

# In Memory

## Lilian Elizabeth Hawkins

Nov. 19, 1934 - Oct. 1, 2023



The Hawkins family mourns the passing of Lilian Hawkins (née Farmer), who died peacefully at Aegis of Corte Madera on Oct. 1 of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. In her 88 years, Lilian built many strong connections, always leading with curiosity and openness. Her intelligence, caring nature, and sense of humor won her the respect of many admirers and made her highly effective in dispensing constructive advice.

Lilian was born Nov. 19, 1934 and grew up in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the port of Leith.

She was the fifth child of seven children born to Margaret (Mackie) Farmer and John Farmer. Lilian grew up with a tremendous sense of love and security from her parents and siblings, with their Catholic faith and Leith community playing a prominent role.

Upon finishing school, Lilian began her secretarial career in Edinburgh before making the pivotal decision in 1959 to travel to Montreal and later San Francisco for work, ostensibly leaving Scotland only temporarily. In San Francisco, Lilian accepted a dance invitation from the tall, charming Stan Hawkins, a mechanical engineer born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya to British parents, and thus commenced their love story. A wedding in Edinburgh, a honeymoon in Mallorca and Rome and then back to live in San Francisco in Stan's bachelor apartment in North Beach next to Coit Tower.

A year and a half later, with one child and a second on the way, they made the auspicious decision to purchase a home in Orinda on Francisco Court. This home was surrounded by the best kind of neighbors who became lifelong friends and served as a hospitable gathering place over the next 50 years.

Lilian and Stan found great joy in cultivating friendships. They were prolific entertainers and had a wonderful way of making everyone feel accepted. Neighborhood children, numerous sets of friends, and countless overseas family and guests were all made to feel welcome.

Lilian delighted in the beauty of simple daily routines: volunteering at Del Rey Elementary School, coffee mornings with Francisco Court neighbors, driving the backroads of Lamorinda, community service with the Orinda Women's Club, weekly mass at St. Monica Catholic Church, movie nights at the Orinda Theater, weekly walks with friends (over 25 years!) on the Lafayette trails, many trips into the city on BART, always with a newspaper to keep up with current events, and never failing to admire the views of the surrounding golden hills.

In 1976 Lilian returned to work as an administrative assistant at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory where she worked for 25 years. Scotland and being Scottish were a major part of Lilian's identity, both to herself and to those who knew her. Everyone simply loved her lilting voice. And she had the most amazing laugh that lit up a room. Lilian instilled her love of travel and learning in her children and grandchildren. In addition to annual trips to Scotland, she visited six continents and circumnavigated the globe numerous times.

Lilian is survived by her children, Pamela Casaudoumecq, Gordon Hawkins, and Audrey Yeo; their spouses, John Casaudoumecq and Christopher Yeo; her grandchildren, Laurel, Emma, Annabel and Stanley, and great-granddaughter, Kezzie; her brother Sir Tom Farmer of Edinburgh; and her many nieces and nephews around the globe. Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024 at 10 a.m., St Mary's, Star of the Sea, Leith. Followed by interment of ashes along with those of her beloved husband, Stanley Edward Hawkins, in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland.

# Orinda and MOFD conduct a contraflow activation exercise

By Sora O'Doherty



Photo Sora O'Doherty

**During a test of the contraflow lanes on Miner Rd. on Dec. 2, all right turns onto east-bound Miner Rd. were prohibited by signs that explained the a reverse lane was in effect.**

Very early on Saturday morning, Dec. 2, the City of Orinda and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District conducted an activation exercise for the Miner Road contraflow lanes. The purpose of the exercise was to test the time needed to set up and activate the contraflow system.

The contraflow system is designed to increase the number of

cars that can evacuate in the event of an emergency by turning both lanes in the same direction. In the case of Miner Road, both lanes would head west towards Highway 24. In order to assure that there is no traffic flowing in the other direction, signs were set up at each intersection, explaining that the reverse lane change was in

effect.

The actual one-way contraflow change of Miner Road lasted approximately 45 minutes and ended at about 8:30 a.m. During the exercise Miner Road was available for only one-way traffic from Lombardy Lane to Camino Pablo.

Notifications of the exercise went out to affected residents via the Community Warning System (CWS), Nixle, and Social Media Channels on Saturday morning. Residents were asked to use alternate routes and/or adjust their travel plans to factor in the contraflow exercise.

Residents of the area became familiar with alternative routes when Miner Road was closed for several months in 2017 because a culvert under a bridge collapsed following very heavy winter storms.

