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“I Am Your Father” zucchini racer squashes the competition on Fathers’ Day

By Sora O'Doherty

A sunny Fathers' Day at the Moraga Farmers Market saw a zucchini car named for an infamous father win a \$100 "most creative" prize as the Zucchini Car Races returned to the market on Sunday June 16. Their car was called "I Am Your Father," after the Darth Vader character in the Star Wars movie series.

The first place winners took home a \$200 cash award for their car, "The California" constructed from a zucchini and deemed the fastest race winner of the day. Another two entries, "Zoe" and "LYZOO2"

were also deemed most creative winners and took home \$100 each. The four winners ranged from ages four to 12.

Dozens of zucchini cars zoomed down the track to the finish line. Some didn't quite make it, others smashed through the ping pong net barrier erected to protect the crowd of spectators.

Competitors were able to build their own zucchini race cars at the pit stop set up by the market and test them out on the track. The market provided

all the materials for wheels and decorations.

The rule provided that zucchini cars could not be wider than 6.5 inches with wheels or longer than 16 inches. No weights or motorized devices were allowed, and the axles of the car were required to go through the zucchini. All of the zucchini had to be farm fresh from the farmers' market or locally grown. Competitors were allowed to bring zucchini cars constructed at home also.

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First of July ban on gas leaf blowers powering e-device education push

By David Scholz



Photo David Scholz

Dorothy Walker uses a handheld e-leaf blower to clear leaves on the road across from her Lafayette home. She checked out the device from the City's Parks and Recreation Department through its leaf blower loaner program that is available to citizens to try out handheld and back-pack e-devices.

As residents prepare for the looming July 1 ban on gas powered leaf blowers in the City of Lafayette, an increasing number have been readying for the change by taking out electric models for test drives around their residences.

Among them is Dorothy Walker, who recently checked out the handheld e-leaf blower to gauge its effectiveness around her yard as well as for clearing street in

front of her of Yorkshire Court residence.

Recreation Manager John Warshaw, with the city's Parks and Recreation Department, noted there's been an uptick interest in the leaf blower loaner program, which allows for a two-week check out period, since it was initiated last October to help residents transition to the new city law regulating leaf blowers in the community.

As of the close of mid June, Warshaw noted there has been 25 applications tallied for borrowing four handheld e-leaf blowers, while the one available backpack leaf blower, mostly being checked out by residents for their hired landscape crews to try out, has had 20 applications.

Before Walker started signing out e-handheld leaf blowers through the program, a rake has long been her tool of choice with four large oaks in her backyard.

"These blowers are easy to use and the battery is easy to install after charging. Initially I had trouble disengaging the battery from the charger, but after I pushed the right button hard enough it was no problem," said Walker, who has since checked out the handheld unit several times. ... continued on Page 2

App helps EV owners to save money and help environment while charging at home

By Elaine Borden Chandler

For electric car and other EV owners in Lafayette and Moraga, there is an app that can help them to save money and use clean energy. Released by Marin Clean Energy (MCE) and ev.energy in 2022, the app is called "MCE Sync". It works by automatically charging cars during the hours when electricity is cheapest and when the energy is most green. Because demand for electricity is lower at night, prices for electricity are lower as well. Instead of having the vehicle begin charging as soon as it is plugged in, MCE Sync regulates the timing of charging to take advantage of times when electricity is less expensive.

MCE Sync has a list of ranked priorities, some of which are decided by the EV owner, that it uses to guide how it charges the EV. These priorities in descending order are: charging the EV by the owner's chosen "get ready" time, charging the EV from the grid at the cheapest times to reduce electricity



Photo Elaine Borden Chandler

Ahmed Shiblin looks at his car's charging patterns on the MCE Sync app.

costs, charging when there is less demand on the grid, and charging when grid energy is greenest. ... continued on Page 9

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Council solidifies next fiscal year's priorities

By Lou Fancher

City Manager Nirop Srivatsa, provided council at the June 10 meeting with an introductory review of the council's and the city staff's work-to-date on the plans for fiscal year 24-25, which begins in July.

In March 2024, the Council had held a special workshop to review the status of current work plans priorities, hear a presentation on the city's finances and staff capacity, and set three priorities for the

next fiscal year. The priorities were identified to be: developing a fiscal sustainability plan for short- and long-term needs; defining wildfire prevention, preparedness, and responsiveness and utility safety; and completing the downtown/Mt. Diablo Corridor enhancement plan.

Staff in March 2024 then clarified the necessary tasks and considered the priorities of the council. They reviewed the work plans in light of current staffing shortages and projected budget deficits to identify delays that might be necessary due to the considerable obstacles and established timelines.

In the council's discussion at the meeting, most of the focus was on issues related to the Mount Diablo corridor

and the concerns about staffing, funding, and timing that might be challenged by actually meeting the current deadlines.

Council Member John McCormick highlighted the schedule for completing the downtown design standards in particular, suggesting the September deadline was surprising and seemed too soon. Planning and Building Director Greg Wolff responded, saying, "You're right, it is a short overall time frame. The initial, Phase One objective standards took 10 months, but that was at a slower cadence." He said that because the housing element is critical and approval of the design standards is a required step towards completing it, the process is being streamlined. Council will

have the option to accept any changes made to the design plan draft or to further the discussion before formal adoption. Joint sessions held with referral bodies involved in the process would help to expedite the process, Wolff added.

Asked by council member Susan Candell about criticism that the city's point system design standards were not robust enough, Wolff said the objective standards could be revised to require development projects to achieve more stringent, clear standards. Wolff suggested that including examples, such as listing specific lighting or material requirements on a property, would be possible. The council agreed specificity would be better or could be added to supplement and improve upon the current points

system. Wolff said more information is readily available than when the first drafts were written, and it would be possible to implement more detail in the standards.

Council member Carl Anduri asked about the reality of completing this and other work plans under the city's three priorities, especially the plans related to downtown development along the Mount Diablo Corridor. He emphasized the importance of the multi-modality planning aimed at reducing the number of vehicles in the downtown core and the traffic impact it introduces. Projections show current housing development in Lafayette—if all the potential units are built—will double the number of people living in the downtown.

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Ban on gas leaf blowers

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"I want to thank Sustainable Lafayette for making the blowers available to the community," she said.

While noting little likelihood of a purchase, especially if she can just keep checking out a hand-held device from the city, Walker acknowledged the clear benefits it affords to make easy work of blowing leaves for her composting.

But, considering the small size of her lot, that factor outweighs such an acquisition. What a person wants to use an e-leaf

blower for and the size of their property are factors Walker said make each purchase very unique.

The general feedback received by Warshaw's staff about the e-leaf blowers has been favorable. While some residents have voiced concerns over battery life to adequately do the job compared to gas-powered, and that the handheld is a little too small for a big property, others who share a landscape crew for their residences have been proactive and have already begun adapting, including having batteries kept on chargers. Crews themselves are also bringing more chargers to job sites in anticipation of the need.

Right now, Warshaw does not foresee the loaner program sunseting any time soon; there will

continue to be an opportunity for residents like Walker to continue checking out the devices.

Community outcry was the impetus for moving forward with the ban in the first place a few years back.

"Many Lafayette residents during the Covid years were working from home and they were complaining that the leaf blowers (they were hearing) were extremely noisy," said Lafayette Vice Mayor Wei-Tai Kwok.

So the matter was handed to the city's Environmental Task Force to pursue. The panel did extensive research into the transition from gas-powered leaf blowers and what have been the best practices, including going to nearby Piedmont to check out its equipment.

Kwok noted this is not a new issue in some regions of California, including Los Angeles in Southern California, to transition away from gas-powered leaf blowers. But Lafayette does represent the first city in Contra Costa County to move forward with a ban.

Because it is the residents who will be subject to fines, the vice mayor said it will behoove them to educate their landscapers and gardeners that the gas-powered equipment will not be permitted effective July one.

"Like any code enforcement, we are leading with education, and we hope the community will come along," said Kwok. "Most people will."

But after a couple of times being warned, Kwok acknowledged there will come a point when a ticket will be issued for repeated transgressions. The city will enforce this regulation on a complaint-driven basis. To report a violation, visit www.lovelafayette.org/city-hall/city-departments/code-enforcement/code-enforcement-request-form. Scofflaws are subject to standard administrative citations that start at \$100 for the first violation and will increase to \$200 for a second violation. Each additional violation within a year can see the individual fines go to \$500, and potentially climb as high as \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.

The municipal code includes some discretion for the code enforcement officer to impose an administrative penalty in some lesser amounts. Those factors include: frequency, reoccurrence and number of violations; the duration of and seriousness of the violation; good faith efforts of the violator to come in compliance; financial impact on the individual; and the impact of the violation on the community.

