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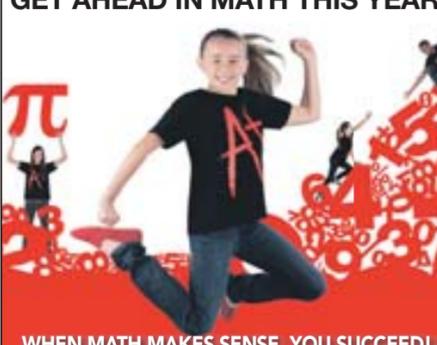


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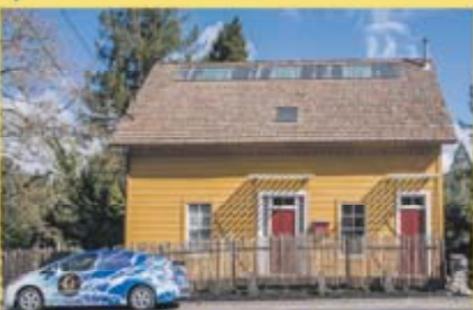


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Keeping track of Lamorinda long jumpers

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The venue is appropriate, since the long jump pit at the stadium is memorialized with a plaque in Monte's name. Monte and Grace Upshaw are the first father/daughter pair inducted to the UC Berkeley track and field Hall of Fame.

The pit is also the scene of three generations of championship performances by the Upshaws and their offspring. In 1954, Monte eclipsed the Olympic great Jessie Owens's national high school record with a jump of 25 feet 4.25 inches. In 2009, at the Brutus Hamilton Invitational, Grace broke the meet and Edwards Stadium record with a jump of 22 feet 3.75 inches. And, more recently, Margerum won the long jump at the North Coast Meet of Champions last year with a personal best 19-foot 1.75-inch jump in that same pit.

The jump put Margerum in second place all-time at Acalanes High School. First place belongs to her aunt, Grace Upshaw, at 19 feet 3 inches. Margerum im-

proved her personal best to 19 feet 5.75 inches in a Berkeley preseason event, and, in addition to track and athletics, she has also jumped into music and dance at the campus.

Joy Upshaw traveled the globe last year, participating in Masters track and field events in Australia, South Korea, Japan, and Canada. She holds numerous American and world records for her age group in hurdles, sprints and relays.

When she's in town, Upshaw runs Joy's Jackrabbits Track Club. The Club meets on Mondays at Acalanes High School. More information is available on the Jackrabbits' website. She is also co-head track coach for Acalanes High School, and recently was named chair of National Exhibition Events for Masters.

"My goal is to show the general track and field public that our Masters can race at any age." She will be coordinating Masters races during National track and field events.

One person Joy would dearly love to recruit to Masters competition would be her sister Grace. The two-time Olympian is busy raising two children (who are also in the Jackrabbits) and is a high performance training coach. Knowing what it takes to reach the highest level of competition, her specialty is working with the high school athlete that is looking to compete in college, as well as collegiate and open athletes that have Olympic aspirations. Masters track may be down the road for her; she says she may start competing when she turns 50.

For now, though, the family will turn their energy toward organizing the Monte Upshaw Long Jump Festival.

"These types of events are very popular in Europe where fans can sit in bleachers very close to the action, whether it be vaulting, jumping or any other event," says Joy Upshaw. "It's super fun and you can feel the great energy. My dad would love it!"

Lafayette departments merge

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The merger will take effect in early February. Falk says that Coe will be a part of the transition until he leaves.

After the reclassifications are accounted for, Falk says he believes the savings will be close to \$100,000 annually. However, he points out, "That savings will then be offset by costs associated with the new communications analyst position. Overall, I think we'll be close to cost-neutral."

Moran likes the reorganization and says that he believes merging engineering and public works not only makes them more consistent with similar-sized cities, but also allows better flexibility to share staffing and budget resources between what are now separate de-

partments.

"The retirement of Tony Coe (Lafayette's city engineer for more than 20 years) will leave a large void and I personally would feel uneasy about backfilling that void if we didn't already have a tremendous and experienced staff ready and willing to step up to the challenge," says Moran.

"Matt Luttrupp with his two decades with Lafayette engineering will provide a critical role as the new engineering services manager and one of his main focuses will be development review. Donna Feehan has also worked for Lafayette for more than two decades, first with our finance department but mostly with our public works department. She is very familiar with

the everyday tasks, the special projects, and all the contracts associated with the department and I have great confidence that as the new public works services manager she will make sure the public continues to be served well."

Moran is extremely grateful for the opportunities he has received with the city. "I can look back at my last 20 years and remember the streets that were reconstructed, the retaining walls built, the storm drain pipes and traffic signals installed, and the many other tasks I had a hand in, and I feel like I have been part of the many contributors that help keep Lafayette such an incredible place to live, work, shop, eat, explore, and just be."

Fire extinguisher recall

By Cathy Dausman



Image courtesy of U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

More than 40 million disposable fire extinguishers in 137 models manufactured by Kidde have been recalled throughout the U.S. and Canada, as well as several thousand in Mexico.

The product recall, issued Nov. 2, involves plastic handle extinguishers manufactured between 1973 and 2017 as well as eight models of plastic push button Pindicator fire extinguishers made from 1995 to 2017.

Kidde Professional or Badger branded fire extinguishers, or those with metal handles and valve assemblies are not included in the recall.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website advises these extinguishers "can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact

hazard."

One 2014 death was attributed to extinguisher malfunction when emergency responders trying to put out a car fire could not get the Kidde fire extinguisher to work. Nearly 400 other reports of property damage and injuries including smoke inhalation and minor burns have been received.

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Fire Marshal Kathy Leonard said the state fire marshal's office announced the recall in November. She said recall instructions "require the consumer to contact Kidde directly, not local fire agencies."

Kidde advises its consumers not to discard a recalled extinguisher before receiving its replacement, and although Leonard usually recommends expelling the product in the fire extinguisher before throwing it away, in this case "it would be potentially dangerous to do so."

Consumers may request a free replacement of affected models by calling Kidde toll-free at (855) 271-0773 or filing a form online at www.kidde.com.

Kidde hotline hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday.