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# Miramonte holds “Senior Day” for class of 2024

By Emma Wong

On the morning of May 21, aromas of burritos, bacon, and muffins wafted from the Miramonte High School cafeteria as graduating seniors shared a breakfast. Donning college merchandise, students participated in Senior Day -- part of the Senior Spirit Week -- to send off the Class of 2024.

Heading Senior Day planning efforts was parent Joy Braitberg. “Prior to this year, I chaired Grad Night for one of my kids who graduated in 2019,” Braitberg said. “In the fall, the Parent’s Club was looking for someone to chair Senior Week, and I volunteered.”

Braitberg worked closely with the Parent’s Club, Leadership, and Miramonte’s administration. The Class of 2024 parent advisors — Mia Dennis, Lani MacKenzie, Ellie Attwood, Heather Leal, and Lisa Bal-

lantyne — also played key roles, planning and raising funds to host not only Senior Week, but also all other events for this cohort of students.

“We hosted a myriad of fundraisers, including mom and parent parties, raffles and auctions, Casa Orinda chicken dinners, finals care packages, lei sales, and Halloween Boo Bags,” Dennis said. “Parents have also donated to the class activity fund every year.”

After breakfast, students viewed a reflective slideshow, then meandered over to the theater for a practical life advice session given by Wellness Center Coordinator Salvador Avila. Avila reminded seniors of the importance of mental health after high school, sharing tips on how to manage stress in the tumult of college life — including getting enough sleep and

practicing positive thinking.

“As a member of the Miramonte community, I’ve had the privilege of observing and interacting with our students, seeing firsthand their potential and the unique challenges they face,” Avila said. “My decision to speak to the senior class stems from a deep understanding of their experiences ... from my own journey through high school.”

An alumni panel of Miramonte graduates answered questions about life after graduation — such as what college freshman year would be like, or their biggest regrets about high school. Additionally, students engaged in a Kahoot! trivia about the history of Miramonte.

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## Proposed 66-unit apartment building draws crowd to Moraga meeting

By Vera Kochan

In what was merely the first of five expected meetings regarding a proposed 66-unit residential apartment building, to be located at the corner of School Street/Country Club Drive, nearby residents packed into the Planning Commission meeting on May 21 to voice their opinions.

In order to inform any property owners within a 600-foot radius of the site and any who might be affected by potential, additional traffic on connecting streets, Planning Commission notices were mailed out as a courtesy on May 9 to inform recipients of the informational session. While no action was being taken during the May 21 meeting, it gave residents the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the project. Those who couldn’t attend sent in emails which, after only two days, numbered 12.

The applicant, Outdo Country Club



Image provided

Drive of Lafayette, requested that the Planning Commission’s meeting would be an introduction and informational session. Moraga Planning Director Afshan Hamid reminded the standing-room-only attendees that the town is required through the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) to add 1,118 new housing units during the 6th Cycle Housing Element. Failure to do so could result in a loss of amenities and funding, as well as relinquishing certain controls to the state. ... continued on Page A4

## Lafayette Community Day 2024

By Jeff Heyman

It was a day of clean up and community last Saturday, June 1, in Lafayette. More than 200 volunteers turned out for Lafayette’s third annual Community Day, a partnership between the Community Foundation of Lafayette, the City of Lafayette and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. The day was devoted to service and celebrating all things Lafayette.

Volunteer teams fanned out across the city to clean up sidewalks, parks, roadways and creeks. Above, Will Elder (far right), chair of the Lafayette Creeks Committee, led committee members, City staff and volunteers in a



Photo Jeff Heyman

project to remove nonnative, invasive plants along the West Reach of Lafayette Creek. The group collected 22 bags of material, making that portion of the creek, just east of Risa Road on Mount Diablo Boulevard, an even more beautiful spot to visit. It’s all about community here in Lamorinda.

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**Lafayette continues to fight for iconic reservoir tower**

By Lou Fancher

Before city council and the public received updates on the EBMUD Reservoir Tower retrofit from the Citizens Advisory Committee, City Manager Niroop Srivatsa provided a brief summary of the project's history.

"In January 2023, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) staff presented the Lafayette Reservoir Tower Seismic Retrofit Project to the Lafayette City Council featuring a tower shortened by 40 feet. The City Council and the commu-

nity expressed concerns about the proposed design and the potential loss of the iconic tower that has symbolized our city for decades. A group of Lafayette residents with extensive expertise in seismic structural retrofit design, structural engineering, architecture, and construction volunteered to review EBMUD's technical reports, analyses, and plans to determine if the tower could be seismically strengthened in its place in its original configuration rather than by shortening the tower. The committee presented its first report to you in July of 2023."

Since that time, the committee she said had "spent countless hours" reviewing technical studies and other materials provided by EBMUD. Speaking at the meeting May 28 held on Tuesday due to the Memorial Day holiday, Srivatsa said efforts made to work collaboratively with EBMUD and its consultant AE-COM to identify alternatives and mitigations have been extensive.

The committee has concluded that the city would be best served if the existing reservoir tower remained and received seismic improvements. Specifically, they concluded that instead of shortening the tower, a retrofit of the upper one half of the existing tower using a modest addition of steel reinforcements would address seismic risk, life safety, code compliance, cost effectiveness, environmental sensitivity, while preserving the iconic structure. In their final report to council, the committee stated that EBMUD's pro-

posed shortening of the tower would actually increase the seismic risk for downstream residents of Lafayette in the event of a major earthquake.

Structural Engineer and 50-year Lafayette resident Loring Wyllie summarized the committee's conclusion that EBMUD's shortening the height of the tower would reduce bending forces, but could cause it to shake violently and increase the lateral shear forces at its base. While the tall tower would also shake during an earthquake, a shorter tower would move at an accelerated rate and potentially decrease safety of residents located downstream.

Committee chair Gordon Chong emphasized that the committee's study of the issues involved in retrofitting the tower was based entirely on EBMUD's structural design thinking and data. He said their primary goal was to protect Lafayette residents downstream of the reservoir from the negative impacts of a major earthquake. Chong said the collaborative intentions of the committee had not been mirrored by EBMUD and their consultants. For that reason, the committee had pivoted after months of effort to search for alternative mitigation and design proposals to reduce seismic risk.

Response to EBMUD positions related to repairing conduits to the tower and not designating the tower as a protected historic landmark appeared in the final report. The committee's presentation also included mention of letters

sent by EBMUD to the city accusing the committee of misrepresenting data and ignoring vital information. For example, the publicly posted letter accuses the committee of ignoring updates following a 1995 ICEC report.

Council member Karl Anduri asked the committee to respond to the relevancy of EBMUD's statements. The committee concluded the core engineering principles remained the same and shortening the tower—regardless of the data used—would still result in unknown, increased risk. Of equal concern was what Wong said was constant rebuttal, defensiveness, and rejection of the committee's suggestions, indicating EBMUD's disinterest in collaborating and underscoring their position of having sole authority in the retrofit. For that and other reasons, he said the committee had no interest in continuing the conversations with EBMUD.

Council member John McCormick asked about the cost effectiveness of adding reinforcements to the tower instead of to the conduit at its base. Wyllie said the increased tower costs would be negligible and would shift the cost of work done on the conduits.

In public comments, a representative of EBMUD expressed disappointment in the committee's final report conclusions and disputed several of its positions. Working in ways he said were "responsive and collaborative," he stressed that EBMUD is accountable to the community and to the Cali-

fornia Division of Safety of Dams and would, as a result, continue with plans to shorten the tower.

Vice Mayor WEi-Tai Kwok said the city's relationship with EBMUD had been positive for many years and was surprised and disappointed the committee and EBMUD had come to loggerheads. He suggested bringing in an adjudicator to move the project forward.

Anduri suggested the council list and develop options and consider placing the topic on the agenda for the meeting June 10. The latter action would allow time for public input. In the meantime, staff would be authorized by council to send a letter to EBMUD requesting that work cease on the designs for a shortened tower.

Council member Susan Candell recused herself from the discussion and left the meeting because she is involved in a separated, unrelated lawsuit with EBMUD. After she departed the meeting, the four remaining council members considered three options:

1. Agree to EBMUD's retrofit Plan B with a shortened tower. Pros: No demand on city resources or dollars, maintains good relationships with EBMUD, risk exists but is low because it would take a simultaneous maximum earthquake and precipitation event to result in significant damage. Cons: The committee assessed this is risky and city would lose the iconic structure.

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# Students return to Lafayette Elementary for High School Graduate Walkthrough

By Elaine Borden Chandler



Photo Elaine Borden Chandler

High school graduates walk the familiar hallways of Lafayette Elementary during the inaugural High School Graduate Walkthrough, Tuesday, May 21.

The playground of Lafayette Elementary is normally empty at 2 p.m. on a Tuesday, with children strolling in classrooms and parents not yet allowed on campus. However, on May 21, a small crowd started to form. It was a group of high school seniors, some dressed in blue or green or white graduation robes, some in t-shirts and shorts, many in mortarboard caps decorated in sequins or paint. New arrivals congregated around a table with a huge pile of name tags where the crowd became so thick that at one point a student walked over to her friends and said, "I'm just going to be nameless." The most commonly heard phrase was, "Oh my god, I haven't seen you since middle school!" Students bunched together, squinting in the relentless sunlight to see who else was there and wandering from group to group. They were waiting to begin the inaugural High School Graduate Walkthrough at Lafayette Elementary.

The Graduate Walkthrough was an event where graduating seniors who had attended Lafayette Elementary as children came back and walked through the halls — a return to their academic roots at home before going out into the world. As the students waited for the starting signal, Mia DeLuca, a Campolindo graduate wearing camo high-top sneakers, was eager to see her three remaining teachers to let them know how much she improved academically.

"I'm going to be graduating with honors this year," she said and then laughingly confessed, "But I forgot my tassel!"

At 2:15 p.m., a crackling voice over the speaker announced, "Please join us in celebrating our graduates!" and four students led the procession as "Pomp and Circumstance" blared over the speakers. The high schoolers wound through hallways lined with elementary students cheering and holding up their hands to receive high fives.

Joseph "JJ" Sanchez, graduating from Acalanes, was struck by how many good memories the walk brought back. "It's just really strong emotions," he said, smiling. "Some of my old teachers have already retired so I'm missing them, but it's really great to see all the teachers still here and all the classmates that went to the other schools."

