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business briefs



Leola the cow in front of The Mechanic in Lafayette. Photo provided by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

The Mechanic: New Name and New Angle for a Seasoned Business

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René Aguirre recently changed the name of his auto repair business from Urban Suburban to The Mechanic. "I changed the name because people had misconceptions about my business," says Aguirre, who opened his Lafayette shop in 1996. "We always catered to general automotive and foreign cars, but as the market changed, the make-up of our clients has changed also and we wanted our name to reflect this." Aguirre says he is expanding his ability to service hybrid and electric cars. But not all traditions were abandoned when the name changed. Aguirre, a Texan, would not get rid of Leola, the beautiful cow that stands in front of the store. "It was more of a joke at first," he acknowledges, "but over the years Leola has

become a welcoming and familiar sign for our clients."

Diablo Magazine's "Best of the East Bay 2014" Picks in Lamorinda

(All are located in Lafayette except where noted)

Glamorous Boutique - 1048 Brown Ave., (925) 285-6096, www.glamour4me.com

Venture Quality Goods - 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd.,

(925) 385-0259, www.venturegoods.com

J. Colleen Boutique - 261 Lafayette Circle, (925) 258-0300, www.jcolleen.com

Lafayette Academy - 3400 Mt. Diablo Blvd., (925) 284-1644; and 1400 Moraga Way, Moraga, (925) 376-0747;

www.lafayetteacademy.com

Lavande Spa and Boutique - 3589 Mt. Diablo Blvd.,

(925) 299-8877,

www.lavandenailspa.com

Nextbarre - 3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd., (925) 284-5400, www.nextbarre.com

Powell's Sweet Shop - 3591 Mt. Diablo Blvd., (925) 299-9866, www.powellsss.com

Lafayette Car Wash - 3319 Mt. Diablo Blvd., (925) 283-1190, www.lafayettecarwash.com

Orchard Nursery - 4010 Mt. Diablo Blvd., (925) 284-4474, www.orchardnursery.com

Roam Artisan Burgers - 23 Lafayette Circle, (925) 385-0798, www.roamburgers.com

Patxi's - 3577 Mt. Diablo Blvd., (925) 299-0700,

www.patxispizza.com

Millie's Kitchen - 1018 Oak Hill Road, (925) 283-2397

Uncle Yu's - 999 Oak Hill Road. Ste. 3, (925) 283-1688, www.uncleyus.com

Chevalier - 960 Moraga Road, (925) 385-0793,

www.chevalierrestaurant.com

Swad - 3602 Mt. Diablo Blvd, (925) 962-9575,

www.theswadindia.com

El Charro - 3339 Mt. Diablo Blvd., (925) 283-2345,

[-www.elcharro1947.com](http://www.elcharro1947.com)

The Cooperage American Grille - 32 Lafayette Circle,
(925) 298-5915, www.thecooperagelafayette.com
Postino - 3565 Mt. Diablo Blvd.,
(925) 299-8700, www.postinorestaurant.com

Moraga Employee of the Month

Debra Flynn, customer service manager at Moraga Cleaners and Laundry, was recently named the Moraga Employee of the Month for June, as announced by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Moraga. Flynn, who has worked at the store for more than 30 years, runs the front counter and provides service to hundreds of customers. "Debra is just a great employee," said owner Debra Shin. "It starts with her wonderful attitude. She always goes over and beyond the call of duty for our customers and they all love her because of how friendly and personable she is." Flynn will be presented with her award and gift cards to Safeway and Pennini's at the Moraga Rotary luncheon on July 15.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
5 Moraga Way, Orinda
(925) 253-4600

Lana Fitzpatrick of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Orinda office has earned status in the Coldwell Banker International President's Elite, a prestigious honor bestowed upon the top Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage sales associates worldwide. Since Fitzpatrick joined Coldwell Banker in 2007 she has been a top agent in the Lamorinda area. She lives in Moraga, where she is actively involved in her children's schools and athletic programs. This year she is the premier sponsor of the Moraga Baseball Association, Moraga Ranch Swim Club and the OMPA.

Business Anniversary

Piccolo Napoli's First Anniversary
2 Orinda Theatre Square #144, Orinda
(925) 253-1225, www.piccolo-napoli.com

Piccolo Napoli, the Italian restaurant and pizzeria in Theatre Square, is celebrating its one year anniversary this summer and will be offering special menu items, new pizza combinations, and a refreshing white wine Sangria to commemorate this milestone. The family-friendly restaurant specializes in Neapolitan thin-crust pizza, pastas with a variety of house made sauces, fresh salads, soups and daily specials, including the popular Eggplant Parmesan and Creamy Pesto Fettuccine. There are also gluten free pizzas and pastas available. Piccolo Napoli now offers delivery in Orinda daily from 5 to 8 p.m., with catering available.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce

Chamber Mega-Mixer July 9

Picnic at the Grove with Cal Shakes, 100 Shakespeare Way in Orinda from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Appetizers provided by local restaurants, raffle prizes, networking with members of the chambers of commerce of Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda and surrounding areas. Transportation will be available from Wilder. Discounted pre-sale tickets for Cal Shakes production of "The Comedy of Errors" will be available for purchase.

Lafayette

Ribbon cutting for the new Lafayette business Gem Lust, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 3529 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Moraga

The 3rd annual Moraga Chamber Golf Tournament will be played on Monday, July 14. This event is the chamber's largest fundraising event of the year. Proceeds support the chamber's many community and business-based programs. The cost is \$175 per player and includes golf, BBQ lunch, prizes, dinner, refreshments, and raffle. For more information or to sign up, visit www.moragachamber.org.



From left: Kevin Reneau, Debra Flynn, Debra Shin and Frank May Photo provided



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