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Summer fun 101

By Lou Fancher



Photo Sora O'Doherty

During summer months, family-friendly fun and fantastic food have happy collisions all along Mt. Diablo Boulevard. And while most residents know and visitors soon discover Lafayette's 16 miles of hiking trails and plentiful green spaces found in accessible neighborhood and community parks and at the city's iconic Lafayette Reservoir area, it's also surprisingly simple to satisfy all the usual summer yearnings within even the downtown core.

A good place to start an expedition is Lafayette Plaza, where a lush carpet of grass and comfortable seating allows kids to cartwheel and cavort, while adults catch up on friends' latest news or make new acquaintances. After the kids have burnt off some energy, bounce up the boulevard to The Hideout Kitchen and Cafe, which recently moved into the space formerly occupied by Cooperage restaurant, which has moved to Walnut Creek.

While the interior space is noteworthy, opt for outdoor seating and consider popular items like the Wafflesandwich that wedges country fried steak, cheddar, and eggs between two waffles before dousing it with sausage gravy, butter, and powdered sugar. If waffles aren't wanted, the menu extends far beyond into delicious sharable starters, classic America and Filipino main dishes, and salads that include the Harvest Bowl and The Lafayette, a blend of greens, berries, bulgarian feta, cherry tomato, cucumber, croutons, toasted almonds, and balsamic vinaigrette dressing. Bringing the family pup is kosher too -- the outdoor patio is dog-friendly. hideoutkitchen.com

Having savored new treats at the Hideout, nostalgia might hit and for that—a visit to Zoonie's Candy Shop is in order. Located in the same space where the former Powell's operated, new owners bought the sweets shop in 2019. Inside, explore classic and novelty candies—Zotz Fizz, SloPokes, Zagnut and Yoo-hoo candy bars, Gob stoppers, Botlecaps, a plethora of gummy candies and Jelly Belly jelly beans, and so much more. The gelato and specialty chocolate items (the peanut butter cups beat Reese's every time) appeal to the most discerning sweet imbibers, but no one needs to leave empty handed. Even for the non-hungry, there's a lineup of gag-to-great gifts at low enough prices to fit the budget. zoonie's-candy.com

For many folks, a sense of belonging comes not from shopping but from being invested in and involved with the community. The Mt. Diablo corridor steps up for these worthy seekers, with options such as joining a book club at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, visiting the Lafayette Community Garden to learn about their programs and fill out an application form to become a member in 2025 (the garden has reached full membership capacity for 2024), or fulfilling a civic mission by investigating the city's Creeks Committee that works to spread awareness about creek maintenance and pollution prevention. According to the city's website, the current creek committee has one member vacancy and two individuals whose terms expire in June of 2024. llcd.org, lafayettecommunitygarden.org, www.lovelafayette.org/city-hall/city-departments/public-works/creeks.

Spinning back toward ground zero, the beer garden at Headlands Brewing entices walkers-by to bench themselves or find a shady spot at a communal table. Order a Diablo Double IPA, Pt. Bonita Pilsner or any of the drink menu's small batch and guest beers, wine, cider, non-alcohol adult drinks, and kid's drinks. headlandsbrewing.com

Finally, returning to the corner of Moraga Road and the boulevard, catch the Lamorinda Idol Finalist showcase at the last Rock the Plaza Summer Concert Series on June 28. Be sure to think ahead and mark the calendar for the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival Sept. 21 and 22 at the same location.

Lafayette City council tackles budget deficit

By Lou Fancher

Administrative Services Director Tracy Robinson, in presenting the Fiscal Year 24-25 proposed budget resolution for council's consideration at the meeting June 10, opened her comments with a budget 101-style report. "This may be remedial to some members of the council," Robinson said, "but we want to make sure members of the community really understand how our budget works, what our limitations are, (and) why we're having the fiscal sustainability issues we're having now. We think that's a very important base to have as you continue this conversation...and continue it in the coming weeks."

Municipal money often comes with strings attached in the form of rules governing how funds can be spent. Money is segregated by the city into three "buckets" labeled General Fund, Gas Tax, and Impact Fees. The General Fund is most flexible, but also suffers the greatest shortfalls, Robinson said.

Outlining revenue sources, she first focused on property taxes. Robinson said the median selling price of Lafayette homes is \$2 million and from that many people mistakenly assume significant tax property payments are received. Lafayette receives only 6% of the 1% collected, meaning a \$1 million home will generate only \$600 for the city.

Lafayette's sales tax is 8.75% and of that, the city receives only 1%. Robinson said revenues also go toward funding police, public works, planning, administration, and parks and recreation maintenance expenses.

The General Fund holds approximately 60% of its funds as reserves for emergencies, such as fires, floods, earthquakes, and other events. American Rescue Plan Act (FEMA) federal relief reimburses require long time frames, which means the reserves need to be maintained and depleting them could place the city at risk in the event of a catastrophic disaster emergency.

Robinson said during her 25 years with the city, the budget balance has always been met, but increasingly, that successful history is unsustainable. Broadly speaking, municipality expenses are trending up, with revenues remaining flat or declining.

In addition to detailed information further explaining expenditures and forces driving the projected budget deficit, Robinson outlined mitigation strategies proposed by the Fiscal Sustainability Subcommittee, such as a freeze put on new staff hires, among

other, more impactful, actions.

Staff recommended the Council consider a sales tax increase of up to 1%, which would bring the rate up to 9.75%. This is the same as current sales tax rates in Moraga and Orinda. While the council considers the increases, the staff recommended the remaining \$1.99 million in ARPA funds be directed to General Fund projects in Fiscal Year (FY) 24-25. This action would allow the General Fund to sustain the reserve requirement this fiscal year and through FY 25-26.

In a recent poll, 93% of respondents indicated satisfaction with the level of services currently provided and quality of life. Staff recommended not making any immediate reductions to the budget or tax changes without providing more opportunities for community input about potential cuts and whether they would be willing to support a sales tax measure instead.

Robinson said staffing freezes, increased city fees, cutting services, and other measures would still not be enough to correct the structural problems causing a projected deficit. However, the projected \$2.3 million imbalance for FY 24-25 could be mitigated by applying the \$1.99 million in remaining ARPA funds that must be committed by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. The one-time money will extend "the runway" for the city while structural elements are addressed, according to Robinson.

Following an extended discussion and public comments, council member Wei-Tai Kwok summarized the forecasted budget profile and asked for confirmation that the council was being asked by staff to vote on deficit spending of \$2.461 million in uses which would reduce the reserve to lower levels but preserve the 60% target for two fiscal years, among other measures.

Mayor Gina Dawson concluded the budget discussion saying it was "exactly the exercise that Vice Mayor Kwok and I were hoping to go through" and emphasized the subcommittee and staff work, as well as public comments received, were appreciated. The council voted unanimously to apply ARPA funds to the budget gap, freeze staff hiring, and authorize staff to update data within the budget report. They will continue to consider the proposed tax increases and other actions as more information and community feedback becomes available before formally adopting the budget plan.



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Saint Mary's College hires new president after a nationwide search

By Vera Kochan



Photo courtesy Saint Mary's College

**SMC's 31st President,
 Roger J. Thompson, EdD**

After spending nearly a year conducting an extensive search to find a new president, Saint Mary's College announced last month that Roger J. Thompson, EdD is the school's new choice to take the helm.

In June 2023, SMC parted ways with its president of two years, Dr. Richard Plumb. While the college searched for his replace-

ment, the school's board of trustees appointed Brother Thomas Jones, FSC, as the interim president.

Thompson officially becomes SMC's 31st president on July 22, bringing with him nearly 40 years of experience as a higher education executive with experience in enrollment management.

In an announcement from Eric Flowers EMBA, Chairman of the SMC Board of Trustees, and Brother Nick Gonzalez, FSC, Brother Visitor and Provincial Superior for the District of San Francisco New Orleans of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the SMC community was informed of the selection via email. "The Board of Trustees' approval of Dr. Thompson to serve as Saint Mary's next President signals a turning point for the College and a time for renewal, enthusiasm, and optimism," stated Flowers.

"Dr. Thompson is an inspiring, engaging leader with the vision and the breadth of experience to elevate Saint Mary's College and position the College as the

leading Lasallian Catholic institution of higher education in the country," added Gonzalez.

Thompson's most recent experience comes from almost 14 years with the University of Oregon. His last duty there, before coming to SMC, was as Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management, where he led nearly 2,000 team members while overseeing an operating and scholarship budget of more than \$250 million. He also worked to expand enrollment to record levels, in addition to improving student housing, dining, university health services, student financial wellness, and creating a student welcome center. His skills as a fundraiser surpassed a campaign goal of \$70 million by nearly \$50 million, years ahead of schedule, and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

According to SMC's press release, prior to arriving at the University of Oregon, Thompson was "vice provost for enrollment management and special advisor to

the president at Indiana University in Bloomington. Under his four-year watch, the university's enrollment grew from 38,000 students to more than 42,000."