Many of the teachers stood along the hallways with their current students or gathered in the courtyard where the walkthrough ended. In front of the auditorium doors, Betsy Balman stood in a straw hat and received hug after hug. Balman, who was a teacher at Lafayette Elementary and is currently the Stanley Middle School principal, said, "This was the class that we had to promote online because of COVID so it's just all the more special to see how they have transformed."

Students watched a video from their former custodian Mr. Dave, snatched up pouches of lemonade referencing

Teacher's Lemonade Day, and went to find their friends and former teachers. Mr. Moe, a fifth-grade teacher, chatted with visitors in waves. "This is a class that I remembered very fondly," he said, "It was great to see them and hear about where they're going to college."

The parents of the graduating students also gathered in the courtyard, hugging their children, taking their photos, and cheerfully commiserating with each other. One man, dabbing his eyes, grinned and asked his friend, "Did you cry?" who chuckled as she responded, "Oh yeah." Eliza Veronda admitted she wasn't sure how to describe her emotions but then succinctly said, "It's bittersweet but we're so happy for them." Her friend Eileen Nath added, "I think it says a lot that this was totally voluntary and so many students came back." Many of the parents emphasized not only their pride for their children and other students they had seen grow up. It wasn't unusual to see a parent talking to a student that they had last seen in grade school, asking them what was now happening in their life.

There was one parent in particular whom everyone was thanking and praising. Kelly Daggs, president of the Acalanes Parent Club and mother of graduating student Taylor, independently initiated and organized the walkthrough in just three weeks. During the whole event, she could be seen in her sea green dress, directing the action, congratulating parents and students, and checking arrangements. She believes events like these are vital to keeping the community alive and connected, especially in difficult times. "There's some things that came out of COVID that are to be celebrated and some things that the kids have really suffered from. We decided to say, Let's have a positive moment — you didn't get your graduation diploma in eighth grade. That's okay, we have today." Daggs is passing the baton of leading the walkthrough to Raina Foster next year. The walkthrough is planned for two more years and expected to continue after that with parents, teachers, and administration all expressing enthusiasm for it to become a tradition.

## Reservoir tower

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2. Maintain tower without retrofit. Anduri predicted this would require a large effort, time and expense and have little chance of success.  
3. Improve safety while maintaining height. This would involve changes from EBMUD and Division of Safety of Dams. Pros: If the effort is successful, Anduri said they would "have the best of both worlds: lower risk and our iconic tower." Cons: Expensive in time

and money to pursue it. Cost estimates from EBMUD for this option indicate it would cost \$7.6 million more than shortening the tower.

Kwok favored option three, along with asking an impartial adjudicator to examine estimated cost and safety elements before issuing recommendations for proceeding. He proposed the council ask Srivatsa to draft a letter to EBMUD requesting they pause their plans to shorten the tower. Discussion of

issuing a request that he and Anduri meet as council representatives with an EBMUD board member and a second action directing city staff to draft a letter to Division of Safety of Dams summarizing the city's position and requesting a meeting had the council deciding the EBMUD letter will be issued and the item will not be added to the agenda for future council meetings until EBMUD's response is received.

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## SMC's Class of 2024 artists featured in new exhibit

By Vera Kochan

"Chimeric -- Art Practice Capstone Exhibition" is the latest Saint Mary's College art installation on view at the campus art museum. What makes the showing unique is that the 12 featured artists are students of the school's Class of 2024.

According to SMC's exhibit, "The term 'Chimeric' has two definitions: one referring to the Greek mythological creature formed from the parts of various animals, and the other relating to a hope or dream that is impossible to achieve. Our multiplicity counters the futility of the second definition by showing such facets can exist within our newly created space. Through a body of work that is diverse in mediums and chimeric in and of itself, we encourage others to encounter our reflections, inviting introspection and conversa-

tion about our connection to broader society." Collectively, the student artists hoped to offer new perspectives on the human condition with a focus on race, culture, gender, psychology, media, childhood, and reality.

Upon first walking into the exhibit, guests are "greeted" by a large mural that was a team effort. It has no name other than being described as "'Chimeric' Graduating class mural", and serves the purpose of offering a glimpse of what is yet to come.

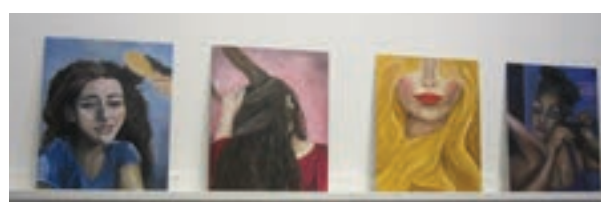
Keaton Gershen-Lewis contributed six pieces on display with titles such as "Sketch for a Propaganda Mural", "Dynamite", and "Screenshot". His grayscale paintings are "an examination of the contemporary cycles of imagery, emphasizing the focus on appropriated images of violence and sexuality, commonly encountered and reshared subjects throughout the digital space."

Alexa Andris' four paintings are titled: "Unprofessional", "2:36 a.m.", "Let's Not Split

Hairs", and "Eye of the Beholder". She explores the idea of what a hairstyle's first impression leaves upon the world. Andris "endeavors to create a space for empathy, understanding, and empowerment, inviting viewers to reflect on their own relationships with societal norms and embrace the beauty of individuality in all forms."

"Te Amo Mucho Much Mucho" could almost be described as a visit to someone's home. Celeste Xictlactli Escobedo uses various objects and photos to invite the viewer into her world. "Sourcing found objects that have been discarded or forgotten and giving them a new home works in tandem with my handmade pieces," she explained. "The physical artifacts that are produced through my practice play with the same themes of preservation, also bring in a manipulation to scale and context."

"Chimeric -- Art Practice Capstone Exhibition" is currently on view until June 23, 2024.



Alexa Andris

Photos Vera Kochan



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## 66-unit apartment building draws crowd

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Outdo's project manager, David Marshall, was in attendance to introduce himself before turning things over to Goetz Frank, the project's director with Form 4 Architecture of San Francisco. Frank's presentation included various slides that gave everyone an idea of the proposed apartment building's outward appearance; blueprint views of each of the four-story's layout; and any intended landscaping changes/additions. For many, this was the first glimpse of the project in detail.

According to the staff report by Moraga

Principal Planner Brian Horn, "The gross floor area of the proposed residential building is 88,060 square feet with 23,511 square feet of garage area. The building is proposed to be 49 feet in height to the top of the roof parapet and will be four stories in height."

The report adds, "To construct the building, three contiguous parcels (1600, 1640, and 1660 School Street) would be combined through either a parcel map or lot line adjustment prior to building permits being issued for the building, which would create a single 2.002-acre parcel. Currently, each parcel contains an existing commercial office building and shares an existing outdoor parking lot with a fourth commercial office building located at 1620 School Street. The existing office buildings on 1640 and 1660 School Street would be demolished and replaced with the new residential apartment building."

Proposed amenities would include landscape improvements to the area, a shared workspace, a wellness center, and an elevated outdoor courtyard on the second floor.

The Lafayette Moraga Regional Trail is situated within an easement that runs through the western side of the property. Beyond that is Laguna Creek. Neither of these sites would see



Image courtesy of Moraga Planning Department

any changes. However, 40 trees would be removed from the intended project's site, while 53 new trees are expected to be planted in addition to any landscape features.

The first of many public comments came from Head of Saklan School David O'Connell. As literally the proposed project's next door neighbor, he voiced many concerns: possible removal of the nearby redwood trees; blocked natural light for the school due to the building's height; the loss of privacy to the campus; disrupting noise emanating from the apartment complex; traffic and safety issues; and the "unharmonious" appearance of the building as compared to the rest of the neighborhood.

Other long-time residents expressed wildfire safety/evacuation concerns with respect to the potential addition of approximately 120 more cars to the area; a four-story building is too high and its occupants could

look into neighboring homes and yards; setback issues; the possibility of a subterranean garage, thereby eliminating one story; and lastly, a plea for new housing to begin at the shopping centers rather than established residential areas.

Not everyone was opposed to the new 66-unit apartment building. Some residents wanted to see more of this type of housing, which would make Moraga potentially affordable to young families, teachers who work in the local schools, and employees of local businesses. It was also put forth that the location would be close to public transportation (BART and bus), and as such, the traffic might not be as bad as feared. Others spoke in favor of the building's architectural style.

The project is tentatively scheduled to be brought back to the Planning Commission for consideration on June 18.

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# Town of Moraga and MOFD host Fire Safety Community Meeting

By Vera Kochan



Photo Vera Kochan

## MOFD Fire Chief Dave Winnacker gives a presentation during Fire Safety Community Meeting

With fire season fast approaching, residents of Lamorinda can't help being concerned about whether the area is prepared for a worst case scenario. The Town of Moraga and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) hosted a May 30 Fire Safety Community Meeting to discuss fire prevention measures, fire insurance, and other related topics.

The Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School's library served as the venue, and Town Manager Scott Mitnick estimated over 100 residents came to hear MOFD Fire Chief Dave

Winnacker, Moraga Police Chief Jon King, Principal and Consulting Actuary Nancy Watkins of Milliman (a property and casualty practice), and Mitnick discuss the topics at hand.

The specter of the 2017 Tubbs Fire, which destroyed parts of Calistoga and Santa Rosa, was just the beginning of what Mother Nature is capable of doing. In 2018, the urban firestorm that began in Paradise and developed into the Camp Fire, eventually burned 153,336 acres, was responsible for 85 deaths, and went on to become

the deadliest and most destructive fire in California history. Up until that point, fires that burned entire communities were not on many Californian's radars.

Winnacker started the ball rolling with a slide presentation discussing, "What has changed?" He noted a significant increase in fuel loading (combustible materials), more development in fire dependent landscapes, increasing vapor pressure deficit (the difference between the amount of moisture in the air and how much moisture the air can hold when it is saturated), and increasing exposure to extreme fire weather.

Winnacker's presentation added that between the years 2010 - 2020, fire crews were "responding to unprecedented environmental and property losses" that were overwhelmingly human-caused. Lightning strikes played a significantly smaller role, followed by "undetermined" causes.

There is a disconnect in understanding wildfire risk, and it is important to note that mitigations matter. Winnacker also stated, "We cannot sup-

press, regulate, or price our way out of the WUI fire problem [Wild Urban Interface -- areas that experience wildfires], and there is a linkage of conditions on the ground to pricing of risk" with regards to insurance.

Wildfires enter a community via three pathways: vegetation to vegetation, vegetation to structure, and structure to structure. MOFD's goal is to disrupt the pathways through fuel treatments, defensible space, home hardening, and WUI suppression response.

