



**MICHAEL VERBRUGGE**  
CONSTRUCTION INC.  
General Contractor

**925.631.1055** www.MVCRemodeling.com

**Specializing in kitchens & bathrooms.**  
**All forms residential remodel/repair.**




*"A little bit of myself goes into every job."*  
Michael Verbrugge,  
Owner,  
Moraga Resident




**Clean | Courteous | Conscientious**  
**On-time | Trustworthy | Local References**  
Full design team resources available

**~ HE'S ALL ABOUT LAMORINDA ~**



**CLARK THOMPSON**  
REAL ESTATE BROKER  
Village ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE

Office: 925-254-8585  
Cell: 925-998-7898  
email: ct@clarkthompson.com  
Search the MLS: www.clarkthompson.com



93 Moraga Way, Orinda  
BRE #: 00903367



**TG HARDWOOD FLOORS**  
Moraga California  
DESIGN • REFINISHING • INSTALLATION  
**925-376-1118**  
Lic # 974653

CALL TOM FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

Since 1993!  
Tom Gieryng, owner and operator

**Cabinet Modifications**

With over 25 years fulfilling custom needs, we can alter or modify most cabinetry, while still utilizing your existing cabinetry for:

- Large TVs/ Refrigerators and appliances
- Recycle Bins and shelf pullouts
- Cabinet alterations/repairs

Licensed Cabinet & Millwork Contractor #598395

Thinking about home, office, entertainment, custom cabinetry, shelving, crown mouldings, baseboards, new doors or mantels? We can help there, too!

**925.827.1093** Paul Kephart Master Craftsman  
www.TheCabinetMd.com

**AHM Lock & Key**

Keys • Rekeys • Master Key Systems • Safes  
Safe Combination Changes • Locks • Deadbolts  
Lock Installations • Lock Repairs

Call for a service appointment today:  
**(925) 686-5600**



1851 "A" Sutter Street, Concord  
Formerly known as: AHM Security Inc.,  
....same owners, new name and location! (Since 1964)

**Custom Quality Fencing**



- Good Neighbor Fence
- Deer Fencing
- Picket/Split Rail
- RV Gates
- Trellis and Arbors
- Retaining Walls
- Insurance/Storm Repairs

**Ken Tamplen**  
**925-938-9836**  
www.kensrototilling.com

licensed, bonded & insured. CA#667491

**LAFAYETTE PAINTING**

A Color Coordinated Exterior Paint Job By us will make your home Appraisal at least \$20,000 Higher!

All Work Supervised By Owner/Contractor

- Re-painting Specialist
- Color Coordinating
- Remodeling
- Restorations
- Waterproofing
- Redwood Deck Renewal
- Acoustic Ceiling Removal

A Local Contractor Living & Working In The Lamorinda Area For Over 20 Years  
**FREE Estimates 283-8621**

**\$300 OFF** Complete Interior or Exterior exp. 2-1-14



Fully Insured Lic. #342005

**BURKIN ELECTRIC**

**"Let Us Light Up Your Life"**  
Residential • Commercial • Industrial



Serving Contra Costa since 1991  
More than 35 years experience  
**All Work Done by Owner**  
Bonded & Insured Lic.#C10-631523

Professional Installation of:

- Ceiling Fans, Recessed & Track Lighting
- Kitchen or Bath Remodel
- Exterior/Security/Landscape Lighting
- Electrical Service Upgrade
- Complete Home Wiring - Old & New
- Spa Installation

**(925) 672-1519**  
www.BurkinElectric.net



James Burkin  
Sole Proprietor

**From Front Page**

**Lamorindans Share 'One Word' for the New Year**

... continued from page A1

For Mauldin, "evolve" is the one word that summarizes all of her hopes for 2014. "I feel that what I am going through now is preparing me for what I am up against in the new year, which is a new beginning. With the knowledge and experience I am getting here at SMC I hope to be ready for what is ahead of me."