Before coming to Indiana, Thompson oversaw the enrollment responsibilities at the University of Alabama where the college set records for total enrollment, entering freshman class size, academic quality, and diversity, including a spike in African American student enrollment of nearly 50%. He was responsible for developing financial aid programs to help low- and middle-income families with college costs.

Thompson has earned a variety of awards both for himself and the colleges that he has served. SMC stated, "A nationally-recognized expert in strategic enrollment management and student services, Dr. Thompson's work has appeared in news outlets and recognized by PBS News Hour, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, The Atlantic,

the College Board, ACT, and the American Marketing Association, among others."

A native of Oregon, Thompson earned a Bachelor of Arts in broadcasting from California State University, Long Beach, a Master of Science from the University of Central Missouri, and a doctorate from the University of Southern California in higher education policy and administration.

"I am profoundly honored for the opportunity to serve as Saint Mary's next president," said Thompson. "Saint Mary's won my heart as a truly student-centered learning community grounded in Lasallian heritage and guided by Christian Brothers, faculty, and staff who have a passion for transformative education, service, and commitment to student success. I look forward to getting to know the Gael community, alumni, and supporters alike. Together, we will embrace the work ahead to thrive and grow as an inclusive, diverse, and vibrant community."

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Up your golf game with Moraga's new Sunday Swing

By Vera Kochan

Golfing indoors? Yep, and it's now a reality in Moraga. Sunday Swing is an indoor golf performance center that boasts expert instructors and tour-level technology to help anyone improve their golfing skills.

The location had its soft opening in April and a grand-opening in early June at the Moraga Shopping Center at 1480 Moraga Rd., Suite D (formerly the CVS space). Co-owners Edwin Lee and Lee McClure are hoping to offer something new to all of the golfers in the area.

Both Lamorinda residents are avid golfers, with Lee having played on Stanford University's golf team. "We were always helping people out on the range and thought about how we could give better instruction," explained Lee. "We try to help people get out of their own heads and focus on their technique." Lee's kids are also golfers, and his son, Alex, helps out at the facility.

Sunday Swing has two coaches on staff with Professional Golfers' Association experience. Cody Robinson is a former assistant coach for Saint Mary's College where he also played, along with his stint on Washington State University's golf team. Joshua Kelley played in the NCAA championships while on SMC's team and offers more than 10 years of teaching experience. Both men have participated in various tours internationally. "The coaching



Photo Vera Kochan

Sunday Swing's Edwin Lee on the "putting green"

sessions start with an assessment," stated Lee. "It's true coaching, as opposed to 'I'm just here to fix your swing.'"

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It's summer concert time in Moraga

By Vera Kochan



Locals enjoy Moraga's first band in the Summer Concert Series Photo Vera Kochan

Put on your dancing shoes Moraga, because the Summer Concert Series is in full swing again. Not to be left out, Orinda and Lafayette have their own versions. All three venues offer free admission, food options, and plenty of room to boogie.

Moraga kicked off the summer series on a cold and breezy June 13 with East Bay Mudd, a classic soul and R & B band. This year marks the first time that beer and wine will be sold during performances. Presented by the Moraga Park Foundation, the 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. concerts are held at the bandshell on the grounds

of Moraga Commons Park (corner of St. Mary's Road/Moraga Road). For a complete schedule visit: moragaparks.org.

According to Moraga Park Foundation's (MPF) past president Clay Serrahn, "The Summer Concert Series first debuted in 1984 when the concerts were held on Sunday afternoons at the Pavilion on the grounds of the Hacienda de las Flores. However, in those early days the programs were presented by the Moraga Playhouse and featured plays and music using local talent."

Serrahn explained that almost immediately,

MPF began a fundraising campaign to build a bandshell in Commons Park. The campaign was called "Buy-a Board for \$100" and managed to raise \$18,000 for the cause. Other community organizations kicked in to help meet the \$73,000 needed for construction costs. The bandshell was officially dedicated on July 4, 1985. It was on that day that the concerts were thereafter held on Thursday evenings.

The entertainment also changed to include nothing but musical groups from around the Bay Area. Local bands remained on the roster and

included the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Band and Ross-moor Big Band.

Through the years, the number of concerts expanded to include anywhere between seven to 11 bands during the summer months of June through August. "We have bands coming out of our

ears," stated MPF President John Greenblatt. "There are three or four people on the MPF committee that choose them. We are starting to skew the bands to a younger set that listen to the music from the 80s on up. Not many know who the Beatles were anymore." MPF doesn't mind getting

feedback as to what types of bands should be included in a future series. "The average crowd size is between 400 - 500 people," added Greenblatt. "It all depends on the weather more than the music. For the most part, these concerts are a social thing."

Lafayette 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 21: Bay Bridge Beat and Friday June 28: Lamorinda Idol Finalists.

Moraga Summer Concert Series Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Moraga Commons Band Shell. June 20: Jazzphoria – Jazz Rhythm & Blues; June 27: Midnight Flyer – Eagles Tribute; July 4 : Houserockers – Rock & Soul (7 p.m. 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 Revue – E.L.O, Orbison, Harrison, Dylan Tribute; Aug 15: 3 Day Weekend – Motown, R&B, Classic Rock

Orinda's Summer Concerts in the Park are held at the Orinda Community Park on Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call (925) 254.2445 for information. Thursday, June 20 – Opera in the Park; Thursday, July 11 – Lamorinda Idol; Thursday, July 25 – August Reed Band; Thursday, Aug. 1 – Tin Man; Thursday, Aug. 15 – Vintage Jukebox; Thursday, Aug. 29 – Spill the Wine; Thursday, Sept. 12 – Patron

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City of Orinda steps in to stop the clock on \$1.5 million for Nature Area

By Sora O'Doherty



Photo Sora O'Doherty

The Wagner Ranch Nature Area in happier times. Students and teachers enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner in 2019 before the closure of the area in 2023 caused by severe winter storm damage.

While the Orinda Union School District continues to feel unsure about accepting a \$1.5 million appropriation from the State of California for the Nature Area at Wagner Ranch Elementary School, the City of Orinda has stepped up, offering to act as a steward for the money, thereby assuring that it will not revert to the state's general fund. This development, however, does not move the district closer to accepting the appropriation, secured by Assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan at the request of the OUSD board.

The school district, which would have lost the funding in June, says that it will "continue to negotiate terms in hopes of securing the funding for the reopening and conserving of the Nature Area while allowing for the District to provide ongoing maintenance and address liability and risk."

The Nature Area, which has been closed since winter storms last

year created unsafe conditions owing to fallen or unstable trees and erosion of the creek, has been a beloved feature of Orinda for about 50 years, and hundreds of people have signed petitions calling for its renewal and reopening. Many people have shown up at OUSD board meetings to urge the district to accept the state money and move forward towards renovating and reopening the Nature Area.

At the board's June 10 meeting, Superintendent Aida Glimme presented an update. A contract with McNeal Arboriculture Consultants will be funded by Fund 40, and the district will seek reimbursement if available from other potential funds. The contract provides for the identification of trees that are dangerous and need to be removed from the Nature Area. A draft Request for Proposals package for the actual work has been prepared. The district plans to examine reopening the Nature Area in

phases.

Rebecca Dahlberg and Kathy Barrett, Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Wagner Ranch Nature Area, again addressed the Board on June 10. Dahlberg pointed out that Fund 40, the Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects, can only address hazards in a small portion of the nature area, not the entire 18-acre property. The balance of Fund 40 stands at under \$3 million currently, according to the board's audit report.

Dahlberg noted that Fund 40 would not be able to fund restrooms, training for a new naturalist, or ongoing maintenance for the nature area, while the money from the state could fund all of those items. She added that the Friends of the Nature Area can continue to help with the maintenance of the nature area.

Dahlberg suggested that the board obtain a second legal opinion concerning accepting the

\$1.5 million in state funds. Other public speakers spoke of their personal memories about the Nature Area, all urging the board to take the money from the state.

Back in 2022, the OUSD board of trustees voted to ask Assembly-member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan to seek funding from the governor's office to be allocated from the state's 2022-23 budget for the express purpose of preserving and protecting the Wagner Ranch Nature Area. The matter was brought to the board by OUSD Superintendent Aida Glimme, who suggested that the ask would be for \$5 million or more.

The request was made after District staff were informed of the opportunity to submit a request for funding and protection of the nature area. The funds that were available could only be used for such projects, and not to improve school facilities, to secure services for students, (such as mental health support), or for staff salaries. The grant to Orinda was one of dozens related to natural resources and environmental protection in California.

Although there are no specifics in the budget act about the grant, the Assembly member has asked the school district to memorialize its intention to preserve the Nature Area as open land in perpetuity or for 99 years. The district has expressed concerns that to do so would in some way limit the ability of the district to raise funds for the Nature Area in the future.

The stewardship proposal was on the agenda of the city council on June 18, after this issue of The Lamorinda Weekly went to press.