Winnacker also discussed a comprehensive view of risks to be considered such as, "how the fire will come to the community; where it will enter via ground component and ember cast; how resilient are those entry points; how many firefighters are available; what are those firefighters equipped for; how long will it take to get them there; and under what command relationships will they work." All of this falls within the understanding of risk, mitigations and residual risk of conflagration level loss.

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# Temporary injunction issued against wedding noise at Moraga Hacienda de Las Flores

By Sora O'Doherty

The request for a temporary injunction to Contra Costa Superior Court by a group of Moraga neighbors of Hacienda de Las Flores was granted in part and denied in part by the court on May 23. Pending the issuance of a \$10,000 bond, Judge Charles Treat said he would enjoin the use of microphones outside the Hacienda building, but denied the plaintiffs' request to have outdoor speakers removed. The court further denied the request to contain amplified sound indoors, having found it to be not feasible. The court also denied plaintiffs' request for a prohibition on hard alcoholic drinks.

The temporary injunction will be directed at Wedgewood Weddings only, as the court saw no need to enjoin the Town of Moraga. A preliminary injunction was also approved prohibiting Wedgewood from erecting or maintaining a tent or other semi-permanent structure in the parkland outside the boundaries of Wedgewood's exclusive use lease.

The judge based the issuance of the temporary injunction on his finding that the plaintiffs showed "some modest possibility of prevailing on their claim that there is a public nuisance." The judge also speculated that the plaintiffs might

have had a stronger case in 2022, but that "whatever possible noise or unruly party violations have significantly diminished as of the later half of 2023."

Plaintiffs in the case, a group of residents whose homes adjoin the Hacienda property, have requested a five-day jury trial on their complaint. A case management conference has been scheduled for June 7, 2024, and a hearing on demurrer is scheduled for Sept. 12. A demurrer is a legal action which says that even if a plaintiff could prove everything in the complaint, there are still no grounds for the relief sought.

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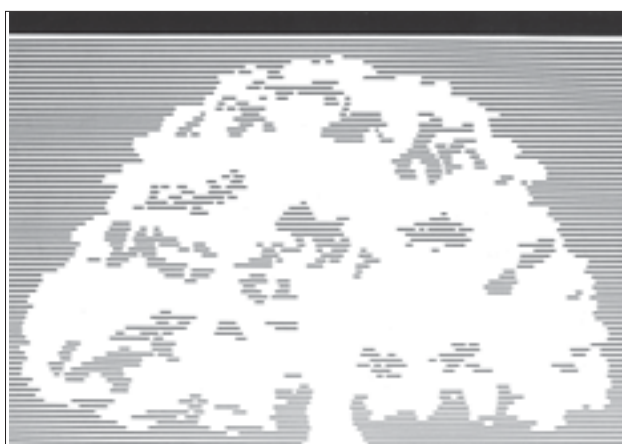
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## In Lieu parking fee holiday benefits developer of The Station

By Sora O'Doherty

Although Orinda City Council Member Inga Miller vigorously objected, the council voted 4 to 1 on May 21 to allow the development known as "The Station" to proceed without paying the \$823,810 in lieu parking fees assessed at the time that the project was approved. The reason for the action was that, six months after the development was approved, the State of California adopted AB 2097, which eliminated any requirement for parking within a half mile from a major transportation hub, such as BART. Since 25A Orinda Way is within a half mile of the BART station, the project would have been exempt from in lieu parking fees had it been submitted later.

In lieu parking fees are intended to allow cities to make alternative provisions for parking when a development is permitted to build without the required number of parking spaces. The development at 25A Orinda Way, which is within one half mile of the Orinda BART station, would not require any parking, had it been proposed after the adoption of AB 2097. After the adoption of the state law, the developer could have simply abandoned the approved

plans and resubmitted them to avoid the in lieu parking fees.

Orinda staff estimated that having to resubmit the project for entitlement approvals would likely have delayed construction of the project at least 4 to 6 months. Rather than subjecting the project to another costly and time-consuming process that would likely not result in a materially different project, simply to take advantage of the currently applicable AB 2097 parking provisions, and rather than creating a project-specific benefit, City staff recommended that the City Council reconsider and approve a resolution establishing a fee holiday for in-lieu fees applicable to qualifying projects within 1/2 mile of the BART station. As it happens, the only project that will be affected is The Station.

Miller viewed the proposed action as depriving the city of nearly a million dollars. She argued against the resolution, stating that it was not a given that the project would be approved if resubmitted. She recalled that during the lengthy time that the developer and the city worked on the approval of the project, the developer had been granted a

number of exemptions to city requirements, such as the overall height of the building.

Miller also brought up the provision in the law that might allow the imposition of parking requirements if a detailed parking study showed a negative impact on other businesses in Orinda Village. Although she noted that the city had neither the funds nor the staff to complete such a study, she thought that perhaps local businesses would be interested in providing such a study.

Paul Ugenti, the developer of the project, spoke during the public comment period, explaining that if he were forced to resubmit his plans, the project would suffer by the delays caused, which might affect tenant agreements, financing arrangements, and contracts with contractors. He explained to the council that he has already spent very long periods of time obtaining the necessary permits, 3 months with Central San and 14 months with Contra Costa County for building permits. He concluded by saying that "we feel like we are going to deliver a phenomenal project for this community and be a value to it."

Two written comments on the proposed action were submitted to the council prior to the meeting. Ethan Elkind wrote in strong support of the fee waiver, asking the council to adopt it "so we can finally encourage some development in our downtown near BART."

Nick Waranoff wrote in opposition to the proposed action, calling the staff report "myopic" because it didn't account for the possibility of housing being built in the village without any required parking. He added that "The reality is that the owners of the Station will profit from customers and employees of its tenants free-loading on private, off-street parking nearby." He added, "This proposal is literally shifting money from the owners of the adjacent properties into the pockets of the developers of the Station."

25A Orinda Way has been vacant for about 25 years. The property was bought by Ugenti and a partner, and the approved plans include a large market hall promising artisanal food and crafts, recreational areas, and offices and co-working spaces above.

## EBMUD debuts its largest solar array

By Sora O'Doherty

Orinda City Manger David Biggs and City Council Member Brandy Iverson attended a public event marking the completion of the



Photo provided

largest solar array ever built by East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) last week. The Orinda photovoltaic solar energy project is a 12-acre solar array that will connect directly to the electricity grid.

The 4.6-megawatt installation will generate 10 million kilowatt-hours of clean, renewable energy annually and save EBMUD ratepayers \$26 million in electricity costs over the next 25 years. Water treatment and pumping are energy intensive, and this project moves EBMUD closer to its goal to be carbon neutral by the end of this decade, according to the District.

Iverson, speaking at the event, noted that Orinda is a proud partner of EBMUD, and praised the project as being well sited and invisible from the road. She was on the Planning Commission at the commencement of the project in 2019, which she described as "terrific sustainable green infrastructure." The project site is located directly across Bear Creek Road from PG&E's Sobrante Substation. According to EBMUD, this reduces potential impacts associated with interconnection to the electrical grid. In addition, to preserve the open space character of the area,

EBMUD has incorporated vegetative screening into the project to minimize its visibility from Bear Creek Road and nearby trails.

The project has been constructed by TotalEnergies. Press and officials were offered tours of the arrays, which are built of steel capable of withstanding high winds up to 120 miles per hour. Eric Potts, Vice President of TotalEnergies, described the 12,000 high efficiency modules which were partly installed using artificial intelligence to direct unmanned pile driving. Only four posts were out of alignment, and those by less than one inch.

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## Local talent shines at opening of 50th season of Cal Shakes

By Sora O'Doherty



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Students from local schools, including Miramonte High School and Saint Mary's College, performed at the launch of the 50th season of the California Shakespeare Festival on Saturday, May 18.

On the sunny but cool afternoon, the students from Miramonte performed three 10-minute short versions of Shakespeare's plays. As a part of the school's drama program, their remit was to work dressed in all black, with no set or props beyond a number of black chairs. Drama teacher Heather Cousins introduced the Miramonte students, explaining that this annual project is the last thing that senior drama students do before graduating. Each play used five to six actors, and the chairs were transformed into beds, weapons, ships, or walls.

St. Mary's College in Moraga has a longstanding partnership with Cal Shakes, according to Rebecca Engle, a founding member of the school's performing arts department. She introduced Rianne Biernat, who was one final-exam-week away from graduation with a BA in Performance & Theatre Studies from

Saint Mary's. Biernat performed "Faire Play," her senior capstone. This 15 minute solo performance was co-conceived with, and written by, professional actor/playwright Mike DiSalvo, and directed by Visiting Professor Shannon R. Davis for this spring's senior one act festival.

In addition, Kimiya Shokri and Justin Howard represented St. Mary's alumni, having both graduated from Saint Mary's in 2019. Shokri and Howard played Beatrice and Benedict, from Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." Both Shokri and Howard made their professional acting debuts before graduating from college: Shokri with Shotgun Players, and Howard in "War of the Roses" at Cal Shakes. Shokri was assistant director of the world premiere of "House of Joy" at Cal Shakes, and became a Cal Shakes Teaching Artist for schools across the Bay Area. Howard understudied key roles in both "King Lear" and "Winters Tale." Now married, both work at Saint Mary's: Shokri as Assistant Director of Saint Mary's Intercultural Center and Howard as an Admissions Officer.

Cal Shakes Executive Director Clive Worsley, noted that although it is the 50th anniversary of the Cal Shakes, they have been at home in Orinda for 33 years. The group began in Emeryville, and moved to Berkeley before finding their home at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheater. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, Cal Shakes will be offering Shakespeare's comedy, "As You Like It" this year, directed by award-winning Bay Area theatermaker Elizabeth Carter.

Carter praised the gorgeous set for the upcoming production and spoke about the play. "You go into the woods and you figure something out," she said, talking about the discovery of how you really operate in the world. "In the woods, you're not judged for how you show up," she added, noting that there is an unfolding array of gender embodiment in the production. Worsley added that he is excited about the upcoming production, including the cast and the design team.

"As You Like It" will run Sept. 12 to 29 at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheater. The opening night gala performance

will be on Sept. 14. Tickets will be on sale soon.

On June 29, Cal Shakes will hold a Fire Light Tea Party from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Fire Light Tea Party is described as "an immersive, educational and artistically inspiring event, supporting Bay Area communities to recalibrate our relationship to fire, in actionable, effective, and enjoyable ways," that will pair art and entertainment with usable resources and community connection. Tickets for the four-hour event are available for \$20 each.

