street in Lafayette.

Town Hall Theatre Company presents Playwright's Cagematch at 7 p.m. on March 24 at 3535 School Street, Lafayette. Five Playwrights enter but only one will emerge victorious. Join THT as playwrights far and wide square off! Playwrights' CageMatch is a chance for playwrights to show their stuff in an audience-decided live competition. The only requirements for aspiring contributors were that the scenes had to be 20 minutes or less, have no more than four characters with gender parity, and be set in an apartment building in a large city anywhere in the universe. Admission for the Playwrights' CageMatch is \$5 (free to our subscribers), and tokens to vote will be sold for \$5. Box Office: (925) 283-1557; www.townhalltheatre.com.

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### LECTURE & LITERATURE

**April's First Friday Forum speaker**, William Gee Wong, will bring a special perspective to the issue of immigration, among other issues, as he presents "Father and Son: Exclusion, Inclusion from China to Chinatown to America." The Forum will take place at 1 p.m. on April 5 in the Sanctuary of Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. For further information call (925) 283-8722.

### KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

**Free film screening for parents and youth** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on March 25 at the Rheem Theatre. Hosted by the Directing Change Program, this free event will screen short, student-produced films about suicide prevention and mental health. Attendees will be inspired by the creativity of local student filmmakers, learn about suicide prevention, ask questions to suicide prevention experts and youth filmmakers as part of a Q&A panel, and learn how to implement the Directing Change Program into local schools. Free parking. Seating is limited. To attend RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/DCMoraga>. [www.directingchangeCA.org](http://www.directingchangeCA.org)

**Lamorinda Teens Read** - the school libraries of Acalanes, Campolindo, Los Lomas, and Miramonte present "One Community, One Book" from Feb. 25 through March 29 when all four schools will read Nic Stone's latest novel, "Dear Martin" and multiple events will happen at the Contra Costa Library branches. Pick up a free copy of the book to keep in the school or local library.

### OTHER

**Alka Mukakaluri, RFW** Ayurvedic Practitioner and Dr. Patricia Rochette are offering a Spring Cleanse Open House & Talk from 6-8 p.m. on March 22 and March 29 at Radiance Family wellness located at 914 Dewing (at Brook) in Lafayette. A complementary seasonal meal will be provided. This is a free event, but donations are accepted. RSVP at [www.radiancefamilywellness.com](http://www.radiancefamilywellness.com).

**Say Something Workshop:** How to Help a Friend or Family Member Living with Domestic Violence at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 23 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda. Every year more than 10 million women and men are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. Come learn how to listen, talk and take action when someone you care about is being abused. Facilitated by Rev. Michele Robbins, an ordained pastor with a background in Family Relations. Her workshops focus on understanding the cycle of violence, types of power, abuser tactics, and how to talk with victims, including avoiding pitfalls and words that help. More info: [shalompastor3@gmail.com](mailto:shalompastor3@gmail.com).

**The Great Outdoors** - Silent Auction to Benefit The Springstone School from 2 to 5 p.m. on March 23 at 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Free Admission; enjoy family fun, auction, food, and raffle prizes. Auction items include toys and treats, event tickets, getaways, fine wines and spirits, artisan gifts, and professional services. The

Springstone School is an independent, non-profit school dedicated to serving 6-12th grade students with Asperger's Syndrome, Non-Verbal Learning Disability, and other neurocognitive differences.

**Open your home and heart to love** by adopting a cat from CC4C. See our beauties at this weekend's adoption event from 1 to 4 p.m. March 23 and 24 at Pet Food Express in Pleasant Hill and Petco in Walnut Creek. At Pet Food Express in Lafayette we will be there on Sunday only. For more information, see [www.communityconcernforcats.org](http://www.communityconcernforcats.org).

**"A Spiritual Revolution:** The Quest to Experience God" will be explored in a talk at 7:30 p.m. on March 26 at Berkeley City College, 2050 Center St. Berkeley. Giulia Nesi, CSB's free talk explores the search for individual meaning in relation to an expansive source of goodness: God. Giulia, a former psychotherapist, spent years studying the subject of life and identity. She later gained a new perspective that resulted in deeper meaning and healings of every type of problem. Everyone is welcome. For live stream information see [www.orindacs.org](http://www.orindacs.org) (925) 528-9919.

**What's up Down There?** Pelvic Floor Therapy with Allison Romero, PT, DPT, Pelvic Health Specialist at 7 p.m. on March 26 at Lafayette Physical Therapy, 3468 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite B110 in Lafayette. This is a free event, but space is limited, so please sign up at [lafayettept.com/events](http://lafayettept.com/events) or call (925) 284-6150.

**Come see fancy Ferraris**, Fiats and more! Saint Mary's College Department of World Languages and Cultures and the Dante Club invite the community to its Italian Cars and Culture event from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 31. Enjoy Italian Sports Cars and live folkloric Italian music by the band Pizzi Cali on the front campus lawn at SMC. Delicious food and ice cream will be available for purchase. Free. Email [amr18@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:amr18@stmarys-ca.edu) with any questions.

**"Horizon Mental Health Support Group"** Open Discussion and Resource Share from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Mondays at Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1035 Carol Ln, Lafayette. Our Mission is to provide fellowship in the Bay Area mental health sphere. We welcome parents/caregivers/loved ones of mental illness, those with mental illness, doctors, therapists, nurses, specialists, community activists, politicians, teachers, police officers, defense attorneys, emergency responders, authors, special needs advocates, etc. If you are in need of support, or your life aligns in advocacy for emotional/mental/social/behavioral/brain health, join us. Free and easy parking, handicap accessible, no registration, no membership, no religious affiliation - open to all.

**The Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center** presents "The Climate Crisis and Its Solutions" from noon to 1 p.m. on April 6 at 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd. News headlines continue to remind us we are living in the hottest times ever measured, with increasingly severe consequences. The past five years have been the five hottest years ever recorded by weather in-

struments. California wildfires have reached unprecedented levels. And climate refugees marching in caravans have put pressure on our southern border. Is building a wall the right solution? Come learn the latest updates on the science, impacts and solutions. Bring questions and discover how you can participate in the growing number of solutions.

**John Muir National Historic Site** (John Muir NHS) will launch its second annual series of Stewardship Saturdays. Join the National Park Service for these free, Ranger-led land stewardship programs at the Martinez, California site. The programs begin at 9 a.m. at the Strentzel Creek meadow area of Mt. Wanda. This area recently came under NPS management and is currently only open to visitation with an NPS chaperone. The stewardship project will entail removing invasive plant species from the sensitive creek and surrounding meadow. All training and tools required for this project will be provided. The three 2019 Stewardship Saturday events will be on March 23, April 27, and May 18. Find more information and register at: <https://jomu.eventbrite.com/>.

### GARDEN

**The Moraga Garden Club** will hold its next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 21 at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The guest speaker will be Pamela Hester, from the Sloat Garden Center in Danville. The topic of her discussion will be, "Growing Vegetables in Containers." Free. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit [moragagardenclub.com](http://moragagardenclub.com).

**Sustainable Practices for Water-Wise Gardening** from 10 a.m. to noon on March 24 at McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda. Come join compost and sheet mulching guru Lori Caldwell to learn permaculture and sustainable gardening practices for your home garden. Lori will cover the benefits of using mulch and compost to minimize pests, how to hydrozone your garden with drip irrigation to use less water, and recommend native plants that provide food for birds and butterflies and color year round. Sign-up: [ebmud.com/rsvp](http://ebmud.com/rsvp). For more information: Kristin.Bowman@ebmud.com (510) 986-7610.

