

Moragan organizes protest against ban



Farzi Mostatabi, second from left, organized the protest in Lafayette.

Photo Nick Marnell

President Trump's Jan. 27 executive order keeping refugees from entering the country for 120 days and immigrants from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Yemen and Somalia out for three months prompted one Moragan to action.

"I care about the U.S.A. I came here for my daughters to have a great future," said Farzi Mostatabi, who organized a daily protest at the corner of Mount Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road to call attention to what she called "a nation that is no longer united."

"I want to give Trump a chance, but every time I hear him talk it gets darker and darker," said Mostatabi,

undoubtedly by the raindrops and a Lafayette sky that got darker and darker. "This is a land of opportunity, but not so much anymore," she said.

A federal judge issued a temporary restraining order against the ban and the stay was still in place at press time. — N. Marnell

Letters to the Editor

Enjoyed background on park
Dear Editor,
I am reaching out to say how much I enjoyed seeing Mr. Miller's article in the Jan. 25 issue about the community gathering at Leigh Creekside Park.

pressures of society, our elderly to find a quite interlude with friends, and our creek animals to find relief from the ever circling confines of development. Please let it be.

I found his description of the history of the park's creation very meaningful. And with all the strong opinions about the park's future, Mr. Miller kept the tone of the article respectful to all parties. I have at times thought the community needs a mediator to solve the debate. Someone may have to concede on this issue, but finding positive regard for one another during a disagreement is worth it.

Jean Lawther
Lafayette

Residents Enjoyed Afternoon in Leigh Creekside Park

Dear Editor,
I would like to thank John T. Miller for his article, "City Council to Decide Future of Leigh Creekside Park," which appeared in the Jan. 25, 2017 issue of the Lamorinda Weekly. The community event hosted by the Coalition to Save Leigh Creekside Park was a delightful afternoon, demonstrating how the park can be enjoyed by a multitude of people without the addition of play structures. Up to 100 people of all ages attended, including young children, Girl Scouts, middle school-aged kids, adults and senior citizens. Thank you also to the Leigh Creekside Park "Let it Be!" group for such a lovely afternoon in Lafayette's only completely natural, open space park!

The article was a helpful read. We'll be staying tuned! Many thanks.

Karen Ward
Lafayette

Angela Ristow
Lafayette

Let Leigh Creekside Park Be

Dear Editor,
I want to thank John T. Miller for his even handed article on the Future of Leigh Creekside Park. As an original donor to the Park, I strongly feel this open space provides plenty of room for our young children to play and experience nature, our teenagers to find solace and peace from the

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Orinda

Sinkhole repair on Miner Road

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Council members Darlene Gee and Dean Orr continue to recuse themselves from the sinkhole discussion because both are regular members of the Orinda Country Club, although neither is on the board, and the club may be affected by the work.

Two members of the public addressed the special meeting. Bob Burt suggested that the city argue that the entire repair should be reimbursable at 100 percent as EO, owing to the emergency nature of the repairs. Dan De Bruschere suggested that the council go ahead without permits, but Attorney Wolff advised against that, although the council took De Bruschere's advice regarding speed seriously and Mayor Eve Phillips explained that the city is moving forward as quickly as possible.

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