Host home sought for visiting student from Czech Republic

By Sora O'Doherty

The next Czech student to attend Miramonte High School in the fall will be Jan, a 17 year-old from Orinda's Sister City, Tabor, in the Czech Republic. He has been chosen after careful selection process to be this coming year's Miramonte visiting student. The Orinda-Tabor Sister City Foundation is currently seeking someone to host Jan in their home for about five months

from this August to Jan. 1, 2025.

In the past, families with students at Miramonte have served as hosts to the visiting students, but it is not a requirement that the host family have students at Miramonte or even children living at home. Those who have hosted past Czech visiting students have reported that they really enjoyed the experience.

Jan loves to play tennis and has been playing the cello for 10 years. He also dabbles in piano and guitar. Since he has been studying English since kindergarten, he is amazingly conversational in English. He enjoys flying his drone and also makes videos for local businesses. Jan lives at home with his mother, father and three brothers. His dream is coming to Orinda, making new friends, improve his English skills, and perhaps even learning to surf!

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Letters to the editor

Private Road Subsidy

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform your readers about a nefarious plan by a few residents to make others pay for the upkeep of their private property. Over the years they have provided a variety of reasons for demanding such as subsidy from the rest of the city's residents which includes:

- Non-private road residents use private roads
- Private road residents

pay city taxes to maintain public roads - It would be fair for all residents to pay for all roads

These are spurious arguments. For example, all residents have to pay taxes towards city amenities including roads and other services. The fact is that private road residents do have an extra personal cost - for their own private road. It is strange that the private road activists are not willing to face the simple fact that they knew

when they purchased their property that they were on a private road and would be obligated to maintain the road in perpetuity. Despite being fully aware of this obligation, they purchased their homes at discounted prices (since homes and lots on private roads are cheaper than similar ones on public roads) and now are demanding that the rest of the city assume their obligations. This issue has been discussed in the past and pre-

vious Councils had the backbone and integrity to not succumb to the aggressive tactics of the private road activists. But I understand that there are members of the council with conflict of interests who are supportive of the scheme to tax the rest of the city to the tune of millions of dollars per year to pay for private obligations. Sincerely,

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Oak Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
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Violation Restraining Ord
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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

May 26 - June 8
Alarms 42
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 10
Traffic 131
Suspicious Circumstances 6
Suspicious Subject 17
Suspicious Vehicle 4
Service to Citizen 32
Patrol Req./Security Check 16
Public/School Assembly Check 1
Supplemental Report 18
Vacation House Check 22
Welfare Check 24
Ordinance Violation 1
Vehicle violations
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Deer Hill Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Reckless Driving
Solana Dr./Hamlin Rd.
Hamlin Rd./Sweet Dr.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Acalanes Rd.
Moraga Rd./School St
Reliez Station Rd./Glenside Dr.
Tc - Property Damage
Olympic Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Oak Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir.
Vehicle Theft
3600 Block Walnut St.
Other criminal activity
Fraud Credit Card Felony
800 Block Moraga Rd.
Fraud False Pretenses
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
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3400 Block Solana Ct.
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Police Department
Panhandling
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.
Petty Theft
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Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
Oak Hill Rd./Wb Sr 24
Loud Music
1100 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.
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Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

May 28 - June 9
Alarms 14
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 7
Traffic 56
Suspicious Circumstances 4
Suspicious Subject 1
Suspicious Vehicle 2
Service to Citizen 26
Patrol Req./Security Check 14
Public/School Assembly Check 7
Supplemental Report 14
Vacation House Check 0
Welfare Check 8
Ordinance Violation 0
Vehicle violations
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St Marys College (2)
Excessive Speed
Woodminster Dr./Rheem Blvd.
Via Barcelona/Rheem Blvd.
7-00 Block Plot (2)
Moraga Rd./Devin Dr.
600 Block Moraga Rd
Canyon Rd./Sanders Dr.
Reckless Driving
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.
School St./Country Club Dr.
St Marys Rd./Bollinger Canyon Rd.
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.
Tc - Property Damage
1400 Block Moraga Rd.
500 Block Moraga Rd.
Moraga Commons Park Safeway
600 Block Moraga Rd.
1800 Block St Marys Rd.
Other criminal activity
Computer Fraud
20 Block Kippy Ct.
Fraud Credit Card
Police Department
Identity Theft
1100 Block Cedarwood Dr.
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Police Department (2)
Moraga Country Club
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
10 Block Lance Ct.
Disturbing The Peace



800 Block Camino Ricardo
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Camino Pablo Rd School
Other
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St Marys College
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Revoked License
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

May 26 - June 8
Alarms 46
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 27
Traffic 65
Suspicious Circumstances 6
Suspicious Subject 6
Suspicious Vehicle 6
Service to Citizen 54
Patrol Req./Security Check 20
Public/School Assembly Check 0
Supplemental Report 15
Vacation House Check 0
Welfare Check 10
Ordinance Violation 5
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Camino Pablo/Monte Vista Rd.
Accident Property
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Nordic walking gains popularity in Lamorinda

By Elaine Borden Chandler

A new type of exercise has recently arrived in the Bay Area. At the Lafayette Reservoir, in Briones Regional Park, on the Iron Horse Trail, and in the suburbs of Moraga and Danville, there are people energetically walking with what looks like ski poles in their hands. "The thing about this sport is that not many people know about it," said an amused Surat Perez. "Whenever I go out for a walk with the poles people ask me, 'Are you okay? Are you injured?'" This new sport is Nordic walking, where specialized poles and move-

ments are used to exercise the whole body, with greater emphasis on the arms and core than regular walking.

Nordic walking came into vogue in Finland in the 1990s. It started to spread to other countries and now has 10 million participants. Recently it has come to Lamorinda, with one person in particular responsible for its introduction. "This is a perfect place for Nordic Walking, a lot of outdoors, nice weather. When I arrived, I realized that it was not known, there were no instructors, nothing. I could not believe it," said

Helene Le Guinec.

Before moving to Danville in 2018, Le Guinec had lived in Brussels, spending much of her time in the local birch forest where she saw people walking with poles. Intrigued, she enrolled in a class and eventually became a certified instructor. When her husband's job brought the family to the Bay Area, she decided to start teaching here. While she is flexible, most of her group sessions are at the Lafayette Reservoir.

"I work here because it's very central for people coming from differ-

ent areas," she said, waiting for a group of six clients to arrive. "The lower path is not too long for some people, it's not a shock, but with a people with a good fitness here we can do the rim."

Because of Nordic Walking's relatively new status in the area, the group who came to the reservoir that day discovered it in different ways than the usual methods of cultural osmosis or television programs. Regine Jarett, who lives in Lafayette, has been friends with Le Guinec for a few years through the French community. After a shoulder injury stopped her from running, Jarett decided to take some classes and became an avid Nordic walker, not only walking at home but also taking poles with her on vacation in New Zealand.

Parto Vossough of San Ramon first heard of Nordic walking from her family in France. "Over there it's pretty popular," she explained. "My sister, my mother-in-law, and my sister-in-law all walk in the green areas."

Others discovered Nordic walking through research or news articles. Patty Rippon recently encountered it after searching for low impact exercise on the internet. "I looked into it and found Helen," she said, as the orange and black poles that all of them had rose up and down steadily in her hands. "It's harder than it looks. You have to get one thing down at a time, but I do overthink it."

Nordic walking being harder than it looks was generally agreed upon by the group. However, the gratifications were also widely agreed upon. During a photo stop under a rustling live



Photo Elaine Borden Chandler

Parto Vossough, Regine Jarett, Patty Rippon, Helene Le Guinec, and Stephanie Schlegel, Surat Perez, and Mary Ann Walsh take a quick break from Nordic Walking at Lafayette Reservoir on May 28.

oak, the group chatted about how much they liked that Nordic walking is a gentle full body exercise that doesn't push its participants to their limits, unlike so many other fitness trends.

A general sound of disgust rose from the group when Perez sarcastically quoted, "No pain, no gain." Several people also mentioned how it could help with sickness and recovery. Mary Ann Walsh, who always walked swiftly at the front of the group, talked about how she had seen Le Guinec help a client with Parkinson's and was impressed by her patience and skill.

The beauty of the nature in the Lafayette Reservoir, as well as other local natural spaces, was a compelling

and eternal attraction for the whole group. "You have everything here, the greenery and the fact you can choose between the concrete path or the rim trail. It's part of my family tradition here," said Schlegel. Le Guinec noted that in Lamorinda families stay for generations and are protective of it and its open spaces, which has contributed to her belief that Nordic walking is tailor made for this area. She is hopeful that more people will join Nordic walking and pass it on to future generations. Those interested in Nordic Walking can find more information from the American Nordic Walking Association at <https://americannordicwalking.com>.