# Letters to the editor

## Orinda BART parking lot smash and grab

My daughter and her husband drove up from Los Angeles to spend Thanksgiving with me in Moraga. For our Black Friday outing to San Francisco we decided to take BART from Orinda to avoid a smash and grab incident in San Francisco. When we returned to the Orinda BART station parking lot their car had a smashed window and had been

broken into, in broad daylight. The BART police came and thought perhaps they were trying to steal the car, because there was nothing inside the car before the break-in. This model of Hyundai cannot be hot-wired.

The cars in the Orinda BART parking lot are sitting ducks for this crime because no cameras are installed in the lot, probably the parking lots as well.

Our holiday ended

with a bitter taste for all, especially when my daughter said they don't want to come back for Christmas. The irony is that we tried to avoid the disappointment and cost of a smashed window by taking BART.

If BART wants to increase ridership they will have to make the parking lots safer with security cameras and increased patrolling.

Ellen McEldowney  
Moraga

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**Correction :** On Nov. 22 the Lamorinda Weekly reported that Glorietta Elementary School had been placed on lockdown owing to a suspect at large in a home invasion robbery. The incident in question was actually a residential burglary, not a home invasion, as there was no one at home at the time.

**Share Your Celebrations and Remembrances**  
If you would like to share an announcement about a special event or achievement, such as a wedding, engagement, scholarship or graduation of a local resident, or about a special person from Lamorinda who has passed, send a photo along with your text (up to 200 words) to [story-desk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:story-desk@lamorindaweekly.com), and include "Celebrations or Remembrances" in the subject line.

# Town Hall Theatre's 'A Christmas Story'

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Add on to that carefully crafted props and costumes mimicking the kitchens, classrooms, appliances, and clothing from the era of time, along

with actors that make each of the characters come fully to life and you've got a play that promises to keep you on the edge of your seat.

The play itself is around two hours, and longer when

you factor in intermission, but it is worth every minute of it. If you find yourself wondering whether or not it's appropriate for the whole family or whether young children can sit through it, the answer is

unequivocally "Yes." (This reporter tested it out by bringing my two children, who easily complain of tiredness or boredom. Both of them loved the play so much, they wanted to wait to meet the cast and are

actively trying to plan another viewing of the play.) The remaining shows are on Dec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 17. For tickets, visit [www.townhalltheatre.com/christmas-story](http://www.townhalltheatre.com/christmas-story)

## Public Safety

**Emergency response:**  
Emergency: 24 Hours 911  
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours  
925-284-5010  
Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)  
**Lafayette Police Department:**  
3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 925-283-3680  
Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt  
925-299-3221  
Police Department Tip Line  
94549Tip@gmail.com  
Police Department Traffic Issues  
94549Traffic@gmail.com  
**Moraga Police Department:**  
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055  
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049  
**Orinda Police Department:**  
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820  
Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan  
925-254-6820  
[Orindatip@cityoforinda.org](mailto:Orindatip@cityoforinda.org)



**Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Nov. 12 - Nov. 25**

Alarms	39
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic	139
Suspicious Circumstances	9
Suspicious Subject	14
Suspicious Vehicle	11
Service to Citizen	22
Patrol Req./Security Check	18
Public/School Assembly Check	6
Supplemental Report	13
Vacation House Check	26
Welfare Check	11
Ordinance Violation	0

**Vehicle violations**

Auto Burglary  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Orchard Rd./Oakhill  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
El Nido Ranch Rd./Acalanes Rd.  
Somewhere In Laf / Unk  
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3100 Block Lucas Cir.

Police Department  
Reckless Driving  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Oak Hill Rd.  
St Marys Rd./S Lucille Ln.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Stanley Blvd.  
Deer Hill Rd./Happy Valley Rd.  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Wb Sr 24  
Stolen Vehicle Recovery  
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Tc - Property Damage  
Wb Sr 24 At Acalanes Rd.  
St Marys Rd./Cattle Chute Rd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.  
Vehicle Theft  
1000 Block Carol Ln.  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3100 Block Lucas Cir.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Bomb Threat  
1000 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.  
900 Block Leland Dr.  
Grand Theft  
El Nido Ranch Rd./Upper Happy Valley Rd.  
Grand Theft Bicycle  
3500 Block Brook St.  
Misc Burglary  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Panhandling  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)  
Petty Theft  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
900 Block Janet Ln.  
3600 Block Deerhill Rd.  
Residential Burglary  
20 Block Sanford Ln.  
Shoplift  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Terrorist Threats  
3300 Block Deer Hill Rd.  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3400 Block Orchard Hill Ct.  
Disturbing The Peace  
El Curtola Blvd./Camino Diablo Mt. Diablo Blvd./1St St.  
3400 Block Orchard Hill Ct.  
Acalanes Rd./Hidden Valley Rd.  
Loud Music  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
20 Block Toledo Ct.  
3600 Block Block Happy Valley Rd.

