Repurposed Pup

By Cathy Dausman



Moraga Hardware and Lumber owner Bill Snider with his dog, Wells. Photo Cathy Dausman

Moraga Hardware is a bit month-old

he newest employee at name is Wells; she is an 18purebred on the short side, but bright, Labrador retriever who made a

to all-purpose pet.

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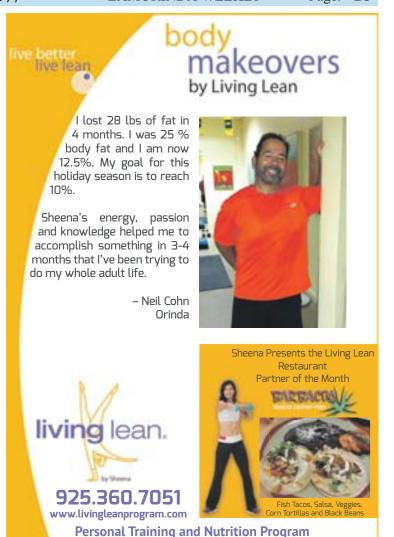
Moraga Hardware and Lumber owner Bill Snider took Wells in after the Orinda family who fostered her was notified the dog was up for adoption. Snider said a guide dog family can either keep a career change dog as a pet or place it with someone.

They asked him.

Wells was already familiar with Moraga Hardware since she used to make the rounds with her foster family. Snider recently lost his aging yellow Labrador, so Wells was a natural fit.

"Last summer I said 'goodbye' to her," Snider said, thinking he'd never see Wells again. "We got her the Sunday after Thanksgiving," he said. Wells is a salaried employee, so she works 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. most days ... a little less on Sunday.

She's receiving full benefits (including an abundance of positive strokes from customers) but has no lunch break or pension plan. Her "office" is a comfy crate behind the counter. Snider said after she learns the layout, he'll train her to show customers where the stock is located. Duct friendly and eager to learn. Her "career change" from guide dog tape ... and dog ... on aisle three!



Miramonte Teacher Named 2014 C-SPAN Senior Teacher Fellow

By Laurie Snyder



America learned from the Twitterverse Dec. 11 that Miramonte High School teacher, Meghan Selway, has been awarded a C-SPAN Senior Teaching Fellowship. Image C-SPAN Classroom

Affairs Network (C-SPAN) Education Foundation has named Miramonte High School teacher, Meghan Selway, as a Senior Teacher Fellow for 2014. Only those state-certified professionals Bush was landing in surprisingly deemed "expert social studies close proximity. teachers" at the middle or high school level, who are engaged in the chance to learn about how Cthe creation of "innovative teaching materials," and who have completed regular C-SPAN Teacher Fellowships may advance to the role of Senior Felaccording

announcement. Selway has been teaching government, law and society, and three teachers nationwide, and economics at Miramonte for six years, and was at Las Lomas prior to that. "Kids really enjoy government, and they enjoy economics. They're two classes that really make the students feel empowered," says Selway. She has also been a Curriculum Development and Teacher Training consultant to the University of – conducted from the educator's California, Berkeley History So- home district in collaboration cial Studies Project, and has vol- with another teacher from a Refugee Transitions Program at country. "The really great part Oakland International High about it – when I was working School. She was first named a C- with it, I was with senior fellow SPAN Teacher Fellow in 2007.

Selway. It got off to a start she do part of the work, and I would still describes with awe. While do part of the work, and we ence," says Davis.

he Cable-Satellite Public standing on the Mall in Washing- would come up with a great leston, D.C. on day one of her fel-son.' lowship, U.S. Secret Service personnel swarmed as a breathtaking sight unfolded. The helicopter of President George W.

SPAN operates and how the Library of Congress digitizes documents. And she helped to create lesson plans that have been used to enable students across the country to better understand America's presidents.

"Every summer they select basically a month to work on classroom materials there," explains Selway's colleague, Cheryl Davis, who was named a C-SPAN fellow herself in 2004 and was profiled by this newspaper in September 2012. Senior fellowships, says Davis, are "all virtual" Tracey Van Dusen. She's in Ann "It changed my life," recalls Arbor," says Davis. "She would

Davis was one of the early fellows to flesh out content for C-SPAN's "Deliberations" program (www.c-spanclassroomdeliberations.org/), which was recently endorsed by the National Council Selway's fellowship gave her for the Social Studies for being "a free resource of high scholarly merit for educators nationwide" with a mission that mirrors the NCSS goal of teaching "the content, knowledge, intellectual skills, and civic values necessary for fulfilling the duties of citizenship in a participatory democ-

racy." In 2014, Selway will collabothey bring them back to D.C. for rate with a teacher from New York to update the Deliberations site further. She will also be busy judging applications for C-SPAN's StudentCam contest (www.studentcam.org/), a national documentary competition which encourages critical analyses by students in grades 6-12 of key issues impacting their neighborhoods and nation.

"There are all sorts of fellowunteered as a tutor for the school in a different part of the ships out there, but we often don't take advantage because we don't have time," says Selway, urging her fellow educators to consider applying for future opportunities. "It really is a wonderful teacher professional development experi-



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