For further information about these and

other upcoming events, see <https://calshakes.org/>.

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## Wildfire Prevention and Safety Fair



Photo Sora O'Doherty

Tood Gritzer (right) and Ray Breslau (left) explain to some young fans how they help the fire department with communications and logistics when needed at the second annual Wildfire Prevention and Safety Fair at Orinda Community Park on June 1. Many residents came out to meet dozens of businesses and non-profit agencies and learn how to make themselves and their families safer, especially from fire.  
- S. O'Doherty

## Read, Renew, Repeat!

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# Carrot Cake Scones

By Susie Iventosch



Photo Susie Iventosch

These carrot cake scones really do taste like carrot cake, and especially when you add the cream cheese icing on top! Full of goodies like finely grated carrots, raisins, and toasted pecans, spiced with cinnamon and cardamom, they are a hearty and delicious breakfast snack. I love them with icing on top, but if you prefer a slightly healthier version, then just omit the icing! Whenever I make

scones or cookies with raisins, I first like to soak the raisins in boiling water for about 15 minutes, so they won't dry out too much in the baking process. They stay plump and juicy this way. You just need to be sure to squeeze out any excess liquid before adding them to the dough. I use finely grated carrots for these scones because I don't want huge pieces of carrot in my scone, but rather a finer, more sub-

tle bit of carrot in each bite.

Because of these moist ingredients, you may find that you need to add a bit more flour once you have all the ingredients mixed. If you do, then just add a little bit of flour at a time, one or two tablespoons, until you have a dough that holds together.

I haven't tried this yet, but since pineapple is a key ingredient in our carrot cake recipe, I think I'll try adding some canned pineapple to my next batch of carrot cake scones. This, too, will make the batter moist, so if you try this, be sure to have a little extra flour handy!

## INGREDIENTS

### Scones

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tbsp. light brown sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. cardamom
- 1/4 tsp. all-spice (\*optional)
- 4 oz. butter, chilled and cut into small 1/2-inch pieces (= 8 tbsp. or 1 stick, or 1/2 cup)
- 1 cup raisins (rehydrated - see directions below)
- 1 cup toasted pecans (coarsely chopped)
- 1 cup finely grated carrots
- 3/4 cup milk or half and half - your choice
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup toasted pecans pieces (for garnish on top of the icing)

### Cream Cheese & Vanilla Icing

- 2 oz. cream cheese (softened to room temp)
- 1 cup sifted powdered sugar
- 2 tbsp. milk
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

## DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425F. Prepare a baking sheet with cooking spray or parchment paper. To rehydrate the raisins, place them in a small bowl. Pour about 1 cup of boiling water over them and allow this to sit for about 15-20 minutes. Strain or squeeze excess water out of the raisins before adding them to the dough. You can use a strainer for this or cheese cloth.

Sift flour, salt, baking soda, cinnamon, cardamom, (allspice if using), and cream of tartar into a bowl. Stir in brown sugar. Using a pastry cutter or cold fingertips, cut the butter pieces into the dries until the pieces of butter are like small peas. Stir in the raisins, carrots, and pecans. Mix well. Add milk and vanilla all at once and mix just until integrated.

Turn dough onto floured cloth or board and gather into a ball. You may need to absorb a little of the extra flour for this step but be careful to not over handle your dough. Use a light touch. Remember, as our British au pair once told me, "The keys to good scones are cold hands and a warm heart!"

Roll or flatten the dough ball out to about 1 1/4 inch in thickness. Cut dough into 8 triangles for large scones, or 12 triangles for smaller scones. Or you can also use a biscuit cutter dipped in flour if you prefer round scones. Place scones on prepared baking sheet and refrigerate for 10-15 minutes, or longer. Remove from the refrigerator and bake for 12-14 minutes, or until the tops begin to turn golden-brown. Remove from oven and cool completely before icing.

### Make the Icing

While the scones are baking, it's time to make the icing. Simply blend the sifted powdered sugar with the softened cream cheese. Whisk in the vanilla and enough milk to get to a thick icing consistency. If you accidentally add too much milk, just add a little more sugar, and if it's too thick, then add more milk, a tiny bit at a time!

Spread the icing over the cooled scones with a spoon or offset spatula and then top with extra toasted pecan pieces while the icing is still moist. If you want to serve the scones warm, store them without the icing, and once reheated, spread the icing over them just before serving.

These scones store very well in the refrigerator even once iced, but if you want to freeze them, we suggest icing them when you're ready to serve them.



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# Peaceful protest at Saint Mary's College

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Reflecting on what stood out about the conversations held Thursday evening, Cook said, "They voiced their concerns about what's going on in the world, they showed they were engaged and advocated and were committed. Whether or not an individual agreed with their concerns, they took a stand and we were impressed by that. If a group of students came with a different position on the conflict in Gaza or with concerns about another issue, I'd greet them with the same approach. It's part of what we do: we listen to students."

The students' three demands included reaching an agreement not to remove the De La Salle statue memorial during graduation ceremonies, disclosure of financial investments, and divestment from all corporations complicit in Israeli war crimes, as stated in the Student Power Coalition's Calls for Change. The negotiations involved all of the students who had engaged in the protests, a faculty witness, and senior representatives of the administration, including Cook.

"The negotiations were mostly straightforward," recalled Machnik. "The stickiest part was not what I expected. The college didn't want to leave up the memorial. I had expected the hardest part would be the divestment demand. But it was

important to have the memorial because up until that point, there had been no space created on campus to acknowledge the Palestinian lives lost. It was a space for Palestinian students to see their struggles reflected. We were told a number of things about why they would remove it. After an official announcement went out saying just that it would be removed, we were told they were worried it would get destroyed. Then that it would interfere with graduation photos."

Ultimately, discussions during the negotiations centered on erecting a more permanent memorial and led to a solution. "The temporary memorial was removed, but part of our agreement with administration is that we will work after commencement to create a more lasting, enduring memorial," said Machnik.

Cook says among the issues presented by the students were decisions the administration could make—such as planning a permanent memorial—and decisions about disclosures and divestitures that fell under the Board of Trustees purview. His primary objective and guiding principle during the discussion was to "be professorial," he said. "My job in the classroom is to learn from students and teach them at the same time. I'm not telling them what's right. My job as provost was to guide

them and help them to figure out where to take their concerns. If you want to memorialize the children killed in Gaza, what's the best way to do that? The discussion was like a seminar. From the first evening, the relationship with the students was open and collaborative."

Cook assured the students they would be able to meet with the board and present their requests for disclosure and divestment. "They understood the board would require a meeting before taking action and worked with me to bring a presentation to them that suggested the creation of a task force."

The task force will look at the investment portfolio with the initial purpose to make Saint Mary's social responsibility policy more transparent. It was created in the 1980s and guides the college's endowment investments. Cook said, "We thought it was great and we started with common ground, even on the things that weren't actionable immediately. I told the students that if at any point they didn't feel we were responsive, go back on strike. We weren't negotiating, we were working together to make the college a better place."

Machnik said the proposed task force will be made up of students, faculty, staff, administration, and a representative from the Board of Trustees. "We have assurances from the senior

provost that the board is open to granting full disclosure. We asked the task force review investments and work toward policies that address divesting of investments in violent and oppressive systems. To ensure their response to our requests isn't performative, the administration must continue to support our proposals. Divestment can't happen unless all parties remain committed and involved. I'm confident because the people in the negotiations were sympathetic to our position and there was a sense they wanted to work with us peacefully to resolve the issues."

Asked about reasons the demonstration at Saint Mary's avoided some of the pitfalls that occurred on other campuses, Cook mentions "not being a massive public university" and not having outside protesters who have initiated violent confrontations at other locations. "That engagement of our staff, faculty, and students was also different because we know each other. Our community is small: there wasn't a student I didn't recognize from some interaction I've had on campus. They asked how they could trust us and I said because you are our students. The last thing in the world we would do is stop paying attention to you. Our job is to listen to you, to make sure you're seen and heard."

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VISTAS and HUES, the Moraga Art Gallery's new exhibit, opening on June 5, pairs artists with contrasting styles but the same aesthetic message: Art is multi-dimensional. To celebrate the show's opening, the public is cordially invited to a free reception on Saturday, June 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery, 432 Center Street in Moraga's Rheem Shopping Center. Come to see the art, meet the artists, and in the congenial company of other art lovers, enjoy a glass of wine, light snacks, and live steel-drum Caribbean music played by Harry Best. For further information, visit www.moragaartgallery.com or call (925) 376-5407.

Music

Pacific Chamber Orchestra (PCO), Lawrence Kohl, Music Director, presents summer pops featuring the orchestra, PCO's 50 voice chorus, and star of stage and screen Franc D'Ambrosio Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church and Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, Livermore. Purchase tickets at PacificChamberOrchestra.org

Rock the Plaza Summer Concert Series. 3530 Plaza Way, Lafayette, (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. & Moraga Road). Bring a picnic, chairs or blanket. Bands perform 6-8 p.m. Friday June 7: Other People's Money; Friday June 14: Midnight Flyer; Friday June 21: Bay Bridge Beat and Friday June 28: Lamorinda Idol Finalists.

Free Summer Concert Series Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Moraga Commons Band Shell. June 13: East Bay Mudd - Classic Soul and R&B; June 20: Jazzphoria - Jazz Rhythm & Blues; June 27: Midnight Flyer - Eagles Tribute; July 4: House Rockers - Rock & Soul (7pm Concert); July 11: Mumbo Gumbo - Genre-bending Americana & Musical Stew; July 18: Steve Hanson & Carousel Cowboys - Modern Country; July 25: Purple Ones - Prince Tribute; Aug. 1: Native Elements - Reggae; Aug 8: Traveling Wilburys

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Sunday, June 9. The concert begins at 5 p.m., with gates opening at 3:30 p.m. Bruns Amphitheater, Cal Shakes, 100 California Shakespeare Theater Way, Orinda. Tickets: \$20 General, Students Free (must register at ticket site) Box Office: http://data.ypsomusic.org/tickets, (510)-849-9776, Concert info: www.ypsomusic.org/events

Barefoot Chamber Concerts presents 'Les Pièces de Violes avec la Basse Chifree par Mr. F.C.' on Monday, June 10, from 2 to 3 p.m., at Berkeley Piano Club, 2724 Haste Street, Berkeley. Francois Couperin's two famous Suites of Pieces de Violes, with some harpsichord music and some music for two viols alone. Cost: \$20. For more info see http://barefootchamberconcerts.com or call (510) 220-1195 or email info@barefootchamberconcerts.com.