Loud Party  
Lucas Dr./Lucas Ranch Rd.  
Happy Valley Rd./Franklin Ln.  
Public Nuisance  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Vandalism  
2900 Block Windtree Ct.  
3200 Block Stanley Blvd.  
**Other**  
Attempt Shoplift  
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Indecent Exposure  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
K9 Outside Assist Request  
3200 Block Old Tunnel Rd.  
Threats  
30 Block Olympic Oaks Dr.  
Trespass  
100 Block Lafayette Cir.  
Unwanted Guest  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Violation Custody Order  
Police Department  
3300 Block Springhill Rd.  
Violation Restraining Ord  
1000 Block Miller Dr.

**Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report Nov. 21 - Nov. 27**

Alarms	8
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic	23
Suspicious Circumstances	1
Suspicious Subject	1
Suspicious Vehicle	1
Service to Citizen	25
Patrol Req./Security Check	24
Public/School Assembly Check	7
Supplemental Report	3
Vacation House Check	1
Welfare Check	1
Ordinance Violation	0

**Vehicle violations**

Accident Property  
Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.  
100 Block Moraga Rd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd., Laf  
Dui Misd  
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.  
Excessive Speed  
Moraga Way/School St.  
Moraga Rd./Moraga Way

Moraga Rd./Draeger Dr.  
St Marys Staging Area  
Reckless Driving  
100 Block Brookline  
St Marys College  
Tc - Property Damage  
300 Block Rheem Blvd.  
Throw Moving Vehicle  
Country Club Dr/St Andrews  
**Dr. Other criminal activity**  
Petty Theft  
Not Available  
Residential Burglary  
Police Department  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Drunk In Public  
900 Block Augusta Dr.  
Vandalism  
10 Block Woodford Dr.  
**Other**  
Mentally Ill Commit  
10 Block Inverleith Terrace

**ORINDA POLICE**

**Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report Nov. 12 - Nov. 25**

Alarms	41
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic	110
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subject	6
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Service to Citizen	37
Patrol Req./Security Check	22
Public/School Assembly Check	2
Supplemental Report	12
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	5
Ordinance Violation	1

**Vehicle violations**

Accident Fatal  
Tres Mesas/Lomas Cantadas  
Accident Injury  
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.  
Orinda Way/Camino Pablo  
Accident Property  
Moraga Way  
Wilder Rd./Wb Sr 24  
Orinda Way (2)  
Claremont Ave./Stanton Ave.

Auto Burglary  
80 Block Via Floreado  
50 Block Brookside Rd.  
Dui Misd  
10 Block Camino Sobrante  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
200 Block Sundown Terrace  
Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24  
Reckless Driving  
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.  
Eb Sr 24 At Camino Pablo  
Rheem Blvd./Glorietta Blvd.  
Tc - Property Damage  
Manzanita Dr./Camino Pablo  
**Other criminal activity**  
Fraud False Pretenses  
Camino Sobrante  
Identity Theft  
20 Block Tappan Ln.  
Petty Theft  
100 Block Alice Ln. (2)  
60 Block Singingwood Ln.  
Petty Theft From Veh  
100 Block Canon Dr.  
Terrorist Threats  
Moraga Way  
Warrant Arrest  
Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.  
Orinda Way  
Bryant Way/Moraga Way  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Loud Music  
Douglas Ct./Robert Rd.  
Robert Rd./Glorietta Blvd.  
Vandalism  
20 Block Orchard Rd.  
10 Block Estates Dr.  
10 Block Orchard Rd.  
50 Block Brookside Rd.  
40 Block Brookside Rd.  
20 Block Acacia Dr. (2)  
50 Block Moraga Way  
Moraga Way  
**Other**  
Checks Non Suff Funds  
60 Block Barbara Rd.  
Dependent Adult Abuse  
Altarinda Rd.  
H&S Violation  
Moraga Way  
Revocation Of Probation  
North Ln./Rose Ln.  
Orinda Way  
Simple Assault  
50 Block Tarry Ln.  
Transient Contact  
60 Block Brookwood Rd.  
Orinda Way  
Bart Orinda Station