Orinda fifth graders participate in Odyssey of the Mind competition

Submitted by Teresa Yu and Julie Atkinson



Del Rey team

Photo provided

In May over 600 teams from across the United States and over a dozen countries, competed in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, making it the world's largest youth competition that is not sports-related.

A Del Rey team placed first at regional and state competitions, and then at Worlds, in front of an audience of more than 10,000 spectators from around the world, Del Rey Elementary was announced as the third-place winner for their problem/division.

Their long-term project required them to write a short play for which they would design a robot that encounters three works of art, signals that they are not beautiful, then dismantles and recreates one into something it finds beautiful. The team chose to defend

books as works of art, and made their costumes and entire set out of old book pages. Their robot looks like a dictionary, and as it moves across the stage its pages actually turn; the robot's pages define poetry as "incorrect," libraries as "useless," and novels as "wasteful." But the team adamantly defends the importance and beauty of books. In the end, the robot-dictionary inadvertently discovers that the

pages of one book are made of mirrors, and it comes to see itself in the mirror-pages, realizing that both robots and books are works of art created by human creativity. The play is poignant, humorous, and most of all a huge celebration of books!

A team from Glorietta Elementary School, who have been working since September on a problem that required them to build a vehicle that could move forward and backward on its own and perform different tasks within the context of a drive-in movie, also traveled to Iowa for the Worlds Finals.

"This team has been working together since they were third graders and their track record is amazing," said team coach Julie Atkinson. "They qualified for World Finals as third graders, but we decided not to go. Then as fourth graders they made it to the State Finals. I'm so happy they had the opportunity to go to Worlds this year!"

Other teams from Lamorinda also competed at the regional, state, and world competitions.



Glorietta team

Photo Taksina Eammano

In Memory

John Charles Kunzman M.D.

May 1, 1938 - May 3, 2024



John was born in Denver, Colorado, on May 1, 1938, to John Arthur and Sylva Shaklee Kunzman. John grew up on the family farm near Fort Lupton, Colorado, with his two sisters Joycelaine Kunzman Muhs (Harvey), Joan Kunzman Brunelle (Robert), and his brother James Ross Kunzman.

His education began in a two-room schoolhouse in Ione, Colorado, with two teachers for eight grades. He went on to graduate from Fort Lupton High School at the age of 16 and attend the University of Colorado at Boulder where he began his undergraduate studies in Nuclear Engineering before transitioning to Pre-Medicine and the School of Medicine for his graduate degree.

His medical internship at the Santa Clara County Hospital in San Jose, California, began on the same day in 1961 as his future wife, Rebecca Ruff, started her Medical Technology training. He was her first patient, and their journey began. They married in 1963 while Jack (as he is affectionately known to family and friends) was completing his surgery residency at Presbyterian Hospital (Stanford) in San Francisco.

Immediately after completing his surgical residency, Jack entered the US Air Force to serve in the Vietnam War and spent two years treating wounded soldiers at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

He returned to California after his tour of duty to become a surgeon at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek, where he practiced for over 37 years, including multiple decades as the Chief of Surgery. He passed down his professional skills to young, aspiring, surgeons as a Professor of Surgery at UC Davis School of Medicine.

Jack had many passions in addition to surgery. He loved outdoor activities including sailing, skiing, and fishing.

As a Scout Leader for Boy Scout Troop 233 for many years, he took his sons on numerous outdoor adventures. They went camping, backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, horseback riding, scuba diving, snorkeling, portaging, and much more. He also loved to play bridge, and attend theater and opera. Jack enjoyed traveling the world with family and friends, meeting new people and seeing new places.

Jack died on May 3, 2024. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother James, and his son Ted. He is survived by his loving family including his wife Beccie, his sons Daniel and Charles and his four beautiful grandchildren, Kennedy, Jonathan, Aidan and Charlotte.

He was a long-time member of the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church where his memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 11 a.m., 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette CA 94549.

Memorial gifts should be directed to the Parkinson Network of Mt. Diablo, PO Box 3127 Walnut Creek CA 94598 or the Michael J Fox Foundation.

In Memory

Patricia Anne Moran Pribyl

July 17, 1931 - April 10, 2024
Resident of Moraga



Patricia was born in Chicago, IL to Frances Adlaf Moran and Mark Edward Moran. Donald Francis Moran and Rosemarie Catherine (Bunny) Moran Reinertson were her older siblings.

Patricia graduated from Farragut High School in 1948.

In November 1948, Patricia married Richard Joseph Pribyl. Patricia and Richard made happy, loving homes in Cicero and Naperville, IL. In 1976, they moved to Moraga, CA - their happily, forever after home. Patricia and Richard had 5 children: Richard J. Pribyl, Jr. (dec.), Margaret Mary (Sybil) Pribyl Miller (dec.), Patricia Frances Pribyl, Thomas Mark Pribyl and Mathew Michael Pribyl.

Patricia firmly believed in volunteerism and service. She volunteered and served in leadership roles in multiple organizations throughout her entire life. She was a faithful supporter of the Roman Catholic Religion, Girls Scouts USA, Boy Scouts of America, all the school organizations her children attended and even in local politics.

When Patricia wasn't working for outside organizations, she focused her attention on family and friends. The joy they brought to her was evident in her unwavering love for them. Patricia is survived by three children: Patricia F., Thomas and Matthew; her daughters-in-law, Rita Jane Borow Pribyl, Eileen Beck and Laura Marie Esposito Pribyl. She is also survived by five grandchildren: Richard J. Pribyl, III; Rory S. Miller; Kyle D. Miller; Selena Pribyl Reif; Kelli Miller Lanzi; and Analia Pribyl Driscoll; and seven great-grandchildren.

Patricia died, at 92 years young, after being diagnosed with lung cancer. A memorial service will be held at St. Monica Catholic Church in Moraga, CA on June 21, 2024 at 10:15 am. Donations may be made to St. Monica Church, Catholic Charities of the East Bay or the charity of your choice.

Share Your Celebrations and Remembrances

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

Chicken quiche blends cultures and flavors

By Susie Iventosch



Photo Susie Iventosch

Mexico meets France with this savory chicken quiche. It's made with tender shredded chicken, onions, tomatoes, poblano and jalapeño peppers, chili lime seasoning and grated cheese. The combination of flavors is so satisfying. Baked into a flaky, buttery crust, it's the quintessential comfort food! It's so delicious, and you can make it ahead and freeze it, so you have a quick meal for weekend guests or mid-week dinners! While I'm at, I often make two — one for now and one for later!

You can really use any cheese that you like, and if poblanos are too hot for you, substitute Ortega (Anaheim) chilies for a mild alternative. I also love Trader Joe's Chili Lime Seasoning, but Tajin works well in this recipe too.

Regardless of what kind of filling you want in your quiche, the formula is pretty much the same for the custard. We use three large eggs and 1 1/2 cups of half & half, but if you have a larger pie dish, just remember to use 1/2 cup of the liquid for every egg. We love a lot of filling, too, and so we use about 3 cups all together between the veg-

gies and meats, plus 1 1/2 cups of grated cheese.

If you're in a hurry, you can use a pre-made crust or a box mix crust, but if you love a home-made crust for your quiche, it's best to partially pre-bake (blind bake) the pie crust before filling it and baking the whole dish. If you don't have pie weights or dried beans, use whatever you can to weigh down the crust. The main reason for this is so the empty shell doesn't collapse.

Also, be sure to poke lots of holes in the crust before laying the foil and weights over the raw crust. These help the air escape so big air pockets won't form in your pie shell. You can see that we were all out of pie weights and dried beans, so I went to my husband's tool shelf and got some nice heavy washers! They were magic!

This recipe makes enough dough for your 9-inch pie crust plus a smaller pie crust. Or you can use any extra dough for cinnamon sugar roll ups, for patching your crust edging, or make a smaller pie shell and freeze it for another time!

Ingredients

Flaky Buttery Crust

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 6 oz. unsalted butter, chilled and cut into tiny pieces
- 2 tsp. cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup ice water

Mexican Chicken Filling

- 2 cups cooked and shredded chicken breast
- 1 large yellow onion, coarsely chopped (I like to lightly sauté the onion in the olive oil until translucent ahead of time, but you can use raw onions if you are short on time.)
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 poblano pepper, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely diced
- 1 large tomato, seeds removed and coarsely chopped
- 3/4 cup Pepper Jack cheese, grated
- 3/4 cup mixed Mexican grated cheese or can also use sharp cheddar in place of mixed Mexican cheese

Egg and Cream Custard

- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups half & half or milk
- 1 tsp. Trader Joe's Chili Lime Seasoning or Tajin
- 1/2 tsp. lemon pepper

Directions

Pie Crust

Preheat oven to 350° F. Get your 9-inch pie dish ready for action! Stir flour and salt together in a large bowl. Cut butter into the dries using a pastry cutter or cold fingertips until butter is the size of small peas.