Lynn Appleton, chef proprietor of Lafayette's The French Bakery Café and Tea House stated, "My word is 'renewal.'"

Mary Kay Moskal, professor and reading program director of Saint Mary's Kalmanovitz School of Education selected the word "family."

"This word is a reminder that I need to balance my time," she said. "I

spend too much time working and not enough time with my family."

For Rev. John Morris, a faculty member in the SMC theology and religious studies department, the answer was simple. "My word is an easy one; I did not need to think about it very long. It is what is often missing from my New Year's resolution. Discipline."

Aida Glimme, principal of Acalanes High School in Lafayette, took a little more time in developing her word. "I've thought a lot about different words," said Glimme. "And the word 'balance' keeps coming to my mind. In today's world, we have many stressors that continue to throw off our balance. I have to continu-

ously look at ways to balance my personal and family life with my job."

Though Glimme loves working in education, she sometimes finds it a struggle to also dedicate time to her family and to stay healthy. "I also feel that the concept of balance applies in how I view things on a much larger [scale]," she said.

Perhaps you'll take one of these words and fill it with personal meaning, or come up with one word that is all your own. Whichever word you choose—health, hope, life, simplicity, joy, or energy—may it be one that is filled with significance and that brings you the encouragement and assurance of a happy new year.

**Increase in Residential Burglaries**

... continued from page A1

Police are out in force, but they need help. Asked what citizens can do, Haggard continued to prod residents to be proactive. He's urging everyone to lock their

vehicles, residential windows and doors, and set their home alarms—even if just stepping out for a few minutes. And he hopes everyone will band together. Right

now, peering into the yard next door isn't being nosy, it's neighborly. So, keep your eyes open and call police right away if you do see something fishy.

**Tips from Chief Haggard for Preventing Residential Burglaries**

- Get to know your neighbors. Join your neighborhood watch group. If there isn't one, start one.
- If you live in Orinda, schedule a home audit with the Orinda Police Department.
- Store heirloom jewelry and important financial paperwork off site—in your safe deposit box at the bank.
- Lock and alarm your car whenever you leave it—wherever it's parked.
- Lock and alarm the doors and windows of your home—even if only leaving for a short trip to the store. Invest in strong locks and kick-proof doors. Lock side and back gates to prevent easy access to the back of your home.
- Create an appearance of occupancy. Leave a radio on loud enough to be heard from the front door. Keep driveways clear of advertising and newspapers. Ask a neighbor to bring in your trash containers and check for UPS deliveries while you're away at work. For longer trips, have someone pick up mail daily, or ask those who deliver to hold items until you return.
- Use motion sensor-activated lighting dusk to dawn, and be sensible with porch lights. Leaving them on during the daytime may signal that you're away.
- Install front-of-house signage to let would-be burglars know they're on camera and are visiting a well-alarmed home.
- Get a dog.
- Call police if you see something "not quite right" at your home or a neighbor's—a delivery person without appropriate identification, a member of the cleaning staff arriving with another person when the employer is out of town, someone "mistakenly" ringing your doorbell, a van parked in an unusual spot or backed into a driveway while a family is away.


**BAD INC. Bay Area Drainage, Inc.**

**Have You Checked Your Crawlspace Lately?**

- French Drains
- Underfloor Drains
- Downspout Systems
- Subdrain Systems
- Sump Pumps
- Retaining Walls
- Pavestone Driveway & Walkways

**A General Engineering Contractor Locally owned and Operated Contractor LIC # 762208**

**925•377•9209**  
visit our website  
www.bayareadrainage.com



Reach 60,000+ in Lamorinda Advertise in Lamorinda Weekly Call 925-377-0977 today

*Hello, The Lamorinda Weekly is the BEST! We read every word; your coverage and articles are excellent. You are celebrating our community as well as informing us and keeping us all connected. We look forward to every issue. Thank you very much for all your efforts on our behalf. Susan and Neal, Lafayette*