**The Orinda Garden Club** presents Fire Resistant Landscaping by garden designer Kate Frey at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 28 at the Orinda Library Auditorium. It's a given that homeowners want their landscapes to be aesthetically pleasing. Ecological considerations such as drought tolerance and habitat support are increasingly valued and showcased. Frey will discuss plant materials and techniques for creating a beautiful fire resistant landscape. Free.

**Walnut Creek Garden Club** presents Butterflies in Your Garden: Jim Spinello at 9:45 a.m. on April 8 at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road, Walnut Creek. Jim Spinello has raised butterflies since grade school. He will demonstrate how to raise the different species in our own gardens. His videos and slide show are amazing: 9:45 a.m. Business Meeting; 10:30 a.m. Social; 11 a.m. Program.

## Service Clubs Announcements

**Lafayette Rotary Club**

**Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.**  
Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

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| <b>March 21:</b><br><b>Bori Nemeth</b><br><b>Our Rotary Youth Exchange student from Hungary</b> | <b>March 28:</b><br><b>Lafayette Police Dept. Officer to talk about current trends</b> |
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**Moraga Lions Service Club**

Are you a bit curious on what goes on at Lions Club meeting? Very simple, you would start with a delicious meal as our guest at the Moraga Country Club. You may observe and provide some interesting insights. You would discover that we are the largest service group in the world. We have a membership of 1.4 million members in 208 countries. You would discover that we are on a journey to support the visually impaired, diabetes awareness, natural disasters, scholarship to the Campolindo Leo Club, and Achievement awards to our four middle schools. If you are curious and have a desire to fit service in your life, join us at a meeting. We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7pm. No obligations! Dan Hagan 376-2538

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# Say goodbye to winter with this white bean chicken chili



Photo Susie Iventosch

## White Bean Chicken Chili

(Serves 4)

### INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 yellow onion, coarsely chopped  
 1 jalapeño, stem removed, seeded and very finely diced  
 1 poblano pepper, stem removed, seeded and medium diced  
 1 teaspoon cumin  
 ½ teaspoon chili powder  
 2 cups shredded, cooked chicken breast  
 2 small cans diced, fire-roasted Ortega chilies (7 ounce cans)  
 1 14-ounce can cannellini beans, drained  
 1 14-ounce can chicken broth  
 ¼ cup white wine  
 ¼ cup fresh cilantro, minced  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 Garnishes:  
 Grated white cheddar cheese  
 Avocado, diced  
 Cilantro leaves

### DIRECTIONS

In a soup pot, heat olive oil over medium heat and add onion, poblano and jalapeño peppers. Cook until onions are translucent. Add cumin and chili powder and stir well, cooking just a few minutes longer until cumin and chili powder have been lightly browned to release flavors. Next, add the shredded chicken, roasted Ortega chilies, cannellini beans, chicken broth and wine. Cook over medium-low heat until everything is hot. Season with salt and pepper to taste and sprinkle in minced cilantro. At this point, you can refrigerate chili for a day or two until ready to serve, or serve immediately and garnish with grated cheddar, diced avocados and cilantro leaves. Serve with warmed tortillas or toasted bread.



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## By Susie Iventosch

My mom has always been an amazing cook, and she instilled in me a love of cooking from a very early age. Even at 86 years old, she still loves cooking and stays very busy in the kitchen testing new recipes and altering old favorites to better suit today's healthy standards and tastes. One time, years ago, when we went to visit my parents, she made this white bean

chicken chili, which was a completely new twist on chili to me. We all loved it and it was perfect for that particularly cold winter weekend in the mountains. With this rare wet Bay Area winter and the chilly temperatures, it seemed fitting to bring this recipe out for a few cozy meals and it was just as good as I'd remembered. It's an easy soup to make and it also freezes well, in case you decide to double the batch!

## The College Admissions Scam

By Elizabeth LaScala, PhD

The recent college admissions scandal that was revealed in a March 12 New York Times article quickly spread to all the major news media. The article reported how William Singer, a businessman who owns the Edge College & Career Network, also known as The Key, opened a side door to one of the limited, fiercely competitive undergraduate openings across elite colleges and universities in the U.S. By 3 p.m. the same day my inbox was filled with emails with links to various articles about the swindle as well as messages from my clients ending in questions like, "Do you think the kids knew?", exclamations such as, "This is just the tip of the iceberg!" and statements, "The colleges knew—they had to know."

Here's what we do know: Singer is a businessman who owns the Edge College & Career Network – a for-profit college counseling and preparation company that offers help in getting students into competitive colleges and universities. It also seems that Singer established a nonprofit organization that claimed to be a charity. Prosecutors said that this alleged charity was used as a vehicle to disguise the true nature of payments from parents – payments made to buy their children a ticket into college.

In court Singer talked about college applicants who get in the honest way, on their own merits. "And then there's a back door," he said, "where people ... make large donations, but they're not guaranteed [to get] in. And then, I created a side door that guaranteed families get in. So that was what made it very attractive to so many families ... I

created a guarantee." Singer is charged with one count each of racketeering conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the United States and obstruction of justice. He is said to have been cooperating with the Justice Department since September 2018.

As a dedicated and ethical college advisor, I see many victims as this drama unfolds.

I see the universities and colleges that hold themselves to high standards now being subjected to greater scrutiny and suspicion in their admission processes and decisions.

I see independent educational consultants, who are both knowledgeable and trustworthy, feel concern over the negative image that Singer has cast on IECs. As a group, IECs are honest; they work hard to earn the trust of their clients, and they belong to professional organizations that set the highest ethical standards of conduct for their members.

I see (and greatly admire) the kids we college counselors guide each day, who are honest and forthright in their test taking, academic accomplishments, essay writing and extracurricular achievements. Through each admission cycle many of them must bear the pain of rejection from highly competitive universities and learn in the process to hold their heads high and adjust to the inevitable blows of life; these experiences make them better and stronger individuals. These same students go on to "best fit" colleges, ones that truly value them, offering not only admission but often scholarships too.

Perhaps, most unsettling of all the victims I see, are the children who 'got in' because their parents were so desperate for them to attend a highly competitive, 'name brand'

university that they resorted to hiring a criminal to accomplish that end. These children must in one way or another measure their own worth by their parents' wealth. But how can they authentically consider their futures, given the ethical missteps of their parents?

My sentiments run parallel with those of my IEC colleague, Jeff Levy, who put it so well: "I think it is a good thing that dirty players – and there are always going to be dirty players – get a public shaming." I agree. As always, sunlight is the best disinfectant. We must all strive in whatever ways we can to continue to ensure that integrity and ethical conduct are at the core of the college admission process.



Elizabeth LaScala, PhD personally guides each student through each step of selecting and applying to well-matched schools for undergraduate and graduate school study. Over the past two decades, Elizabeth has placed hundreds of students in some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the U.S. The number of clients taken is limited to ensure each applicant has personalized attention. Contact Elizabeth early in the process to make a difference in your outcomes. Write [elizabeth@doingcollege.com](mailto:elizabeth@doingcollege.com); Visit [www.doingcollege.com](http://www.doingcollege.com); or Call: 925.385.0562.