Theatre

Orinda Starlight Village Players present Agatha Christie's Spiders Web, directed by Jill Gelster on Fridays and Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. through June 29, Sunday, June 23 at 4 p.m. and Thursday, June 27 at 8 p.m. Orinda Community Center Park Amphitheater www.orsvp.org, Tickets at Box Office or call (925) 528-9225 or email info@orsvp.org

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Literature

Join the Sweet Thursday Author Series on Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. in the Don Tatzin CH at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center to hear authors Brad Mangin and Brian Murphy discuss their book, 28: A Photographic Tribute to Buster Posey. This is a free event, but registration is required at Tinyurl.com/sweet-June2024. The doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and treats. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library.

Other

"Ritmo y Sabor: Bay Street Bites & Beats" June 7 through August 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. Alternate Fridays, Bay Street South Plaza, Emeryville. Delight your taste buds as cuisines of all types come together to offer an eclectic array of flavors. From savory to sweet, there's something for everyone.

Bayareacomics presents the Laugh-ayette Standup Comedy Showcase on Friday, June 28 at the Town Hall Theatre, Lafayette. Tickets available at: Bayareacomics.com

Opening Celebration of The Preston Memorial Fitness Zone on June 23 from noon to 3 p.m. The Preston Memorial Fitness Zone is 8 state-of-the-art pieces of outdoor exercise equipment, 2 of which are ADA compliant, located at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga, 2101 Camino Pablo. There will be music, hot dogs and burgers, beer, wine, soft drinks, and games for the kids.

Lamorinda Movers, a social organization for adults 55+, will have an event Monday, June 10 at the Serbian Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m.; a "welcome summer" menu, featuring bbq ribs and chicken, along with all the fixins', will begin at 5:45 p.m. Following dinner, local educator author, Dan Hanel, who writes the "In the Shadow of Diablo" series will be the special guest speaker. He will talk about his fourth book, "Beneath the Tangled Vines." \$40 for members, \$45 for guests. Reservations required; go to https://lamorindamovers.org/reservations to sign up.

Join Lamorinda Village and Lafayette Christian Church on Friday, June 7 for coffee on the front patio at 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette at 9:30 a.m. followed by a gentle walk on the Lafayette Moraga Trail next to the church. Parking at the church. Come out for exercise and socializing. Any questions--stephreilly345@gmail.com.

Garden

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its free monthly meeting on Monday June 10, at The Gardens at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a brief meeting, social time and an educational program, complimentary tea, coffee and snacks are available. 1540 Marchbanks Dr, Walnut Creek. Open to the public. Please visit: www.WalnutCreekGardenClub.org for more info.

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# LAMORINDA SPORTS

## Campolindo and Acalanes baseball make it to NCS Championship and Semi-Finals

By Jon Kingdon



Acalanes pitcher Henry Souza Photo Richard O'Rourke

With Acalanes making it into the semi-final round in the Division NCS championship against the first seeded Granada and Campolindo playing the second seeded San Marin after earning a spot in the

Division Three championship game for the second consecutive year, each team met a similar fate being shut out by 6-0 scores.

### CAMPOLINDO

In a game where they

could not afford to make mistakes; a hit batter, errors, walks and a balk saw the Cougars down 4-0 after four innings. Campolindo was two-hit by Sean McGrath, who was 11-1 for the season along with three future Division I college bound players on the roster.

Starting pitcher Joey Checchin's control was off, but did have four strike outs in three innings. "Joey just didn't have his best stuff today and wasn't around the zone as much as we would have liked," Head Coach Julian Fiammengo said.

After the game, Fiammengo spoke at length to the team "I just said I was proud of them, and they should be proud of themselves in the way they competed and to use this as motivation. We

have a lot of youth and can use the experience that we got and the confidence that we gained from our success as good things to use to look forward to try and get it done next year."

Senior Andy Moon appreciated what Fiammengo has brought to the team these past two seasons. "Coach really instilled in us a work ethic and we showed how long hours and hard work resulted in us in playing for championships," Moon said. "There was a real sense of togetherness on the team and that really resonated with me. I'm really proud of the guys and I think that they're going to do good things next year."

### ACALANES

The Dons (23-4) facing a Granada team that would ultimately win the

NorCal Div. 1 Championship, missed on an early opportunity to score first when they had the bases loaded with one out, but left the bases full. "Going into the game, our mindset was on winning, but we missed an early opportunity, and they took advantage of our mistakes," Hornsby said. "We're a small group in Division One, which makes it challenging but it does make us focus on the little things. Winning our first two games in the playoffs and playing in the D1 semi-final for the first time was a huge accomplishment and showed we had a pretty special group of players."

The Don's ERA dropped from 3.09 to 1.82 and Hornsby credited the entire team for the improvement. "The mentality of our pitchers was

great," he said. "The goal for our pitchers was to throw strikes early, get ahead in the count and force the batters to hit our pitches and let one of the best defenses in the district make the plays without which the team's ERA could have been two runs higher."

It was also the team's intangibles that led to the success of the team. "Our seniors saw what needed to be done for us to have a good run," Hornsby said. "We were a relentless team that had twelve come from behind wins this year," Hornsby said. "We're going to have a really young squad next year along with a strong group of leaders from our junior class that will take the torch from there and we're going to be pretty scrappy next year."

## Rogers and Schnayer finish first at state track meet

By Jon Kingdon



Photo Andy Lindquist

Campolindo Girls team at state meet from left: Nora Lawrence, Angie Tseng, Claire Andrezjek, Shea Volkmer, Pinkie Schnauer, Kate Kabenina, and Kiona McCasland

With exemplary performances by each of the Lamorinda track teams at the NCS Meet of Champions, each school was represented at the state meet in Clovis, California.

Acalanes' Trevor Rogers and Campolindo's Pinkie Schnayer had great capstones to their high school careers when Rogers finished first with a long jump of 24'3.75" and Schnayer won the shot put with a throw of 47'3.75".

In addition to Rogers, representing Acalanes, Paul Kuhner competed in the 100 and the 4x100 relay along with Rogers, Colin Glick, and Matthew Schwarz. Deonte Littlejohn finished in third in the discus and Natalie Lyons finished in ninth place with a long jump of 18'3".

Along with Schnayer, Campolindo's Shea Volkmer finished in eighth in the 3,200 meters and the 4x800 meter team of Kate Kabenina, Claire Andrezjek, Angele Tseng, and Kaitlyn Kinsey competed as well.

For Miramonte, se-

nior Addison Breitberg jumped 5'3" in the high jump, finishing in tenth, and sophomore Milla Ohrbach competed in the shot put.

The Meet of Champions the prior week saw many exemplary performances from the aforementioned athletes and many others despite not qualifying for the state meet.

### ACALANES

It all came together for Rogers this year. "Trevor has just been perfect all year in the long jump and he had the supreme confidence that he was going to win," Head Coach Joe Escobar said. "Being a senior and having committed to the University of California, Trevor was able to compete without thinking about anything other than track and all those things contributed to him jumping and just letting it rip."

The boys' 4x100 once again won at the MOC led off by Glick, Kuhner, Schwarz, and anchored by Rogers. "We're very proud of how much Colin's improved," Escobar said. "We put Paul second in the longest leg

to use his speed as long as possible to give Trevor a chance, if it was close, to slam the door. Though trailing when he got the hand off from Schwarz, Trevor pulled away in the last twenty meters and he just was not going to lose. There has been a special bond between Paul and Trevor, and it's been really incredible to watch their performances."

Kuhner finished second in the 100 meters, Rogers second in the 200 meters, and Logan Farzan finished sixth in 1,600 meters.

After Littlejohn won the discus at the DAL with a throw of 132 feet, Littlejohn threw it 157 feet at the Meet of Champions. "It's just obscene what Deonte has been able to do," coach Chris Clark said. "He is a fantastically gifted athlete that can do so many things with his speed, balance, and power and as a sophomore, he's just scratching the surface."

Escobar was excited about the boys team finishing in third overall. "I believe it's our best finish in the modern era and scored the highest

among the public schools. If you look at the enrollments of some of the schools we were in there against, it's just absolutely incredible how well our kids did."

Natalie Lyons made it to the state meet for the first time, winning with a long jump of 18'6". "Natalie broke her personal record at the right time," Escobar said.

Other girls who scored points were Haley Chelemedos who high jumped 5'2" to finish in fifth, Olivia Williams, who concluded her illustrious career as a distance runner finishing in sixth in the 1600 meters and fifth in the 3200 meters, and with a total of 14 points, the Acalanes girls finished in fourteenth.

In the unified events, the highlights were Bethel Imasuem finishing second in the shot put, Emma Cain finishing third in the long jump, and the 4x100 relay team of Alyvia Decredico, Emma Cain, Ainsley Dodge, and Charlotte Sunderland finishing in second and fifth at the state meet with Chloe Boyle substituting for Cain.

### CAMPOLINDO

The Cougars were once again led by the girls team, finishing in second led by Schnayer winning the shot and discus.

Schnayer, who also played football for Campolindo, began training

immediately after the football season concluded. "My football coaches were very hard on me as they were with everyone, and it gave me the mentality to work really hard wherever possible and I owe them for that because it's stuck with track as well," Schnayer said.

Junior Aislinn Comerford finished seventh in the shot and sixteenth in the discus at the MOC.

The girls 4x800 meter relay of Shea Volkmer, Kate Kabenina, Claire Andrezjek, and Kiona McCasland missed winning by .23 seconds. "This is only the second year that this race has been competed in at a state level event and we set a new school record by 16 seconds," assistant

coach Andy Lindquist said.

Volkmer also won the 1,600 meters and finished in second in the 3,200. Kabenina also earned points with a fourth place finish and Rachel Moen finished twelfth in the 3,200.

Two sophomores, Sierra Worster and Malik Li, finished ninth in the girls and boys pole vault, respectively. "Sierra and Malik both improved considerably and for both of them to make it to the Meet of Champions as sophomores was very impressive," Lindquist said.

### MIRAMONTE

Sophomore Milla Orbach qualified for the state meet by finishing third

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# Campolindo Football Hall of Fame inducts five

By Jon Kingdon



Photo Jon Kingdon

From left: Adam Resotto, Phillip Rei, Nick Fadelli, Dan Fadelli, and Anthony Fadelli

With a composite record of 118-21 and a state championship, the Campolindo Football Hall of Fame inducted five new members: the three Fadelli brothers, Anthony (WR/CB-2007-2008-first Team All League), Dan (WR/CB-2009-2011- second Team All-State), and Nick (RB/DB-2013-2014-first team All-State), Adam Remotto (RB/LB 2013-2014-All State-second team), and Phillip Rei (WR/DB -2011-2014-first team All D.F.A.L.).

