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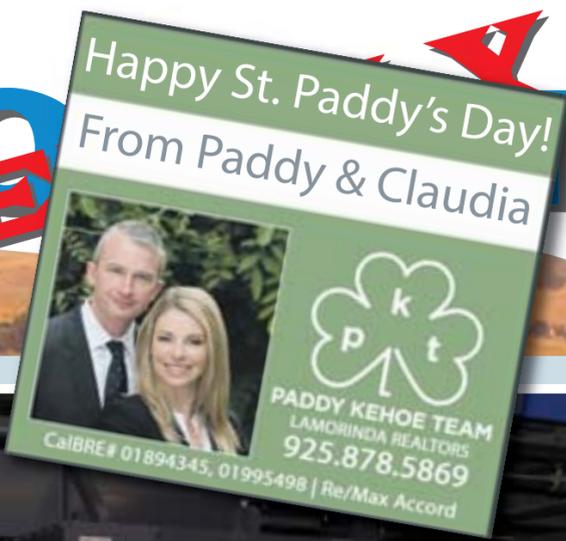
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Lamorinda Weekly Turns 10

By Peggy Spear

It takes a start-up about five years to be considered a success. This week, the Lamorinda Weekly is celebrating its 10th anniversary, an ambitious and laudable achievement given the history of journalism in today's world.

Over the last 10 years, the Lamorinda Weekly, led by publishers Wendy and Andy Scheck, has produced 262 issues and 8,928 pages of copy, all dedicated to life in Lamorinda. We cover the news in your towns, your schools,

on your sports teams and down your blocks. You will find stories of national and even international news, but filtered through the eyes and words of Lamorindans.

In this issue we feature several stories devoted to our 10th anniversary: On page A8 Nick Marnell looks at our unprecedented fire and safety coverage, and on A10 talks to original advertisers. On page B1, Sophie Braccini looks at her 10 years of reporting in Lamorinda. We also offer a 10-year "time capsule," compiled by Cathy

Dausman, on B3, as well as the paper's top stories viewed online. Even Susie Iventosch, our food writer, covers her top recipes of the last decade on page B3.

Creating the Lamorinda Weekly is, and always has been, a team effort, and without its staff of talented writers, columnists and photographers, we would not survive. So here's to another 10 years of great community news coverage!

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Fighting for Lamorinda sanctuary status

By Sophie Braccini

Three young Lamorinda residents and their friends have decided to take on a highly visible political campaign: get the three communities to declare sanctuary city status.

Sanctuary municipalities are locations where non-U.S. citizens can reside without fear of deportation, if they are law-abiding. There are several such cities in the Bay Area, including Alameda, Oakland San Francisco and Berkeley.

Lynn Hsu, Victoria (Tori) Shepard and Clara Fuchshuber are meeting with civic leaders, business people and talking to city councils, urging them to put the issue of becoming a sanctuary city on the agenda.

The three women are children of immigrant parents. They heard about the sanctuary city movement where jurisdictions declare that within their borders there would be no ethnic profiling against immigrants, and decided this would be their quest: bringing sanctuary status to Lamorinda.

The three women graduated from Campolin-



From left, Lynn Hsu and Clara Fuchshuber meet in Lafayette to prepare their next campaign. Photo Sophie Braccini

do High School in 2011. They went their separate ways to college but stayed in touch. They are now back in Lamorinda, either working, or studying as pre-med students.

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Leigh Creekside Park closer to getting play structure

By Pippa Fisher

If it was said that the divisive issue of Leigh Creekside Park would require the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job to solve, in the end perhaps it took more of the statesmanship of Pericles to move the proposed new play structure forward.

At the city council meeting on Feb. 27, with standing room only, Lafayette City Council once again heard from close to 50 impassioned residents as the meeting went well into the early hours of the following morning. With tension running high the council heard from those who want to add children's play structures to the small area of land that is the neighborhood park, located at the corner of Fourth Street and Moraga Boulevard ("actives") and

from those who want the leafy park to remain passive ("passives").

Jonathan Katayanagi, the city's director of the parks, trails and recreation department, told the council of several options for moving forward, given recent studies that show "exceedances of the city's noise ordinance due to the sound of children playing."

Option one would be to prepare a focused Environmental Impact Report, now required—a study that would cost \$24,000 and take three to six months to complete. Option two called for the temporary tabling of the issue and the amendment of the city's noise ordinance, which was set in 1977.

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