## Burton Valley fifth-grader advances to GeoBee state finals



Photo provided

Fifth-grader Jacob Jo with his teacher Judy Zenoni.

Submitted by Diane Hong

Burton Valley Elementary School fifth-grader Jacob Jo won this year's National Geographic GeoBee at his school and passed the qualification test to enter the state finals. According to its website, The National Geographic GeoBee includes three levels of competition; school, state, and national. Schools conduct a GeoBee and name a school champion. The school champion takes a proctored online qualifying test and the top 100

ranked students in each state qualify to represent their school at the state level GeoBee competition. State champions then travel to National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C., to compete in the national championship.

Jacob, who loves to read articles about geography, climate, history and politics and has had a special interest in reading books including children's atlases, is very excited and proud to represent Burton Valley at the 2019 California National Geographic State GeoBee on March 29 at Cal State University, Fresno.

## 15th Annual JF Kapnek 5/K Fun Run Supports Education and Wellness for Zimbabwe Children

The 15th annual JF Kapnek Trust Family Fun Run will take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 5 at Miramonte High School (750 Moraga Way). The event supports early childhood education, nutrition and AIDS treatment and prevention programs for children and families in Zimbabwe. Along with a 5K run and a 1K children's run or walk, event

participants will enjoy music, arts and crafts, food and prizes for the top finishers including certificates from Dick's Sporting Goods, and Sports Basement. And all participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Strollers welcome! Other sponsors this year include Dudum Real Estate, Diablo Foods, Diablo Valley Oncology, Oakwood

Athletic Club and Bryan Silveira/State Farm Insurance. Visit [www.kapnektrustusa.org](http://www.kapnektrustusa.org) for more information and to register go to <http://jfkapnekusafunrun.eventbrite.com>. Onsite day of registration is also available.

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# LAMORINDA SPORTS

## Campo wins state championship



Photo Gint Federas

By Jon Kingdon

Champions! Utilizing a consistent offense and a smothering defense, the Campolindo boys high school basketball team claimed the State Championship at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento by defeating Colony High School (Ontario) by a score of 55-40. This was the second time that the Cougars played in the state finals, having lost to Damien High School in 2015.

Coming into the season Campolindo head coach Steven Dyer made it be known to his players that they were going to be a better defensive team: "I'm a defensive coach. These guys knew that if they wanted to play, they were going to have to play hard defensively and we continually improved our defense throughout the year. It was exciting to finish the season with our three best efforts."

The numbers speak for themselves - Campolindo held Grant High School to 23 points

under their season average, Serra to 22 points under their season average and Colony to 32 points below their season average. A team can only achieve that kind of defensive excellence by having every player on the team playing hard and selling out every minute they are on the court. Campolindo did that and that is why they are the state champs.

Dyer cited the players' defensive efforts both individually and as a team: "They followed the game plan and watched a lot of film to get ready. Everyone did their part."

Carter Mahaney was assigned to Colony's top scorer, Sedic Altman, who scored 28 points but only connected on 10 of his 24 shots. "Carter made him work for everything," Dyer said.

The rest of the Colony team scored 12 points, shooting a combined 29.6 percent. Also key for Campolindo was how they outrebounded Colony 37 to 28, limiting Colony to only

seven offensive rebounds. Added Dyer: "We really focused this year on rebounding. If we're even or win the rebound battle, we'll usually win the game. It's a collective effort, including the guards that really helped on the boards."

Campolindo's offense was led by freshman Aiden Mahaney and sophomore Emmanuel Callas, both scoring 19 points. Though averaging five points a game, the 6'4" Callas was expected to be a key factor on offense, said Carter Mahaney: "We knew that he had a size advantage inside and we went to Emmanuel and he was great tonight." Callas gave much of the credit to his teammates: "It was just a matter of getting to the right spot and they got me the ball and I was able to finish the play."

Aiden Mahaney, who shot 7 for 10 from the field, stayed focused all game: "He's obviously not afraid of the big stage," said Dyer. Colony coach Jerry De Fabiis concurred: "It's obvious he has a very high

basketball IQ and he's not scared of the moment."

In the fourth quarter, Colony tried with little success to full court press Campolindo. "They are a good pressing team that was able to take other teams out of their offense," said senior David Ahazie, "but Carter and Aiden are elite ball handlers and we never really worry when teams try to press us."

The chemistry between Aiden and himself was a key, said Carter: "We know each other's game and feed off each other very well. We prepped for their trapping and watched a lot of film. We knew if we cut hard and made strong passes, players would be open."

The Cougars maintained their composure throughout the game, answering every attempt by Colony to close the gap. Dyer planned for this from the beginning of the season: "We played a very good nonleague schedule and it prepared us to fight through any adversity that came at us. Our guys did a really good job in just playing the next play and not getting fazed."

Evidencing their consis-

tency over the last three games, the Cougars outscored their opponents in nine straight quarters by an average of 4.5 points each period.

With a roster of four seniors and five juniors and six freshmen and sophomores, the team had a unique chemistry, said Dyer: "We put in a lot of time in the summer and fall. Our seniors and Carter were great leaders. Our freshmen and sophomores worked very hard. They're a very connected group. There were no cliques and divisiveness. Everyone got along."

As for next year, says Dyer: "Every year is a new year. Our seniors, (Ahazie, the league most valuable player, starting guard Jake Chan, Ryan Jeter and Peter Schmitz) meant a lot to our group and did a lot behind the scenes to make this possible. We will regroup in a month or so but you never know what's going to happen so we'll enjoy the victory right now."

Dyer eloquently and succinctly concluded: "You can't envision a better ending than this. There's not many feelings like it."

## Saint Mary's defeats No. 1 Gonzaga to earn spot in NCAA Tournament



Jordan Hunter (1) and Matthias Tass (11)

Photo Tod Fierner

By Jon Kingdon

This has been quite a weekend for the Bennett family and defensive basketball. After watching his sons Cade and Chase's Campolindo basketball team defeat Colony High School to win the state championship, Saint Mary's

head coach Randy Bennett and the Gaels defeated the No. 1 team in the nation, Gonzaga, by a score of 60-47, earning a spot in the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

As impressive as Campolindo's victory was in holding Colony to 32 points below their per game average, Saint Mary's defensive perfor-

mance was even more impressive, holding Gonzaga to 43 points below their 90 points per game average.

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### Cougar Football

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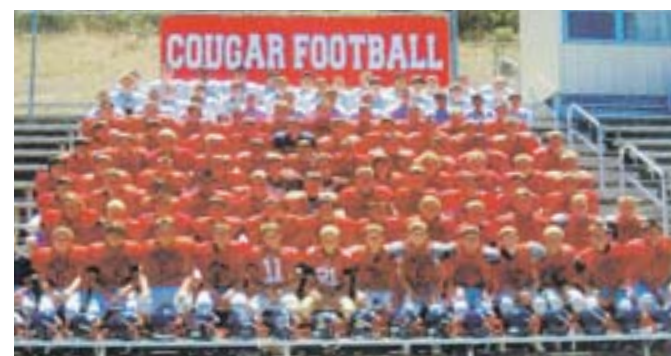
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## Lamorinda softball season's optimistic open



Ellie Palma

### By Jon Kingdon

It would not seem like the start to a new season if there wasn't some type of distraction for the Lamorinda softball teams as they began preseason preparation. Battling through the rain, the teams have begun their season with a collective optimism.