For Phillip Rei, whose varsity record was 21-3, it all revolved around Head Coach Kevin Macy. "He's unlike anyone you'll ever meet," Rei said. "He's a champion of meritocracy in that everything you got, you earned. He could be hilarious but was unbelievably consistent and is the only

reason that there is a Campolindo Football Hall of Fame. He manages everything too, and doesn't really ask for anything in return."

Rei also acknowledged his receivers coach, Marc McGinn. "Coach Mc Ginn was the most knowledgeable receivers coach, with his own book on the art of receiving," Rei said. "The main lesson that I took from him is that everybody is better at one thing than everybody else. He always recognized that somebody was going to be better than you at something else and the best thing you can do is to observe that person at that one thing."

Rei, a real estate lawyer, still takes much from his experience at Campolindo: "As a team we had to go fight and claim it but not to be

cocky because there's an outer bound to the level of competence that we each have and try and recognize what that outer bound is and operate within that."

Adam Remotto was the Swiss army knife on the championship team, lining up all over on offense and linebacker on defense, who Macy called the "Funk Factor." "I was a running back, fullback, backup quarterback, wide receiver and tight end, and felt that I could basically play any position," Remotto said. It all came together in the team's state championship game in 2014 when Remotto caught 12 passes (2 td's), ran for 58 yards and returned a fumble 85 yards for the winning score.

For Remotto, Macy was more than just a coach. "Coach Macy's football acumen speaks for itself but it was how he could bring everyone together and shake them up into a good football team," Remotto said.

"Even after the season, it was also the help and guidance he gave. We learned to keep ourselves accountable, knowing that our actions could affect others and that gave us a different sense of responsibility."

At the dinner, Remotto spoke directly to the current players on the team. "Share these next six months with your teammates because you don't know how

quickly it goes by," Remotto said. "They are your closest friends and those bonds matter and you'll be rewarded for the rest of your life."

It was Anthony Fadelli that set the tone for his brothers. "I shared with them how tough it would be but also how easy it would be if they put in the hard work during the summer and that it would pay off in that their skills would be at the necessary level."

With his brothers and Remotto all working for Berkeley Cement, a company their grandfather started, Anthony still uses the lessons he learned from Macy. "Coach talked about the grit and tenacity you can take from football into your everyday life, all while having a good time," Anthony said. "It's absolutely essential that we create the team environment and it's one of the things we live by and that's what Campo was all about. Coach Macy is able to link a bunch of different characters to one common goal and that's what we try to do in our business."

For Nick Fadelli, the roots of Campolindo football were planted early in life. "It started for me at the Cougar football camps and going on to play for Coach Macy with his rituals and huge team bonding experiences," Nick said. "When Anthony was playing on the varsity, I

was a ball boy catching kicks before the game and it was really cool watching Anthony play from the sidelines and as a freshman I looked up to Dan who was a senior, seeing his work ethic and how he got his success which led into my career."

Besides his brothers, their father Ron, (Class of 1979-All-F.A.L.-football, basketball, baseball) laid the groundwork for Nick. "I worked out very hard for him in the offseason, running 200 meter sprints with him telling me how much I was going to appreciate this at some point, and that point came when I made a long kickoff return in the championship game that put El Capitan back

on their heels."

As with all the inductees, Nick carries the lessons he learned to Berkeley Cement. "I still maintain the discipline I learned from the team," Nick said. "There was no messing around and if one guy was slacking, we would get on him and that's carried over into my job because I'm in the office from 4:45 in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon and it takes a lot of discipline to do that. Our attitude was to play like it was our last game and I continue to apply that where I try to give everything I can each day because I just want to get to the next day and do it again and progressively get better."

## Track meet

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in shot put and senior Addison Braitberg finished in third in the high jump, together scoring 13 points for the Miramonte girls' team. Alex McManamon finished fifth in the triple jump and fourth in the high jump, earning 3.75 points for the boys' team.

Orbach and Braitberg are only in their second year in competing in track. "We were very excited about the performance of our athletes," Assistant Coach Joy Braitberg said. "Ad-

dison trained really hard and showed an innate ability to take directions from her coach, Bill Owen, and he was able to make the appropriate corrections with each jump that Addison and Alex made."

With natural strength, Orbach brought a good work ethic and a desire to get better to the team. "Milla's coach Tyler Howe has been really great at seeing what she did not get just right which allowed her to show a great deal of improvement."

## 11U Moraga Mavericks Win 680 Tournament

Submitted by Casey Sproul



Photo provided

Top row: Lukas Garcia, Brendan Sproul, Coach Bob Ralston, Cameron Novak, Jaylen Delos Reyes, Jordan Bueno, Garin Luster; Front row: Conner Chaffin, Wells Colhoun, Ryan Lee, Lucas Freeman  
Not pictured: William Andrews

The 11U Moraga Mavericks, made up of fifth graders from Moraga, began their Spring Season in March and finished May 18-19 in the 680 Tournament at Wagner Ranch Elementary School. On Sunday May 19, the 11U Moraga Mavericks became the 680 league tournament champions. The 11U Mavericks had an incredible season, going 20-0 in their league and 680 tournament play. They are only the 3rd team in the history of the 680 league to complete an undefeated season. They are looking forward to continuing as they play some summer ball tournaments together.

## Cal Bears Win Pinto Moraga Baseball Championship

Submitted by Casey Sproul



Photo provided

Back row: Coach Andrew Sproul, Coach Chad Hamilton, Coach Mike Gorman; Front row: Eli Li, Mikey Christensen, Dillon Sproul, Will Sproul, Kaelen Kitahara, Jack Hamilton, Grant Hemkin, Carter Gorman, Miles Larson, Cooper Christopoulos; Not pictured: Justin Kidd

On Saturday May 18 the Moraga Baseball Association hosted the Pinto Championship at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School. It was a day full of lots of baseball! And also lots of fun and community as many friends and fellow ballplayers came out to watch the event. The Pinto Cal Bears won 13-12 in a very exciting, back and forth Championship game. The Pinto Cal team is first-third graders from Moraga.



## Moraga Blue Team defeated Piedmont Gators

Submitted by Annie Browne

The Moraga baseball Bronco Division Moraga Blue Team Morindamonte League defeating on May 19 the Piedmont Gators at Coaches Field in Piedmont 15-14.

From left: Tripp Browne, Matthew Bruno, Matthew Finley, Brendan Conneely, Jameson Prast, Henry Tuft, Carter Greenlee, Everett Fieser, Robbie Simpkins, Nils Johnson; coaches: Andrew Tuft, Rick Browne, Matt Finley; not pictured: coach Joey Prast

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## 4th Grade Girls Volleyball - MISSION BEACH

(Front Row L to R): Coach Matti Sena, Harriet McCann, Eva Bycel, Avery Quist, Emilie Fratarcangeli, Ariana Falatoonzadeh. (Back Row L to R): Coach Jill Taylor, Alice Bonfa, Lena Taylor, Olivia Castille, Anna Stefanitsis, Audrey Bowers, Coach Sarah Bowers.



## 5th Grade Girls Volleyball - NEPTUNE BEACH

(Front Row L to R): Veronica Harrell, Veda Rajaraman, Ashley Sidenzol, Mila Lavrinets, Paige McPhaden. (Middle Row L to R): Avril White, Reina Gardner, Gigi Feusier, Penelope Crist, Millie McCashin, Brooklyn Bishop. (Coaches Row L to R): Katie White, Jennie Bishop, Chitra Balasubramanian.



## 6th Grade Girls Volleyball - MYRTLE BEACH

(Front Row L to R): Addison Leo, Mia Jenkins, Olivia Milazzo, Paige Steger. (Back Row L to R): Coach Dina Milazzo, Liliana Schnurr, Eliana Pezel, Emma Gilette, Avelina Boeing, Heyab Ocbai, Darby Strottman, Co-Coach Andrea Leo.



## 7th/8th Grade Girls Volleyball - HAWAII

(Front Row L to R): Quinn Sousa, Ilinca Galatanu. (Back Row L to R): Trainer Calla Garrett, Head Coach Jamie McGinley, Stella Champion, Eva McGinley, Lainey Laws, Miller Dimick, Cassidy Reid, Zara Batra, Sylvie DuBois, Coach Scott Champion. (Not pictured): Noelle Dobies.



## 3rd/4th Grade Boys Baseball - IRON PIGS

(Front Row L to R): Coach Mike Wade, Nick Sedighi, Tyken Morse, Brendan Bono, Connor Wolfman, Lachlan Kelly, Jake Wade, Hugo Hill, Manager Erin Cox. (Back Row L to R): Coach Mick Cox, Eli Cox, Coach Tommy Wolfman. (Not pictured): Elisha (Jojo) Savinovich.



## 5th-8th Grade Boys Baseball - IRON PIGS

(Front Row L to R): Kai Moreno, Marshall Dimitruk, Tyler Ilhan, Liev Staino, Jackson Greer, Owen Delaney, Santiago Amaya, Calvin Wright. (Back Row L to R): Coach Sean Greer, Daniel Batton. (Not pictured): Will Kelly, Rylan Quan.



## 10U Girls Softball - OREGON

(Players L to R): Stella Long, Ella Drevno, Mikaela White, Quinn Stevens, Claire Young, Emma Graviano, Cecilia Moore, Addison Siu, Whitney Yang, Sadie Bond. (Coaches L to R): Riley Long, Joe White, Dan Graviano, Peter Drevno. (Not pictured): Joe Young.



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## Remebering the gifts of May and looking forward to June

By Toris Jaeger, Naturalist

We celebrated Mother's Day, witnessed the explosion of the wildflowers, the presence of the pollinators and the nesting of the birds.

I celebrated my Mother and all of my women ancestors.

As we leave Spring behind and move into the Summer Solstice, let's not to forget to clean out nest boxes you have provided.

Make sure that the cavity nesting birds have fledged and then you can clean out boxes for next year's birds.

Usually just washing out the boxes with soap and water is enough.

May and June are prime months for removing the non-native invasive plants before they go to seed.