Sprinkle cider vinegar over the butter-flour mixture and stir with a fork. Slowly add ice water (don't get ice into the crust mixture) until the dough can be gathered together. Add water slowly, so you don't get it too wet.

Divide dough into a larger and a smaller ball. On a large cutting board or pastry cloth, roll the larger ball into a circle about 14-15 inches in diameter, using extra flour as you need it to keep the dough from sticking to the board. Save the smaller dough ball for patching the crust edges or for making cinnamon sugar roll ups. Or you can make a smaller pie shell and freeze it for another time.

Fold the dough into quarters and then transfer it to a 9-inch pie dish. Open the dough back up to a full circle and roll and crimp the pie edges to a pretty, finished look. I usually flute the edge, but you can also use a fork or any method you like. Poke holes all along the bottom and sides of the pie shell with a fork.

Layer a piece of foil in the center of the pie crust and put pie weights, or dry beans evenly over the foil. Partially bake the pie crust for 10-15 minutes. Then, remove foil and weights and continue to bake for another 10 minutes, or just until the crust is beginning to brown. Remove from oven and cool.

Quiche Filling and Custard

Beat eggs, half & half, chili-lime seasoning, and lemon pepper together. Set aside.

Layer the chicken, poblanos, jalapeños, onions, tomatoes, and the Pepper Jack cheese in the bottom of the pre-baked shell. Pour custard over the top and then sprinkle the mixed Mexican cheese over the top.

Bake for 45-50 minutes or until the center is mostly set, but still a tiny bit jiggly. When baked, remove from oven, and allow to set up for approximately 25 minutes before serving.

Notes

This quiche freezes very well and if you want to make it ahead of time it's super easy to reheat and serve. Be sure to allow quiche to cool completely and then wrap it in plastic wrap. Cover the plastic wrap with foil and place in the freezer.

When you're ready to serve, you can move the quiche from the freezer to the refrigerator the day before. Reheat in a 350 F oven for about 30 minutes or until heated all the way through.



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This recipe can be found on our website:

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If you would like to share your favorite recipe with Susie please contact her by email or call our office at (925) 377-0977. Or visit <https://treksandbites.com>

App helps EV owners

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Preferences, such as capping the price for electricity rates, can also be set in the app.

MCE Sync also provides statistics for energy usage, a record of the cost of charging one's EV, and a record of credit received. It is free, has no in-app purchases, and currently has a \$50 signing bonus. At the time of writing, it is used by 126 households in Lafayette and 61 households in Moraga.

Ahmed Shiblin, a Lafayette resident, received an email from MCE in 2022 asking if he would like to be enrolled in MCE Sync. He downloaded the app, synced it with his Chevrolet Bolt, chose his settings, and has been using it ever since. "Oh, I love it," said Shiblin on a hot late afternoon during a lull at The Rising Loafers, the restaurant that he and his wife Maria Gastelumendi own. He pointed at the open app on his phone where it displayed his daily EV charging as consistently using green energy during low-cost hours. "It can show you how your charging has

been — you see that here? It's green, green, green." He then pulls up the Chervolet app that works in tandem with MCE Sync to monitor his Bolt's energy usage and how much time it will need to charge.

As a customer wandered in to order a coffee and omelet, Shiblin flipped back to the Credit tab of the app to show me how much he earned every month. MCE gives credit for several different things, including sending in excess solar panel energy and charging during Low Carbon Events, which take place during the daytime when solar energy is widely available on the grid.

Shiblin was involved in the early movement to bring MCE to Lafayette, so he is familiar with it and its role in Lafayette and Moraga. However, several other EV users from Lafayette and Moraga thought that they would be unable to use MCE Sync as it requires being a customer of MCE. When they checked, to their surprise, each of them was already an MCE customer.

MCE is the electricity

provider for most households and businesses in Lafayette and Moraga. It is an entity called a "Community Choice Aggregation". CCAs are public, not-for-profit energy providers that are formed by local governments to buy directly from power stations so they act as the default energy provider to their jurisdiction. This allows local governments to prioritize the interests of their residents, such as lower rates and green energy.

MCE was started in Marin in 2010 with the goals of providing the community with electricity from renewable energy instead of fossil fuels and reinvesting profits into the community. They are now the energy provider for 37 member communities in Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano. They have two options for enrollment, MCE Light Green which is 60% renewable and costs an average of \$199.49 per month and MCE Dark Green which is 100% renewable and costs an average of \$203.94 per month. MCE data shows that in comparison, PG&E is 38% renewable and

costs an average of \$205.93.

MCE uses PG&E for energy transmission, which means MCE produces energy that is delivered to customers by PG&E. PG&E also does maintenance, repair, and billing. Customers in Lafayette and Moraga are both MCE customers and PG&E customers, but they receive one unified bill from PG&E. Unless they have chosen to switch from MCE back to PG&E, Lafayette and Moraga residents are able to use the MCE Sync app.

MCE first came to Lamorinda when the Lafayette City Council voted in 2015 to make it Lafayette's default provider in order to reduce Lafayette's carbon footprint and give Lafayette residents a choice in power provider. Lafayette customers were automatically enrolled in the MCE Light Green program in 2016 with the option to opt out and use PG&E. After local environmental efforts, the Moraga Town Council voted to join MCE in 2017 and switched in 2018, also with the option for residents to opt out. Currently

MCE is the provider for 89.9% of households in Lafayette and 89.6% in Moraga. Orinda currently has only PG&E as an option for power provider after the Orinda City Council rejected exploring the possibility when Mayor Dennis Fay last brought it as a motion in 2022.

With another record high summer forecasted, MCE hopes to have more EV owners use MCE Sync for their PeakFlex program. The PeakFlex program automatically does not charge EVs when the

grid is becoming overloaded, though this can be overridden by owners if necessary. This load shifting program helped prevent blackouts during the 2022 heatwave. They also have plans to increase smart charging, especially in historically underserved communities, and increase daytime, non-peak charging when solar power is more readily available.

Residents of Lafayette and Moraga who would like to use MCE Sync can find it at the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Lafayette's top priorities

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"What can we do to rethink our downtown so that people don't have to use cars at the per capita level they're using them now?" Anduri asked. Answering his own question, he suggested that hiring a consultant capable of taking a "big picture" perspective on the situation might lead to an innovative, "big picture" solution.

After discussion and

recognition of improvements already made by the city in traffic-calming measures already taken, especially involving school safety and speed reduction initiatives and enforcement, the council unanimously accepted staff's recommendation to approve the work plans as presented. Council will conduct a midyear review in December in conjunction with the adoption of the Final Budget.

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AAUW – Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette Branch presents scholarships to local students

Submitted by Renee Rosado

The American Association of University Women-OML branch honored local middle school, high school, and college students at their April meeting. Students, parents, and friends joined branch members to celebrate the students' accomplishments.

Three local high school seniors and members of the Saint Mary's College High Potential Program received scholarships based on community engagement, leadership, and grades.

The following students received scholarships: Acalanes High School, Zoya Acuna; Campolindo High School, Bella Stratford; Miramonte High School, Nicole Hui; Saint Mary's College, Ayanna Wade and Evony Jackson.

Zoya was one of the founders of the UM-

BRELLA (Understanding Mentoring Belonging and Racial Equity through Listening, learning and Advocacy Committee.) The committee created lessons on allyship, microaggressions, identity and more, and presented these programs to local elementary and middle school students. Bella created the Native American Cultural Club at Campolindo to make students aware of her heritage and welcome them to participate in cultural activities and diversity events. These events initiated the creation of a land acknowledgment plaque for the school. Nicole created "IMMOBILITY" to collect gently used/new medical equipment and supplies and delivered them free to those in need. Evony helped plan the Saint Mary's Weekend of Wel-



Olivia Sanders, Priya Holl, Athena Simbajon, Madelyn Asalde, Sadie Ginestro, Quinn Sousa, Merritt Thompson

come, which aimed to create a safe, comfortable, and fun environment for incoming freshman and their families. Ayanna interned at the San Mateo County Health Department office of Diversity and Equity to better engage marginalized communities in matters of mental health. Her outreach tripled the attendance at a suicide prevention program. Seven seventh grade

middle school girls received scholarships to Tech Trek, a weeklong STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) immersion program that will be held this coming July at Santa Clara University. The camp is designed to encourage rising eighth grade girls to persist with their excitement about STEM through high school, college, and into their careers. The pro-



Zoya Acuna, Natalie Hui, Bella Stratford and Ayanna Wade (Evony Jackson not included in the photo)

gram features numerous hands-on activities, as well as a chance for the girls to make friends with other girls interested in STEM and to meet professional women in STEM fields. Girls were nominated by their teachers and completed an application and an interview process by AAUW-OML members.

The following students will attend camp: Madely Azalde and Merritt Thompson from Orinda Intermediate School, Olivia Sanders, Priya Holl and Quinn Sousa from Stanley Middle School, and Sadie Ginestro and Athena Simbajon from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School.