#### Acalanes

Last season, Acalanes made the playoffs with a roster largely made up of freshmen and sophomores. With another year under their belts, head coach Victor Silva still has a team lacking in some experience: "We are a good team but we are a young team that wants to be good. With all of the rain that we had, we only missed one practice which shows how much the girls want to be successful."

The pitching staff is led by Edan Mirabella and Ellie Palma. It's simple, says Silva: "We just need to throw strikes."

The team's defense has been strengthened with the return of Kaylee Pond, who missed all last season with a knee injury. She and Morgan Salmon will be holding down the left side of the infield and

will be alternating between shortstop and third base.

Seniors Bailee Takano and Madeline Fink have been named the team's co-captains and are looking forward to provide leadership for the underclassmen.

It is going to be a balanced offense for Acalanes, says Silva: "We are a good hitting team with some power that has a lot of speed on the bases." The offense has been led Takano, Pond, Salmon and Alexandra Sofield, who so far have combined for 10 hits in 20 at bats.

Silva is taking a long-term perspective for his team: "We are playing a tough non-conference schedule to get ready for league play. With four juniors and five sophomores, it's a team that should continue to develop as the season progresses."

#### Campolindo

Without a JV team, Campolindo head coach Wayne Stephens has a young team with strong senior leadership. The team has five seniors and juniors and 10 freshmen and sophomores. Key to pulling this team together are senior captains catcher Katy Poole and infielder/outfielder Han-



Kaeli Martinet

nah Grossen.

The pitching staff is led by junior Emma Rahimi and freshman Kaeli Martinet. "Emma has good experience and has been a solid starter for us," said Stephens. "Kaeli, though only a freshman, has played a lot of softball." Martinet's record is 2-0 and has yet to give up a run while Rahimi's ERA is only 1.91.

The defense is both young and strong up the middle with sophomore Abbie Lee at shortstop and freshman Sarah Tallarico. "Our defense should be our strength. Abbie and Sarah are both really good players and it's a great combination for the future," says Stephens.

Grossen, Tallarico, Lee and Kelly Gagnon have all begun the year hitting over .400. Poole and Tallarico are tied for the lead in RBIs.

The weather has limited the development of the team, particularly for the younger players, according to Stephens: "The rain has hurt us due to our inexperience, but all the girls are working hard and want to get better. They key for us to be successful is to stay healthy and play as a team. If that happens, we'll be able to

take care of ourselves."

#### Miramonte

Miramonte's first year head coach Sara Feinberg has seen the team start slowly but is able to see a brighter future for the team: "These are a fabulous group of girls that are really happy to be playing. The strength of the team at this point is the passion and love the players have for each other. They really enjoy playing together."

This is a young team with only two seniors but has good numbers to build on. There are 11 players on the roster and there is now a JV team with 14 players on that roster, says Feinberg: "We are working hard to rebuild the program. A lot of the JV players are going to get a chance to play varsity."

Seniors Ashley Miller and Carley Johnson are the co-captains for this young squad.

The offense is a work in progress, says Feinberg: "A lot of the girls are coming out of their shells. We have good power but just need more consistency."

Freshman Rubina Cabe who has been a club player her whole life brings a lot of experience and has been assisting the other pitchers with their technique.

Feinberg has seen consistent improvement with the team: "We are a work in progress, learning the basics and filling in the gaps. We're improving in all areas and the girls are working their way up and I'm looking forward to the growth of the team as the season goes on."



Kaylee Pond

## Lamorinda Water Polo makes strong showing at KAP7

Submitted by Rola Yamini Innis

Seventeen teams represented the Lamorinda Water Polo Club in Orange County Feb. 9-10 at the KAP7 International Water Polo Tournament. In the Platinum division, the boys teams had strong finishes placing in the top seven (18Us) and top six (16Us and 14Us) while the 10U boys took home a silver medal with their second place finish. The 14U girls went home as undefeated champions, taking first place in the Platinum division with victories over Southern California powerhouse teams Pride and Set, and Northern and Central California teams 680 and Royal 559. Other notable finishes, the 16U boys (B) finished second in the Gold division, the 14U girls (B) finished 1st in the Silver division, and the 12U boys (B) finished second in the Silver division.



Gold Medal Winners – LAMO 14U Girls

Photo Rola Innis

Back row, from left: LAMO head coach (and former Olympic Women's head coach 2000-2008) Guy Baker, Payton Laforteza, Dania Innis, Lucy Berkman, Lauren Hett, Allie Lurie, and Petra Cherry. Front row: Sofia Holman, Zoe Petty, Tali Stryker, Lauren Greenfield, Peyton Gray, and Meghan McAninch (and mascot puppy).



Silver Medal Winners – LAMO 10U Boys

Photo Michael Williams

From left: Yoav Schmoisman, Brycen Lott, Mason Tunney, Will Liebowitz, Jake Colclasure, Rhys Williams, Tyler Williams, Brady Hassett, Thomas Hua, Coach Kevin Friedman. Not pictured - Trent Smith.

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Coach Justin Chapman, Alessio Pignatelli, Andrew Taylor, Jonathan Judson, Elias Vasankari, Oliver Landa, Pierce Chapman. Not Pictured: John-Noah Chang.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE GIRLS, LOUISVILLE

(Front Row): Chloe Henwood, Lyla Mediano, Mia Avicolli.  
(Middle Row): Isla Hill, Zoe Anderman, Bailey Ehrenberger, Ellie Cook, Sophia Wilson.  
(Back Row:) Coach Caleb Hill.



## 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS, UCONN

(Front Row): Sean Geraghty, Anthony Heglie, Oliver MacLeod, Jon MacLeod.  
(Middle Row): Teemu Miller, Sufyan Baki, Amir Poorsatea. (Back Row): Tom MacLeod-Assistant Coach, Teddy MacLeod, Eric Heglie-Head Coach.



## 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRLS, WICHITA STATE

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(Back Row): Coach Sharad Vivek, Coach Kelly Bohler. Not pictured: Talitha Ellis.



## 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS, NIT, KANSAS

Coach Dr. Reza Koopah, Zachary Garcia, Isaac Paul, Beckham Arnold, Kuimars Koopah, Dominic Patitucci, Coach Stefano Patitucci. Not pictured: Harry Zimmerman, Edreece Wares, Grigory Statnikova.



## 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRLS, UCONN

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## 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS, CHAMP, OREGON

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(Back Row): Coach Josh Greenfield, Coach Jeff Clayton.



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Coach Tom Mathias, Victor Nicolacakis, Michael Pelecky, Coach Ted Pelecky, Luca Mathias, Jeffery Strause, Leon Thiess, Andrew Lohman.

# A soggy but strong open to Lamorinda baseball season



Michael Cruz

By Jon Kingdon

All three of the Lamorinda High Schools made the playoffs last season and all have demonstrated the potential to reach the playoffs again this year.

**Campolindo**  
It has become an annual concern for the Campolindo baseball team to be able to get a sufficient amount of practice in due to the seasonal rain, according to head coach Max Luckhurst: "It happens every year. Our field is so marshy that when it rains, it really gets saturated. It's still not playable and you can't even walk across the grass. Since Jan. 28, we've been able to have only one organized practice."