The list is : great reed, pampas grass, cotoneaster, scotch broom, blue gum, spurge, fennel, fresh broom, ivy, Monterey pine, blackberry, vinca, Chinese palsy ,non-native thistle.

Happy weeding by pulling by the root.



Photo Toris Jaeger

## MKB Artists Exhibit at Orinda Books

Submitted by Carol Irwin



Photo Carol Irwin

**Marianne K. Brown (1928-2020), teacher and mentor for local art group MKB Artists.**

The art work of Marianne K. Brown (MKB) Artists will be exhibited at Orinda Books during the month of June. The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception at the bookstore (276 Village Square, Orinda) on Saturday, June 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Marianne K. Brown was a resident of Moraga and taught watercolor painting in the Lamorinda community for 48 years. MKB Artists are 12 of her students who have continued to collaborate since their mentor's death in 2020. They meet weekly to share and critique their own art in the spirit of Marianne. Her persona and techniques thread through their creative processes and bind them together in their love for art and for their mentor.

As an artist, Marianne exhibited her work and won awards locally and nationally. While most of her work is abstract or non-objective, and was created using watercolor, she taught her students many different art styles and media types, including wa-

tercolor, pastels, gouache, monotype, and collage. Her great gift was helping painters loosen up and find their own expression.

In Marianne's words, "In some ways, age opens doors. I have been teaching for over 40 years and have never repeated a lesson. Most of my ideas come from my imagination - I just keep getting new ideas of how to use watercolor and subject matter. The ideas arise day and night, and then I can't wait to see how they will look on paper. My message to my students is to have fun; we have to have fun or we won't do it. I'm also learning something new every time. We always teach what we need to learn."

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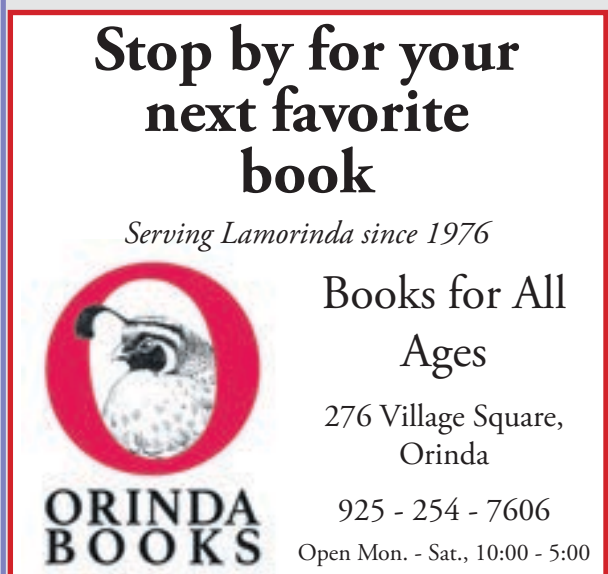
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# OUR HOMES

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Plant poetry

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## Councils receive updates on Home Insurance situation

By Lou Fancher

Northern California Outreach Manager Lisa Strange, in presenting the Lafayette City Council with an update on insurance reform from Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, began by explaining the wide scope of the department's role—and emphasized one crucial limitation.

“The Department of Insurance is the consumer protection agency for the nation's largest insurance marketplace, so all of our functions, including overseeing insurer solvency, licensing agents and brokers, resolving consumer complaints, and investigating and prosecuting insurance fraud are to protect consumers. However, it's important for me to point out one thing we cannot do, which is to require or compel insurance companies to sell insurance to a particular person or community.”

State Farm General's recent announcement that they would not be renewing approximately 30,000 homeowners' policies in the State raises serious questions about the company's financial situation, among other concerns. Strange said the California insurance department has been working with State Farm's home company in Illinois to get a picture of the company's financial profile and plans for improvement. Strange said homeowners receiving notices of non-renewal will have time to replace coverage and the department will assist



with any cases in which a 75-day replacement allowance is not provided by a company canceling or not renewing coverage.

There is wide public awareness that the insurance market is facing unusual pressure as inflation impacts the costs of rebuilding, and increased environmental risks such as wildfires and floods cause companies to restrict coverage areas. According to Strange, 12 insurance groups cover 85% of the homeowners market in California.

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Photo Sora O'Doherty

A standing-room-only crowd showed up to hear Deputy Insurance Commissioner Julia Juarez address the home insurance non-renewal crisis at a town hall put on by the City of Orinda on Wed. May 29. Juarez offered hope that the crisis would diminish as the Department of Insurance has been directed to take actions by the end of the year which she hopes will allow insurers to re-enter markets from which they have withdrawn soon. She addressed the history of the insurance crisis in California, linking it to the adoption by California voters of Proposition 103 in 1988, in response to rising auto insurance rates. She also suggested that homeowners who find themselves in immediate need of home insurance might consider turning to non-admitted insurers, who sell policies that aren't backed by the state but are required to demonstrate their financial stability, reputation, and integrity and to adhere to specific solvency standards established under the California Insurance Code. A video of the town hall and the Commissioner's PowerPoint presentation are available on the City of Orinda's website: <https://www.cityoforinda.org/> -S. O'Doherty



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## Lamorinda home sales recorded

City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	9	\$1,400,000	\$3,675,000
MORAGA	2	\$1,925,000	\$2,695,000
ORINDA	4	\$1,350,000	\$2,500,000

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### LAFAYETTE

26 Hidden Valley Road, \$2,060,000, 3 Bdrms, 2180 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 04-26-24,  
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1985 Marion Court, \$3,675,000, 5 Bdrms, 4206 SqFt, 2001 YrBlt, 04-26-24,  
Previous Sale: \$2,219,000, 04-21-14  
501 McBride Drive, \$2,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 2880 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 04-22-24,  
Previous Sale: \$1,025,000, 04-14-11  
1065 Orchard Road, \$1,400,000, 4 Bdrms, 1688 SqFt, 1931 YrBlt, 04-22-24,  
Previous Sale: \$180,000, 05-01-90  
827 Rosedale Avenue, \$1,630,000, 3 Bdrms, 1471 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 04-24-24  
730 Tanglewood Lane, \$2,555,000, 5 Bdrms, 2761 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 04-23-24,  
Previous Sale: \$900,000, 04-09-02  
1749 Toyon Road, \$1,700,000, 3 Bdrms, 1877 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 04-25-24  
974 Victoria Court, \$2,700,000, 3 Bdrms, 2130 SqFt, 1946 YrBlt, 04-23-24,  
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95 Woodbury Highlands Court #21, \$2,253,000, 3 Bdrms, 2732 SqFt,  
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7 Louise Court, \$1,925,000, 4 Bdrms, 1858 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 04-23-24  
68 Sanders Ranch Road, \$2,695,000, 5 Bdrms, 3509 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 04-23-24,  
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141 Fiesta Circle, \$1,350,000, 3 Bdrms, 1392 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 04-26-24,  
Previous Sale: \$90,000, 10-01-77  
8 Hidden Lane, \$1,980,000, 5 Bdrms, 3695 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 04-22-24,  
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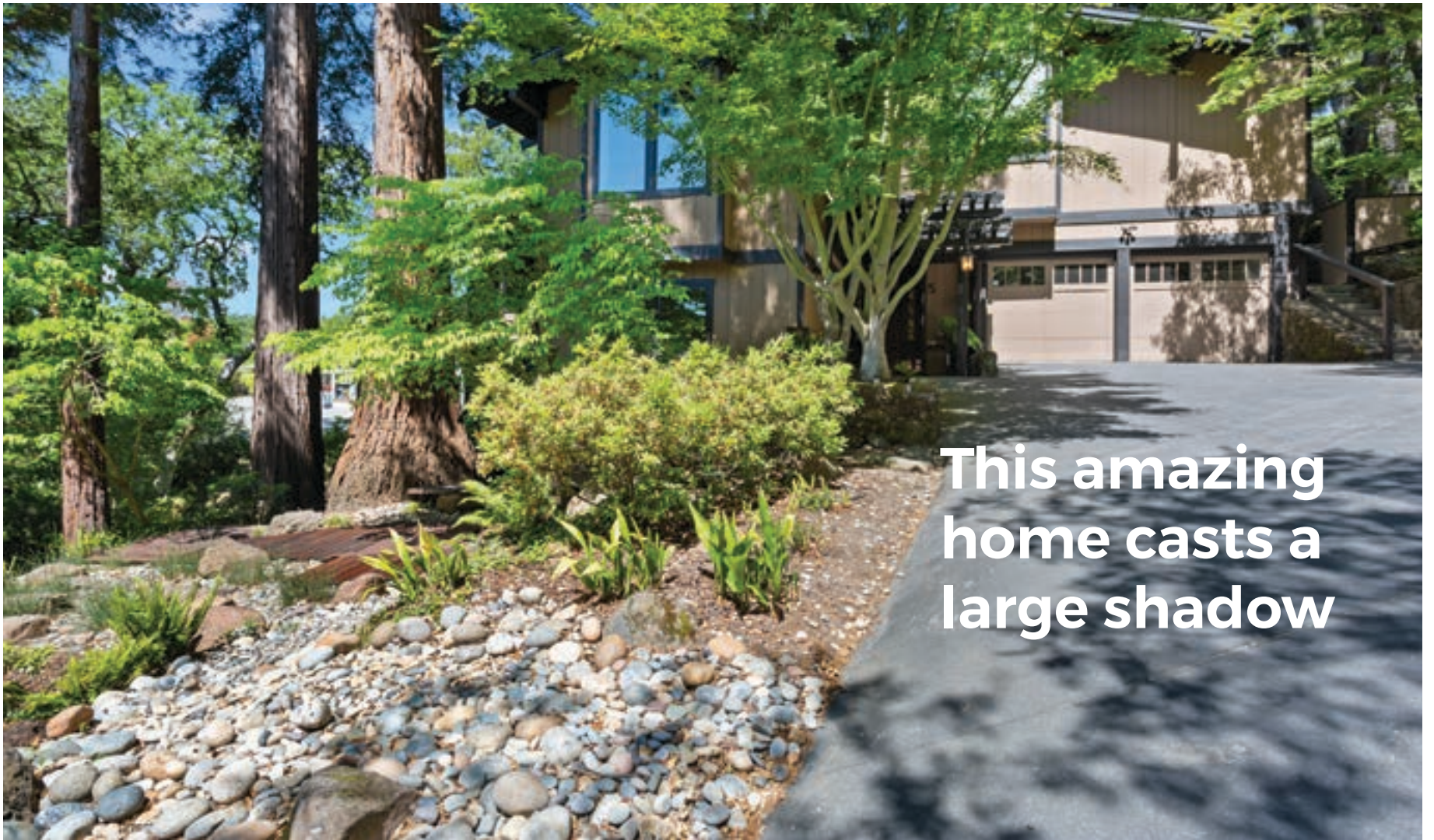


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## Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

# Plant Poetry

By Cynthia Brian



View of the meadow garden after weeding.