Photos provided

Not to be missed

Art

Art Gallery at the Orinda Library: "The pen is mightier than the sword." The ekphrastic poem, "Man with a Hoe" by poet Edwin Markham, was published in the 1899 San Francisco Examiner with a painting of the same name. Sample author Marlene Dotterer's "The Dragons of Jupiter at Play" in response to Bill Carmel's painting, "Dragon's Breath," through June 28 during normal Library hours; closed Sundays. For more information call (925) 359.9940, email ekphras@LamorindaArts.org, or visit <http://lamorindaarts.org/galleries>.

The Lamorinda Arts Council features Leslie Golden's oil paintings in

Not to be missed

the Art Gallery at Wilder in June. Her theme is California landscapes and florals from her garden. 20 Orinda Fields Lane, Orinda. Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.; closed June 19. <https://lamorindaarts.org/current-exhibits-wilder/> email wilder-gallery@lamorindaarts.org or call (925) 359.9940.

Music

2024 Concert at the Moraga Commons Park schedule:
 20 June: Jazzphoria – Jazz Rhythm & Blues Octet
 27 June: Midnight Flyer – Eagles Tribute
 4 July: Houserockers – Rock & Soul (7Pm Concert)
 11 July: Mumbo Gumbo – Genre-bending Americana & Musical Stew

Not to be missed

18 July: Steve Hanson & Carousel Cowboys – Modern Country
 25 July: Purple Ones – Prince Tribute
 1 Aug: Native Elements – Reggae
 8 Aug: Traveling Wilburys Revue – E.L.O, Orbison, Harrison, Dylan Tribute
 15 Aug: 3 Day Weekend – Motown, R&B, Classic Rock
 6:30-8:30 P.M. (Uno) at The Moraga Commons Band Shell.

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 to 8 p.m. Friday June 21: Bay Bridge Beat and Friday June 28: Lamorinda Idol Finalists. A program of the Lamorinda Arts

Not to be missed

Council, is an annual singing competition open to students in K - 12th grade who attend school or reside anywhere in Lafayette, Moraga or Orinda. Learn more here: <https://lamorindaarts.org/idol-2/>

Orinda – Concerts are held at the Orinda Community Park on Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. Call (925) 254.2445 for information. Thursday, June 20 – Opera in the Park; Thursday, July 11 – Lamorinda Idol; Thursday, July 25 – August Reed Band; Thursday, Aug. 1 – Tin Man; Thursday, Aug. 15 – Vintage Jukebox; Thursday, Aug. 29 – Spill the Wine; Thursday, Sept. 12 – Patron

Come and enjoy the quiet at the end of a weekend in the Grove

Not to be missed

behind Lafayette Christian Church at 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette on Sunday, June 30 at 5 p.m. for an hour and half of meditative music and poetry with Rev. Dr. Curran Reichart and Rev. Faye Orton Snyder. Bring your favorite outdoor chair and a tumbler of your favorite beverage to enjoy the sounds and the trees. Not religious, just peaceful.

Theatre

Orinda Starlight Village Players - Agatha Christie's Spiders Web Now Open. Directed by Jill Gelster. Fridays and Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. May 31 through June 29, Sunday, June 23, 4 p.m.; Thursday, June 27, 8 p.m. Orinda Community Center Park Amphtheater, www.orsvp.org. Tickets at Box Office or call (925) 528-9225 or email info@orsvp.org

Literature

Join author Joyce Maynard to celebrate the release of her new novel, How the Light Gets In, at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center on Tuesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Joyce is the New York Times bestselling author of twelve novels including two adapted for film. Registration required. Attendance includes a signed copy of How the Light Gets In and champagne! Information at LLLCF.org/dss-joyce-maynard or call (925)283-6513 ext.102

Not to be missed

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.

Mis- and Disinformation: Election Edition. League of Women Voters, Diablo Valley, Tuesday, June 25 at 6 p.m. Moraga Public Library, 1500 St Mary's Road, Moraga. This event is an eye-opening discussion of the impact of misinformation on elections. Learn how to SPOT fake news, FACT-check sources, and navigate the complexities of today's media landscape. This event is free and open to the public.

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Lamorinda Safety Fair June 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lafayette Reservoir. Meet your local first responders and see their equipment. Learn how to prepare for the next emergency / disaster. Meet your local HAM radio club (LARIG). Shuttle service and additional parking available at the Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Building 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. For more information call: (925) 299-3282.

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LAMORINDA SPORTS

Miramonte girl's lacrosse coach heading to law school

By Jon Kingdon



Jackie Pelletier

Photo Mark Bell

When the Lamorinda girls lacrosse teams began play last spring, there were two new head coaches: Acalanes' Giles Imrie and Campolindo's Stephen Lineweaver, with Miramonte's Jackie Pelletier entering her ninth season at Miramonte. At the conclusion of this season, Pelletier's teams had an overall record of 123-59, (67%) and two North Coast Section championships. However, next year, Imrie and Lineweaver will be the coaches with the most experience as Pelletier will be attending law school at either U.C. Davis or Santa Clara.

For Pelletier, the oldest of four children from Andover, Massachusetts, sports were a key part of her upbringing. "My father and grandfather were coaches, so I played every sport under the sun including ice hockey," Pelletier said. "Lacrosse was the last sport I picked up. I was in the seventh grade and my dad urged me to try it once. As it turned out, I fell in love with the sport because it was so different from everything else I had played. As I grew up, my dad being there for all of my sports games was truly special to me because he was such a huge part of my playing sports."

Pelletier had a lot of success playing club lacrosse, and in her junior year at Andover, she was recruited by Theresa Sherry, the head coach at the University of California and the creator of the Tenacity Project club lacrosse team. "I really wanted to go to a school that was a great academic

school, and to try something new far away from home and at the time Cal had a super strong lacrosse program," Pelletier said.

At that point there was a budget crisis in the athletic department at Cal and they announced that the rugby, baseball, gymnastics, and lacrosse teams were being eliminated. "I had spent countless hours working towards this dream of playing college lacrosse and we were all kind of blindsided," Pelletier said. "With a lot of fund raising and the threat of a Title IX lawsuit, the teams were reinstated after eight months, but it put a damper on the program with three of my teammates having already transferred and Coach Sherry resigning."

Pelletier started on defense her last two years and she does not look back on her career with any regrets: "I have so much love for Cal and being a collegiate athlete for four years is a huge part of who I am and it really taught me how to balance my time. Looking back it was the perfect fit for me."

Pelletier's academic focus was in Interdisciplinary American Studies, which was essentially a major in business marketing with a minor in sociology. "At Cal, rather than being locked into the specific classes in a major, I was allowed to design my own course load as long as I met with an advisor and detailed in writing why the classes I took were going to combine into one focus," Pelletier said.

In October 2014, after

graduation, Pelletier began working as a compliance analyst at Duff and Phelps, a consulting firm in San Francisco that worked directly with private equity firms, hedge funds, venture capital firms, 40 act funds and more, conducting legal and regulatory research and analysis to support client inquiries, as well as developing client specific policies and procedures.

"With my business and marketing degree, I thought that would be the focus in my job but it was the legal side that ended up appealing to me more," Pelletier said. "Having dealt with the Title IX issues in college, it really put me on the path to be passionate about legal studies."

After graduating, Pelletier was asked to become an assistant lacrosse coach for Devin Combs with the Miramonte girls team. "I was still in the lacrosse competitive mindset and not ready to hang up my cleats and quickly agreed to come out and help coach."

Without a car, Pelletier relied on Bart for transportation. "Looking back it was quite a journey but I had so much passion for it that it really was a no brainer for me and that's how I got I got started in coaching, one year as an assistant coach and when Devin moved on, I became the head coach the next nine years."

Combs would eventually come back to coach at Campolindo. "It was definitely fun to coach against Devin over those years since we had remained good friends," Pelletier said. "The Lamorinda community is so tight, it was a really fun experience which fostered the high level of the sport."

Still, there was an adjustment period and one of growth for Pelletier: "I was eager to coach but I had no idea what it was going to be like, being responsible for a group of 30 teenage girls. The first thing I needed to do was to find my voice and become an educator, having to account for my players learning styles and really

instruct them. I really grew a lot of patience because that age group can be hard to work with, but it was so rewarding as well."

The decision to go to law school for Pelletier was a long time coming. "It was always in the back of my mind and my first boss out of college was a lawyer. I really enjoyed the use of language and how you could apply it to reasoning and I felt that my job track would eventually lead me to a law degree. After Covid, it really started to dawn on me that sports and women in sports was something that has always been a huge part of my life and I hope to parallel and maybe end up in something like that."

It's been said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, and Pelletier sees that parallel going into law with her coaching experience. "Getting a group of girls from one starting point to the other, mitigating all the adversity and having them share a common goal, that was what brought me joy, whether or not we won games or championships. I developed the ability to maintain my poise through all of it which I truly believe has prepared me for law school."