Campolindo won't be playing their first home game until March 26 because they have been forced to play their scheduled home games on the road due to the unplayable conditions of their field.

After making it to the North Coast Section finals last season, Luckhurst is not one to allow himself or his team to feel sorry for themselves: "No one is going to feel bad for us. We've got a lot of good guys this year and we'll figure it out. Still we're looking forward to the weather allowing us to practice and work."

Where does Luckhurst see the strength of his team? "I wish I had an answer for you. We do have a great work ethic and know-how to face adversity has made us stronger and



Joe Hollerbach

Photos Gint Federas

has helped pull the team together. It makes life interesting to have to just go out and play games."

Luckhurst does not name captains but it does help that Campolindo has 12 returners and "all of my returners are leaders by example."

The two leading starting pitchers are Michael Cruz, a three-year starter who has been the ace of the staff the last two years and he is ably backed up by Donovan Robles.

This is a team with good overall speed headed by Ryan O'Neal, the team's leadoff man, says Luckhurst: "Ryan is our quickest player but we have quite a bit of team speed."

The defense is led by outfielder Lucas Allen but there

are a lot of changes overall from last year's team. The infield is all new from last year and there are only two returning starters who played the same position last season.

Last season Campolindo won six of their last seven games and Luckhurst is looking for a similar type of season this year: "Our goal is to play our best ball at the end of the year. We're taking the whole season to get ready. Hopefully after 24 games, we'll have figured it out."

Luckhurst has a very philosophical attitude to the game: "The key for our team to be successful is to limit our mistakes and capitalize on opportunities. The best team does not always win. You have to have some luck on

your side. I want our players to compete every day and if they can do that, they can look in the mirror and have no regrets. If that happens, good things will happen."

**Acalanes**  
Acalanes' first year head coach Clint Hoover has started off the season with seven straight victories: "Our players know they can compete and not be intimidated by anyone. We play our game and try to get better and better. Our ultimate goal is to win the NCS tournament and the start of the season has given us a lot of confidence."

There is only one senior on the team, Scott Bryan, with a number of juniors and sophomores making up the bulk of the roster. It's still a maturing team, says Hoover: "Some of our players had varsity time last year so we do have some experience and the team is developing every day."

The Dons have a lot of depth with their pitching staff led by Nick Kresnak and Logan Hurd. Says Hoover: "Eddie Burns has good stuff, Michael Castelli does a good job and Andrew Peterson, a lefty, is good out of the pen."

There is a solid defense backing up the pitching. The outfield has good speed and range. Nick Bamont is in center and is flanked by Scott Brydon in right and Sam Heyman in left, though each has the skills to play center.

The team's offense is led by Kresnak - who plays third when not pitching - Tommy Thrasher, Davis Diaz and Thatcher Hurd. Hoover appreciates the depth he has here: "We've been improving our batting each game and there are a lot of players that can really step up."

It's the little things that are key for Hoover: "To be ultimately successful, we need to be consistent, staying hungry, keep improving and have everyone know their role."

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# Saint Mary's defeats No. 1 Gonzaga to earn spot in NCAA Tournament



Photo Tod Fierner

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Bennett appreciated how special the weekend was: "It was one of the best four days

of my life. Seeing my kids and their friends win the state championship and then defeating San Diego and Gonzaga, it's been an unbelievable

high." This was the first time that Saint Mary's has defeated a No.1 ranked team in the nation after losing 10 previous

times, going back to 1955 (Gonzaga-3, Arizona-1, San Francisco-6).

Center Jordan Hunter, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, scoring 12 points and grabbing 15 rebounds versus Gonzaga, claimed after the game that the victory was never in doubt: "We knew going into the game that we were going to win it."

Saint Mary's game plan was to avoid getting into a running game versus Gonzaga. Guard Jordan Ford who was named to the All-Tournament team led the Gaels with 17 points and controlled the tempo of the game: "I made sure that I did a better job at slowing down the pace to make sure we could get the best shot we could get." Saint Mary's outshot Gonzaga 45 percent to 37 percent and out-rebounded them 34 to 27.

Bennett spoke glowingly of his team after the game: "I

am beyond proud of our guys. The let us coach them hard and we kept getting better and better. The win is up there at the top for me and there is a lot of satisfaction that comes with winning the tournament."

Saint Mary's, seeded 11th, will be playing the sixth-seeded and defending national champion Villanova Wildcats on March 21 in Hartford, Connecticut. Playing Villanova brings to mind the Gaels' win over second-seeded Villanova in 2010, on the way to the Gaels first-ever Sweet 16 appearance. In that game, the Gaels were led by Omar Samhan, Mickey McConnell and Matthew Dellavedova, all of whom are still playing professional basketball. Bennett remembers that game and welcomes the challenge: "It's a good test but we've very confident. I'm excited and looking forward to it."

# 2018-2019 Boys DAL All League, Winter Sports

DAL results for girls will be published in an upcoming edition

## DAL All-League – Foothill Division Boys Basketball – 2018-19

**2nd Team All-League**  
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David Ahazie



Matt Meredith

**Honorable Mention**  
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Matt Radell Campolindo

## DAL All-League Boys Soccer – 2018-19



Jose Carra Hernandez



Travis Stevenson

## Most Valuable Defensive Player



Kent Barbir



Kelly Clancy

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Kellen Clancy Campolindo  
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Kent Barbir Miramonte

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Bernard Adri Acalanes  
Kyle Parnell Acalanes  
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Vivek Lashkari Campolindo  
Keoni Smith Vuong Campolindo  
Conor Roemer Miramonte  
Luca Argast Miramonte  
Eric Heilmann Miramonte

## DAL All-League Boys Wrestling – 2018-19

**1st Team All-League**  
160 Steven Williams Acalanes

**2nd Team All-League**  
113 Noah Hamann Campolindo  
220 Cesar Correa Acalanes

**Honorable Mention**  
170 Jack Gruen Campolindo

## 2nd Team All-League

**Most Valuable Player**  
David Ahazie Campolindo

**1st Team All-League**  
Matt Meredith Miramonte  
Carter Mahaney Campolindo  
Aidan Mahaney Campolindo

## Lamorinda 'Lamo' Rugby currently ranked No. 1 high school club team in the nation



Submitted by Lamorinda Rugby

Lamo shook up the Northern California, and indeed the national high school scene, with a 36-29 defeat of defending national High School Club champion Danville Oaks. With a forward pack that played solid defense and moved effectively around the field, and with a talented backline led by centers Miles Beaubelle and Oteti Vehitkite, Lamorinda scored early and

shocked the Oaks. Beaubelle opened the scoring by slicing through on a simple crash ball, and Vehitkite scored on an interception and also countered on a kick from long range for a try. Captain Alex Cotessis has a huge work rate and leads by example, while hooker Zachary Barker was also influential. Coach Mike Leksan said, "we have more tough tests this season, but it was a good start," as stated in the Rugby Goff Report.

## Lafayette 7th Grade Boys win Next Level Championship



From left: Paolo Trento, Patrick Floyd, Walker Smith, Joey Floyd, Marshall Anderson and Calvin Kotarba,

Submitted by Ryan Kotarba

Lafayette boys football team won the

seventh grade Next Level Football championship in an overtime thriller, with Paolo Trento making the winning catch.