Photos Cynthia Brian

*“Once the relation between poetry and the soil is established in the mind, all growing things are endowed with more than material beauty.” Elizabeth Lawrence*

Have you ever wandered your garden and realized the growing landscape is poetry in motion? As you’ve read in my recent columns, I have been occupied with aggressive hand-weeding on my land these past several months. Under the masses of foxtails, thistles, spurge, bindweed, black medic, pelargonium robertianum, hemlock, and wild grasses, fields of flowers awaited the sunshine. With only three garden rooms left in my quest to purge the pernicious invaders, my first round of weeding is almost at an end.

The plant poetry has begun. My orchard meadow is glorious with swaths of wildflowers, including golden poppies, sprouted seeds of calendula, nigella, seafoam statice, nasturtiums, blooming cornflowers, iris, geranium, roses, chamomile, lilies, acanthus, strawberry, bougainvillea, and more. My orchard is brim-

ming with fruit trees that will ripen throughout the season. Apricots, cherries, peaches, plums, prunes, mulberries, apples, Asian Pears, elderberries, persimmons, pomegranates, guavas, loquats, figs, and vines of grapes provide edible delights for our household and the wildlife who frequent the meadow. I recently planted a banana tree and two avocados, keeping my fingers crossed that they will bear fruit in a few years. Footsteps away is my citrus grove, with tangerines, oranges, tangelos, lemons, and kumquats. The hillside is a vibrant, pollinator paradise. Bees and bumblebees especially favor the blue nigella, buzzing from blossom to blossom, savoring the sweet nectar. Butterflies and birds flutter and fly through this heavenly fragrant celebration of color, scale, and texture. When I view photos from a month ago -- when this area was blanketed in suffocating weeds -- I am grateful for the miracle of nature, this poetic painting abundant with stunning flowers.

The paths are filled with gravel and lined with recycled redwood planks rescued from a

renewed deck -- both a clever, sustainable, and frugal option. Like the balance of a colorful poem, this design is wild yet civilized, celebrating the quirks of nature.

Another poetic surprise in my garden this week was the blooming of my cordyline, also known as the Ti plant. One day when I went out for my daily garden walk, iridescent shoots had sprung out of the top of this good-luck tree, glittering in the morning sun. I also harvested the first of my zucchini, which was exciting because last summer my plants were eaten by critters. Cascading over the raised bed in my vegetable garden, edible and tangy nasturtium in red, yellow, and orange shades reminds me of my Nonna’s garden. Not to be outdone, my Bonica rose bush drapes over the mailbox with voluminous baby pink blooms flanked by fluorescent fuchsia corn flags, creating a mesmerizing entrance.

Each day promises something new and exciting. Plant poetry is indeed endowed with more than material beauty.



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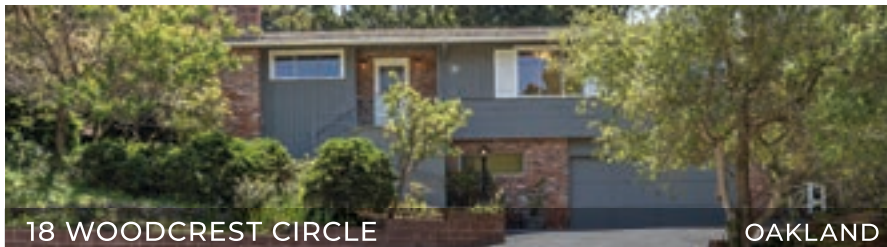


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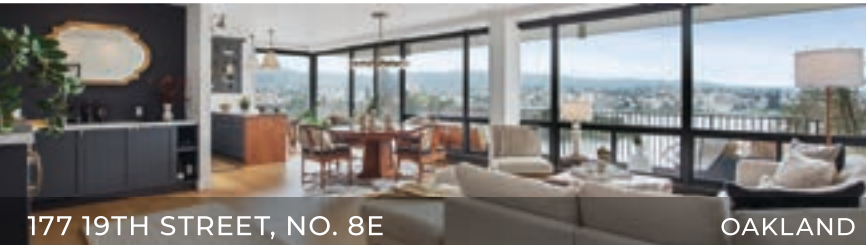
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# Councils receive updates on Home Insurance situation

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Of those 12, seven insurance companies have paused or restricted new business since 2022, despite approved rate increases that might, at other times, have mitigated the need for cautionary measures. The state's FAIR Plan, originally designed as "last resort" coverage, has become first resort for more of the market; in part because commercial insurance companies can legally refuse to write policies unless they can cover 100% of the consumer claims, cover their own expenses, and earn a fair return.

Strange reviewed the new regulations approved in October 2022 and implemented in 2023 that include a wildfire framework to reduce wildfire risk for homeowners to follow. The three-step system protects properties and provides consumers with insurance discounts and access to their risk ratings. Wildfire safety actions begin with common measures such as having an Class A

fire-rated roof, enclosed eaves, a 5-foot ember-resistant zone around all buildings, and other measures. Protection extends to trimming trees and clearing vegetation and debris within five feet of any buildings being evaluated. Obtaining community-level rate reductions applied to entire neighborhoods or areas means having an approved Firewise USA site or other local safe space designation.

With the new regulations coming -- a result of the department's California Sustainable Insurance Strategy that implements major reforms in accordance with Governor Gavin Newsom's executive order -- the FAIR plan will expand. "They have actually offered up to a 10% discount on policies in participating Firewise communities since May of 2018," said Strange. "Now, with this regulation, they are offering two more partnering discounts. One for step one, which was protecting your structure, and another for protecting the immediate sur-

roundings of the dwelling." When applied, the discounts could reduce the wildfire portion of a policy by 14.5%. The discounts also extend to HOAs, and several commercial categories.

Other details of the new regulations involve consumers' right to receive and contest risk rating scores, executive action reforms such as increasing the number of policies insurance companies are required to offer in high-wildfire risk areas, protection from consumers having to pay for global catastrophes, updates to the models used for determining appropriately priced rates, and more.

Strange said the department has an online tool to help homeowners and other residential property owners find insurance companies. Included in the "top ten tips" are links to resources and contact numbers. A consumer hotline for information about filing complaints (1-800-927-4357) and a live chat feature provide opportunity for con-

sumer questions.

Council asked Strange about the timing for insurance companies expressing intentions to resume writing policies. She said the department is scheduled to compete its reforms by December and an agreement included will mean companies will be implementing the changes within the months following. Efforts to streamline the process and allow for faster approvals for rating plans have been workshopped, but the timing for full implementation is partially dependent on the companies and, therefore, is difficult to forecast. Strange said companies are under no obligation to wait until all of the regulations are implemented and can begin to write new policies at any time at their own discretion. The council received the update and urged Strange and the department to move forward quickly on this issue vital to Lafayette residents and property owners.



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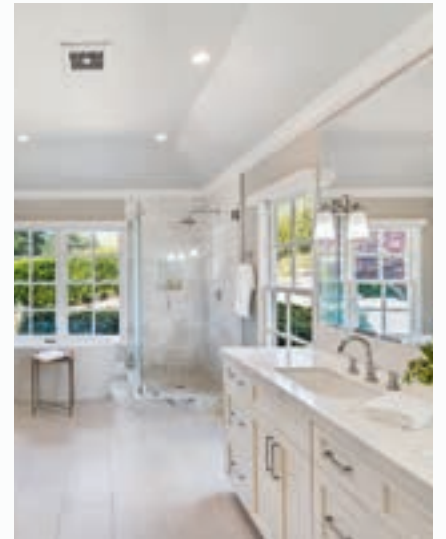
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## Cynthia Brian's Goddess Gardener Guide for June

It is time to remove the dried leaves from daffodils, naked ladies, woodland hyacinths, freesias, and other spring-blooming bulbs. A quick tug of the dried leaves is all you need to do. If you must pull hard, the leaves are not ready to be removed. I know they look unsightly in your garden, but if you remove the leaves before they have had the chance to provide nutrients to the bulb you won't have any flowers next spring.

Apply snail bait to plants susceptible to snail and slug damage. They come out of hiding at night to nibble your new shoots and because of the rains are an abundant nuisance.

Monitor water needs for your landscape. Water infrequently but deeply. Containers lose moisture more quickly and will need additional attention.

Clean and arrange patio furniture, pads, and outdoor gear. With summer on the horizon, get prepared to party.

Plant summer-blooming bulbs and scatter seeds to surprise you with their brilliance.

Deadhead rose blossoms as they fade to keep your bushes healthy and blooming until the end of the year. I have over 200 rose bushes and deadheading is a daily chore, albeit one that yields huge rewards. Wear protective gloves!

If you haven't finished cutting tall grass, clearing debris, maintaining a fuel break, and preparing for wildfires, do it this week. Be vigilant and a good neighbor!

Create a vibrant garden masterpiece in your backyard with prolonged performance perennials and annuals available at your favorite nursery.

Celebrate graduations, birthdays, Father's Day, and more with a kaleidoscope of plant poetry.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy June!



Before weeding only a few plants can be seen in the meadow.



View of the meadow garden after weeding.



Bumblebees on the blue nigella.



Cordyline blooms.



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**66 Van Ripper Ln, Orinda**

4 Bd + Office | 3.5 Ba | 3031 Sqft | \$2,895,000

This Sleepy hollow gem features 4 bd + office/ 3.5 ba on a rare, flat lot w/ a beautiful view!



**19 Las Piedras, Orinda**

5 Bd | 3 Ba | 3817 Sqft | \$2,249,000

Orinda hillside sensation in the El Toyonal neighborhood showcases awe-inspiring panoramic views as far as the Carquinez Straits.



**14 Washington Ln, Orinda**

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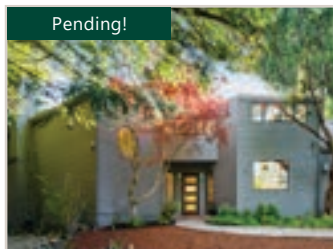
Newly renovated 4bd/ 2.5ba mid-century home in the heart of desirable Sleepy Hollow fits an open floor plan w/ a flat yard & pool!



**90 Meadow View Rd, Orinda**

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