## St. Monica 6th Grade Boys do it again



Photo Dave Sanguinetti

Back row, from left: coach Mark Robeson, Anthony Sanguinetti, Jack Quinnild, Luke Devine, Kai Van Olst, Max Robeson, Joe Revelos, coach Shawn Clancy; front row: Blaise Clancy, Luke Bonardi, Gaetan Avicelli

Submitted by Shawn Clancy

After winning the 2018-19 regular season CYO West Diablo League title, the St. Monica sixth grade basketball American boys team unexpectedly lost in the playoff final. Undeterred by this setback, the now No. 2 seed rebounded in a strong fashion and won the Oakland Diocese Championship for the

third year in a row. To accomplish this, the boys had to vanquish a very tough Immaculate Heart team from Brentwood in the first round and then had to face two teams from Hayward, All Saints in the semi-finals and then St. Bede in the finals. The last game was a defensive battle and won by St Monica's 28-26, only after Kai Van Olst hit two free throws with 1.3 seconds left to go in the game.

## Santa Maria 6th Grade American Girls win Diocese Championship



Back row, from left: Ainsley Hogan, Maren Thorpe, Katrina White, Katie Barmmer, Lillie LaVelle, Alannah Harper, Julia Quinn-Ferguson; front row: Amber Jaffery, Sophie Chinn and Alice Zhou.

Submitted by Marina Chinn

In a rematch of the last two years' championship games, Santa Maria

Sixth Grade American basketball girls won a thriller over undefeated St Perpetua, 16-14, on a buzzer beater shot to take the Diocese title.

## 7th Grade Girls National CYO Champions - Santa Maria



Back row, from left: head coach Teresa Juergens, Stella Hashimoto, Willa Kong, Eva Patrick, Karena Everts, Hadley Orr, Charlotta Bell, Allie Oxnar, James Bell; front row: Sophia Williamson, Abigail Gardner, Makena Gong, Keelin Doherty, Monica Symonds, Vivian Carter (not pictured).

Submitted by Scott Gargner and Tom Carter

On Sunday, Feb. 24 the Santa Maria CYO seventh grade basketball girls' team won the 2019 West Diablo League

CYO National Division tournament championship, defeating St. Perpetua (Lafayette) 34-25 in the championship game. The Santa Maria girls completed an undefeated season in division play.

## California Magic 04 Girls Soccer Team finds success at Copa Surf



Top row, from left: coach Tony Neto, Emma Hunt, Addison Bailey, Charlotte Dierks, Maddie Buckley, Micaela Franklin, Anna Chard, Talia McCloy, Ashley Van Pelt, Tahra Minowada, Rachel Kopelman, Sayaka Hirano, Giulia Salemme, Chloe Quintella, Camryn Salazar, Gigi Betti, Tatum Zuber, Addison Creson, and Audrey Le-Nguyen. Not Pictured: Ainsley Murphy

Submitted by Paradi Mirmirani

The California Magic 04 girls soccer team were the 2019 U15 Copa Surf

tournament champions at the Morgan Hill Sports Complex, March 2-3.

Despite playing in the rain and mud and facing tough competition, they went undefeated in four games, scoring 8 goals while only letting in 1.

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# A soggy but strong open to Lamorinda baseball season

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## Miramonte

In his second year as the head coach at Miramonte, Kevin Hodges appreciates the foundation set by Vince Dell'Aquila, whom he had coached under: "For 26 years, Vince took the responsibility of building the program and creating a climate of success that many are familiar to seeing on a yearly basis. Each week we are going to be challenged to play at a high level

and on a consistent basis to get back to the NCS playoffs. Consistency is the key to the season along with great leadership from our seniors."

Despite losing six players to graduation, all of whom are playing baseball in college, Miramonte has a number of returning players led by returning starting seniors Joe Hollerbach, Adrese Azzani, Declan McManus and Charlie Mollahan. Hollerbach, the team's captain, is being heavily relied on by Hodges: "Joe

sets the tempo, the mood, the tone and the discipline for the team. He's an extension of the coaching staff." Hollerbach, who will be attending and playing for Cornell next year, will line up at short and third as well as pitching this season.

Miramonte has enviable depth on their pitching staff led by Declan McManus, who had a 3-1 record with a 3.59 ERA and was named 2nd team all-league. Hodges can call upon senior Adam Fahd and juniors Greg Austin, Ryan

Ansel, Jackson Oxner, Nick Watson and Campbell Hoskins.

It's his pitching staff and the play in the field that Hodges is relying on: "Our strength is our defense and pitching. We do have some offensive power but the success of our season is based on our pitching consistency and high percentage (97 percent) defense."

The Matadors have an aggressive attitude on offense, says Hodges: "We like to run

and put pressure on the other team to make a play. When we can, we'll take the 90 feet. We want the kids to be loose, free and aggressive."

With a commitment to get back to the NCS finals, Hodges still tries to keep his perspective: "This is still high school baseball. We want the kids to have fun where they can play in an environment with instruction and discipline."

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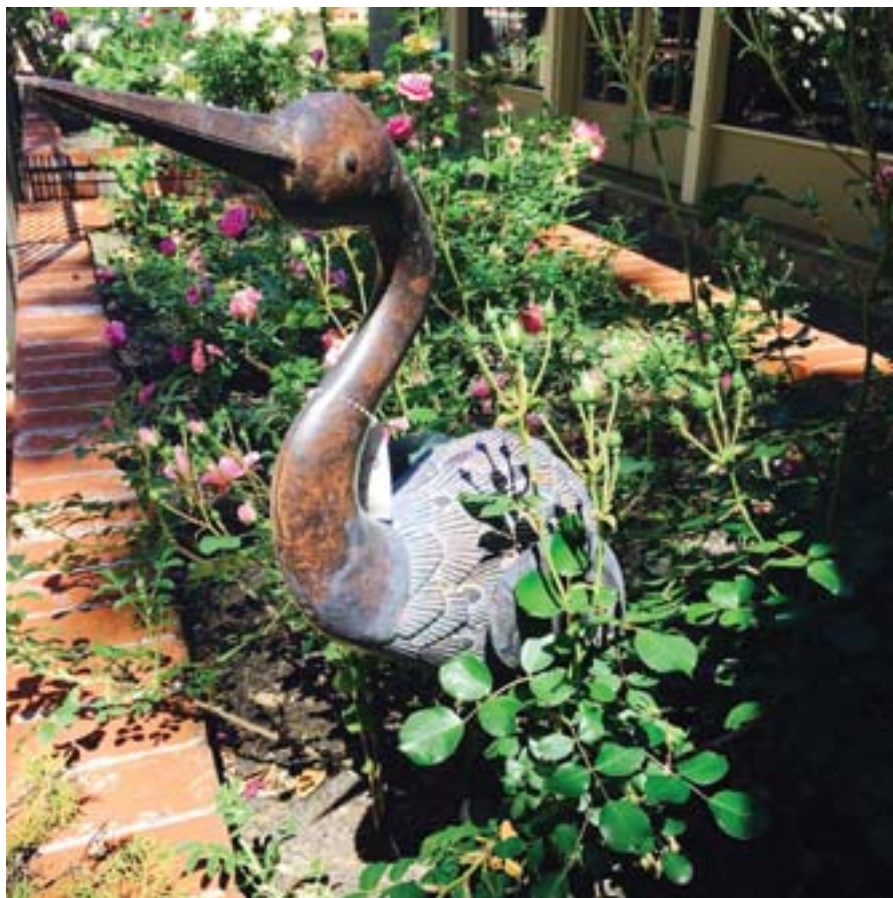


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**By Michele Duffy**

Although the chilly morning temps register at a brisk 37 degrees, spring is awakening slowly and this much-anticipated season is long overdue. The backdrop of spring's bloom provides a gentle shift away from the dormancy of winter with changeable weather, increased activity and new growth. Spring's promise introduces us to longer-lasting days, new seeds planted, young daffodils bobbing in sunshine-drenched afternoons, the genius activity of birds and species of all types engaging in fresh courting rituals. Spring's activity mirrors the

upward explosive growth of the wood element which manifests as the signal that the cycle is beginning all over again for another year.

Spring translates in the home as a shift to green and a refreshing transition to a lighter look and feel. Remember, Feng Shui begs us to notice the change in seasons not only as permission to finally put away the outside holiday lights or wreaths, but also to make a few important changes in our homes, as well as in our diet, sleep and exercise regimes. Last month I offered help with creating a sensual and relaxing master bedroom, since winter is really the season for lots of sleep. As the clock and light change, so must our own personal rhythms in spring. If we try to align our homes and ourselves with the spirited upward growth of the wood element of spring, we might also notice that it's easier to get up earlier, exercise before breakfast, and skip a meal once a week. As the flowers wake up, so do we.

Spring's wood element is represented by fresh healthy plants and flowers, the colors green and lavender, and also, the rectangular shape. It's time to throw open the draperies, let the fresh air and sunshine stream in and take note of all the new bustling activity.

Beyond the mundane "spring cleaning" in Feng Shui, we are asked about the purpose or the reason for cleaning. We are also asked to adjust our intention; instead of "cleaning" we "space clear" to welcome and create greater abundance, health and harmony. Part of the reason is our environments mirror our state of mind and, put simply, when we allow our spaces to be reborn we also experience new growth, opportunities and wellness. We "spring clean" to embrace the rebirth of the season, to create space for new growth, opportunities and new beginnings in our homes and lives. As the saying goes: out with the old and in with the new.

Start with the master bedroom and bath and create a spotless oasis; notice how it improves your sleeping. Do you feel lighter and more in control of your life? Clean the refrigerator and freezer, especially after all the holidays, and this might inspire a new approach to diet. Since the kitchen is tied chiefly to our health and well-being, attention here helps us adjust to increased activity. Notice if you feel more able to achieve your diet and fitness goals with a clean slate in the fridge. Clean out storage bins, drawers, closets, and simply repurpose, donate or toss. Wash the windows, declutter the attic and basement and step back and review your progress. What's opening up for you as you open up your home to the freshness of spring? You might also be called to create a zenlike online experience with new headshots, photos and color, and also be more open to new ideas.

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## Welcome spring with the delightful wood element



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Marie Kondo has certainly raised the consciousness of our culture regarding clutter, and I thank her for that, but for thousands of years Feng Shui has asked us to honor the tao and the interrelationship of our environments and the quality of our lives. Feng Shui has always asked us to connect to the purpose of home, simplify, purge the unnecessary, love everything in our surroundings, keep the chi moving in alignment with the energetics of each season, and also remember that it's an ongoing process, as opposed to a one-and-done approach.

Beyond the decluttering and cleaning to welcome spring, here are some other ways we

can align and bring spring's wood element in to create that shift in our homes:

- 1) What are your seasonal intentions for spring? Make them personal and achievable and fun;
- 2) Plant an herb garden in easy-to-care-for pots and place near the kitchen;
- 3) Add plants to home areas that promote healthy growth, like bamboo and jade, which are favorites for attracting wealth;
- 4) Bring bouquets of fresh flowers into your home on a weekly basis and rotate in the foyer, kitchen and master bedroom.
- 5) Make sure your home is supported with a well-landscaped garden and yard, create a butterfly and hummingbird haven and add water features;
- 6) Welcome spring with a new front entrance wreath and more greenery in your dining table centerpiece;
- 7) Refresh all bed, bath and home linens with lighter, colorful picks;
- 8) Infuse your space with more green, also wear more green and eat more green;
- 9) Open all the windows and doors, let the sunshine in and with positive intentions, and space clear with sandalwood or sage.

However you plan to welcome spring, be sure you reflect on the wonderful opportunity spring provides to allow each one of us and our homes to be better aligned with the very best springtime has to offer.

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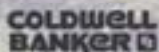
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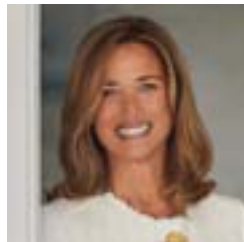
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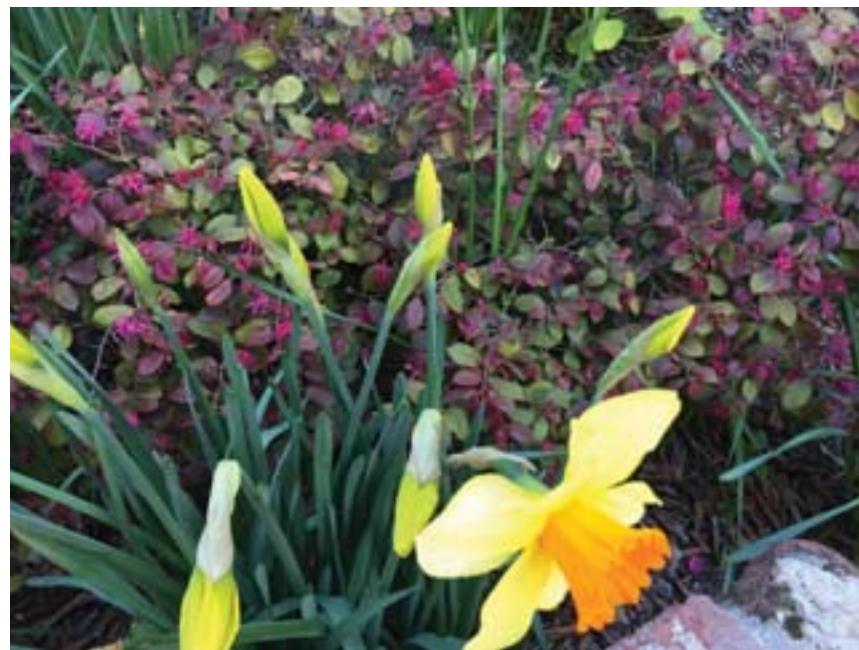
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## Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

### Awaken spring

*"The ghostly winter silences have given way to the great spring murmur of awakening life."— Jack London*



Spring daffodils and Chinese fringe.

Photos Cynthia Brian

## By Cynthia Brian

It all began when I witnessed the new growth unfurling on one of my loquat trees. The leaves were a mesmerizing bright green, like the color of lime with a hint of sunshine. Ah, sunshine, I thought! How I longed for warm, sun-drenched days. The darkness, cold and wet of winter had begun to unravel my soul.

The rains throughout the winter, although welcome and necessary, have been torrential. The creeks are full and raging. If only we could save this H<sub>2</sub>O to quench summer thirsty landscapes. Our hillsides are carpets of emerald grasses. The only hint that salvation was near was the happy stalks of the ubiquitous daffodils singing to the sky an end to the melancholia.

I wanted to bottle a bit of this luminosity from those loquat leaves so I did the next best thing ... I painted my fingernails the exact color! An odd choice, I've been told, but I was hell-bent on awakening spring.

The next day, the weather reports suggested that we would bask in sunlight for at least a week. My earthy polish must have summoned the gods of rebirth.

As if on cue, terra firma has erupted in a procession of power plants. Besides the narcissi and bergenia that have been blooming successively since January, we now witness muscari, tulip, hyacinth, ranunculus, anemone, oxalis, calla lily, azalea, freesia, Chinese fringe, blue star grass, and one of my favorite overlooked specimens, hellebore joining the parade.

Hellebores are deer-resistant, low-maintenance perennials that stir with blooms (actually sepals protecting the flower) before other plants. Known as the Lenten rose, they prefer partial shade, are evergreen and boast flowers January through May. ... continued on Page D15





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## Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Reminders

**CREATE** a cutting garden for summer by planting delphiniums, snapdragons and sunflowers.

**VISIT** [www.RecycleSmart.org](http://www.RecycleSmart.org) for dates of the 5th Annual Compost Giveaway. Register to collect up to three yards of free compost or "black gold" which has been recycled from the green organic bins.

**FERTILIZE** lawns. Spring is also the second-best time after fall to install a new lawn or refresh an old one. If you are seeding, March and April are excellent times to scatter seed, especially before a rain. My preference is <http://www.PearlsPremium.com> for an almost weed-free, lush green ground cover.

**ADD** to your planting list aeoniums and other succulents as they require minimal maintenance and water, even in the hot months.

**CONTINUE** to pick up the fallen branches of camellias. I know I'm sounding like a broken record but camellias have a long blooming season and the ones that drop will cause a rot for next year's bloom. Don't stop picking them up and don't add them to your compost or recycle bins.

**STOP** mowing your lawns when the grass is wet or it is raining. Hearing the growl of lawnmowers when it is pouring outside boils the soul of my inner gardener. Cutting the grass when it is raining damages the grass blades and causes ruts and compaction. Inform your "mow, blow, and go" service providers to perform other tasks in inclement weather. A healthy green lawn will thank you for your restraint.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Hello Spring!



Fluorescent fuchsia flowering peach blossoms with daffodils.



A dinner plate aeonium succulent is beautiful in all seasons.



The elegant tulip soursouthern magnolia adds beauty and structure to any landscape.



Hellebores, also known as Lenten roses, bloom before other plants.



A close up of pretty pink freesias.

## Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

### Awaken spring

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If you plant them on a slope, you'll be able to see the flowers more easily as their stems face downwards. Hybrids include shades of ivory, jade, maroon, pink, yellow, speckled and fringed combinations.

As the soil warms and the daylight hours grow longer, it is time to prepare your garden for seeding by weeding, hoeing and adding rich soil. This year I have chosen packets from Renee's Garden (<http://www.reneesgarden.com>) and have already jotted down when the seeds will be planted. At the end of March or beginning of April, I will be planting beets, leeks and clarkia. In April I will add cleome, columbine and dwarf dahlias. Brussels sprouts will wait for a summer sowing. Pumpkin seeds that I've saved will be planted in late May in anticipation of Halloween and Thanksgiving. If you want to carve them, choose a fun variety such as Warty Goblin or Super Moon. For that delicious holiday pie, the go-to favorite is Pik-a-Pie. Pumpkins need a large area



#### Cynthia boasts spring green nails squatting by the hellebores

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to grow making it essential to plan now to give your Curcubita pepo the room to thrive. Small pumpkins need a 12-foot area, medium pumpkins require 24 feet, and giants want a 36-48 feet space per plant.

Are you thinking of including perennials that will attract butterflies, bees, bats and birds? The National Pollinator Garden Network has announced it has surpassed its goal of registering 1 million pollinator gardens. In just three years, 1.04 million gardens were registered with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. From tiny yards to public gardens, the million-plus gardens add up to a network of approximately 5 million acres of enhanced or new pollinator habitat. Offer a buffet with a diverse array of flowers, herbs, colors, fragrances, sizes, and shapes that will encourage these garden guards to visit and stay.

The elegant tulip soulangeana magnolia adds beauty and structure to any landscape and now is the time to choose a specimen in full bloom at your local nursery. Blooming time varies with varieties and micro-climates. Santa Rosa plum and peach trees are radiantly blossoming and will soon form fruit. Crab apple will follow shortly. Hopefully, the rains won't knock off too many buds. The frogs are chirping, birds are tweeting,



#### Red ranunculus pops up beside the yellow oxalis.

and cows are mooing. The orchestra of nature waking up from its winter slumber is music to my ears. It's time to polish our dancing shoes (and maybe your nails) as the vernal equinox has arrived with an equal balance of light and dark. The season of spring has sprung.

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## ORINDA



### 424 Camino Sobrante

Lovely two level 4 Bed/3.5 Bath home combines flexible and usable living spaces throughout 3259 Sq ft.

\$1,995,000

## ORINDA



### 3 Lost Valley Court

Custom contemporary 6 Bed/4 Bath rebuilt masterpiece on 2.11 acres in the beautiful Orinda hills.

\$2,295,000

## ORINDA



### 119 Via Floreado

Stunning rebuilt 4 Bed/3.5 Bath single level custom home, spacious bedrooms, playroom + bonus cottage!

\$2,495,000

## LAFAYETTE



### 1321 Sunset Loop

Move-in ready 2 Bed/1 Bath home includes a wood burning fireplace, separate cottage and expansive lawn.

\$995,000

## LAFAYETTE



### 3393 Angelo Street

Reliez Valley close-in 3 Bed/ 2 Bath + family room on level .37 acre, pool, patio and gardens.

\$1,368,000

## LAFAYETTE



### 3913 Happy Valley Road

Mid-Century modern Happy Valley Estate on 3.54 acres, soaring ceilings, walls of glass, large living/dining.

\$2,695,000

## MORAGA



### 30 Miramonte Drive

Beautifully remodeled Miramonte Gardens 2 Bed/1.5 Bath townhome with top of the line finishes.

\$649,000

## MORAGA



### 110 Quintas Lane

Desirable neighborhood, great style and design, super entertainer on picturesque private setting.

Call for Price

## MORAGA



### 422 Fernwood Drive

Spacious "heart of Moraga" 4 Bed/3 Bath home with outdoor kitchen, pool, spa and putting green.

\$1,785,000

## WALNUT CREEK



### 150 Sharene Ln #204

Ideal location! 2 Bed/ 1 Bath with spacious family room, large closet space and functional floor plan.

\$395,000

## PLEASANT HILL



### 1413 Stonehedge Drive

Lovely single story on a flat 1/4 acre lot. Spacious living, eat-in kitchen, expansive private yard.

\$849,000

## CLAYTON



### 5679 Pine Hollow Road

Only 4 Left! Beautiful New Construction Single Story Homes w/ 4 Beds + office on .35-.41 acre lots.

\$1,175,000

## OAKLAND



### 670 Vernon Street #102

Rose Park Terrace 2 Bed/1 Bath. Gorgeous updated home with parking. Easy to everything!

\$638,000

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