Pelletier is still not ready to give up the game. "The game is still part of me so I don't think I can go cold turkey. I've told the youth club teams and Miramonte that I would love to come out at least once or twice a week and to help out where I can."

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University Credit Union and St. Mary's basketball starting an NIL relationship

By Jon Kingdon



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In July 2009, Ed O'Bannon, a UCLA basketball player, filed a lawsuit against the NCAA claiming it violated antitrust laws by not allowing athletes to earn from the use of their likenesses in broadcasts and video games.

In 2015, the Courts ruled that the NCAA's amateur rules were an

unlawful restraint of trade which led to increased compensation for student-athletes. It was not until 2021 that the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed that the NCAA could not limit education-related payments, which led to the NCAA adopting a Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) policy.

The result of these

rulings has seen a huge growth in its first established year. An estimate of over half a billion dollars has already been spent towards creating NIL deals with student-athletes.

The University Credit Union (UCU) began a partnership with St. Mary's in 2019, when they became the naming rights partner of the pavilion on the Moraga campus along with other partnership elements. They have now begun an NIL policy with all the players on the St. Mary's men's and women's basketball teams extended financial support and educational resources as well.

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Lamorinda Youth at Youth National Championships for Rowing

Submitted by Joel Flory

This month in Sarasota, Florida, 69 athletes from the Oakland Strokes competed at the US Rowing Youth National Championships. Among those athletes, representing the Oakland Strokes, were Lamorinda teammates Ingrid Flory (Acalanes '27) and Skye Skjorshammer (Miramonte '28). Their Women's U16 8+ boat took fifth overall in the Nation. This massive accomplishment capped a successful first year on Varsity, where their boat won the San Diego Crew Classic and took first (U16 4+) and third (U16 8+) at Regionals. Overall, the Strokes captured first in the M Youth 4- (Logan Raymond Campolindo '24), third in the M Youth 8+ (Oliver Lund Acalanes '24, Nate Fineman '24, and Keenan Heinz '24 Miramonte), sixth in the W U17 8+ (Daisy Gohres Acalanes '28 and Leela Grimaud Miramonte '27), seventh in the W Youth 2V 8+ (Isabelle Goldstein '25 Campolindo and Clara Grenning '24 Miramonte), eighth in the M U17 2x, ninth in the M U16 8+ (Wyatt Schmah & Pacer Yeung Campolindo '27), 11th in the W Youth 8+ (Cami Lovell Miramonte '24), and 22nd in the M Youth 2V 8+.



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Pictured from left: Violet Hasten (College Prep '27), Maria Kozak (Doughtery Valley '27), Ella Randecker (Alameda '27), Ingrid Flory (Acalanes '27), Skye Skjorshammer (Miramonte '28), Talia Ackiron (Alameda '27), Zosia Morehouse (Head Royce '27), Bailee Meyers (Head Royce '27) and Harper Wood-Soloff (Head Royce '27). Not pictured is coach Emma Bernou.

Campolindo '24 graduate, and Lafayette resident Logan Raymond stroke the straight 4 to a gold medal this month at the Youth U.S. National Championships with teammates from Piedmont and Alameda. From left: Graham Young (bow), Aemon Morlan (2 seat), Zach Feldstein (3 seat), Logan Raymond (stroke) and coach Jovan Jovanovic

University Credit Union and St. Mary's basketball

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"St. Mary's is the first school that we have started the program with because we've been such large supporters of this university community, and we're using this partnership to learn what works and what doesn't work," Megan Eisenhard, the Chief Growth Officer at UCU said. "We want to leverage the 'Champion Mentality' the student-athletes have at St. Mary's, and we love that the men's basketball team won the WCC championship last season."

It has been named The Champions Program by UCU and uses the name as an anagram for their core values: Courageous and fearless, Hon-

est and open, All-in, Make a difference, Prescriptive and predictive, Inspire innovation, Ownership mindset, Never stop learning, Seize opportunities.

To be clear, the amount each of the athletes receives is far from the neighborhood of the major schools but is still very much appreciated. "The NIL is certainly going to help our programs, but for us, it's still about relationships and being in a family environment; we'll always be looking for quality players that believe in what we're doing and want to come help us win," Jeff Cammon, the women's head coach said. "It's great that we have the support here. They understand the landscape is changing

and UCU and the university want to be competitive, and this is going to help us be successful."

What makes this program so unique is that UCU is providing other services to the student-athletes to be used with both a short- and long-term perspective. "With our NIL deal, we wanted to offer the St. Mary's student-athletes more than just money for their services and their name, image, and likenesses," Eisenhard said. "We are offering them a comprehensive agreement where they not only have the chance to generate some revenue, but we also want to make sure they're set up for financial success. To do that we are giving them tools and services so that they can

understand how to manage their money and a budget, how to improve or start and ultimately improve their credit, and to be able to make sure that they're ready to be successful in their financial journey."

Eisenhard stressed that these tools are not exclusive to the players. "These services are being offered to all of the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the public," she said. "We have a banking hub on campus that is available in Dryden Hall when the Hall is open."

As athletes on campus, UCU is looking for the players to serve as ambassadors speaking up for UCU to the rest of the campus. "The athletes are going through the same

experiences as the rest of the student body," Eisenhard said. "We're trying a different approach to make sure that everyone understands who we are and what we offer so we're starting with student-athletes, making sure that they understand what we have to offer so they can speak on our behalf."

According to Ryan O'Rourke, General Manager of St. Mary's sports properties, the reaction has been positive among the other student-athletes in the St. Mary's program: "We've gotten extremely positive feedback from the participating teams and members from other teams that are just excited that these types of opportunities are now being brought to their

feet. UCU and their team have indicated that this is a pilot program in terms of evaluating and engaging the successes and there have been discussions that if it works and resonates well, it can be expanded to include other teams as well."

Cammon also wants his players not to lose sight of why they are at St. Mary's. "Our student-athletes are benefiting off of their NIL, which they should, but I also think that they need to value the fact that they're getting an education and learning a lot of things that you don't see in the newspapers that are going to help them once they graduate."

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

June Boon

By Cynthia Brian



A branch of tangy Bing cherries.

Photos Cynthia Brian

"Life is just a bowl of cherries. So live and laugh at it all." Lyrics by Lew Brown, Sung by Rudy Vallée, 1931

The birds are flocking to the two trees. Every day I watch them devour my precious, unripe fruit, as I impatiently wait for the sunshine to turn the orbs into deep reds and purple. Finally, I can't take it anymore. I grab my pruning shears and put on my boots, taking a colander.

To the orchard I tramp, eager to pick as many cherries as possible before all are eaten by my feathered friends. The Queen Annes are almost ripe, but the Bings are still small. Nevertheless, I fill my colander to the brim.

Because of a miniscule harvest last summer, I cut my trees back by a third. This June, my efforts were rewarded with a bounty of sweet cherries, even enough to share with the flying acrobats. Most people are familiar with Bing cherries sold in supermarkets. The deep red-purple black colored Bings are firm, juicy, and known for their rich sweet taste with a hint of tartness. Compared to the Bings, the mild, honeyed flavored, and lesser-known Queen Anne varieties are crunchier, marbled with bright red and yellow hues. Like the birds, I gobble them fresh from the branch.

When I was a kid, our family always worked on neighboring farms picking cherries, which usually ripened in late May. The pay was minimal, but the perks included opportunities to eat these delectable fruits as we filled the buckets for sale. One year my siblings and I competed for who could pick the most cherries in the fashion of "one in my mouth, one in the bucket." Becoming painfully sick, we all paid the price of our childishness. For years, none of us could tolerate the sight of a single cherry.

As adults, we laugh at our cherries mishap. We are again enamored of this luscious crop and enjoy it in salads, pies, and jams, eating in moderation. The birds have been dropping the pits throughout my garden, small cherry trees sprouting where they land.

While June gloom engulfs Southern California, Northern California boasts June boon! Because of our mild winters and hot summers, we can expect a wide range of blooms in June. Stunning clematis experiences its second seasonal display, climbing and covering a pipe. Like most plants, clematis prefers well-drained soil filled with rich organic matter. Once clematis is established, it is relatively low maintenance, requiring minimal water, occasional fertilizer, and pruning to promote healthy growth and abundant flowering, which attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

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A second wave of clematis attracts pollinators.

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 1176 Glen Road, \$2,950,000, 4 Bdrms, 2578 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 05-13-24,
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 663 Glenside Drive, \$4,100,000, 5 Bdrms, 3541 SqFt, 2012 YrBlt, 05-10-24,
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 56 Hidden Oaks Drive, \$4,400,000, 5 Bdrms, 4619 SqFt, 2005 YrBlt, 05-10-24,
 Previous Sale: \$2,925,000, 06-27-06
 923 Janet Lane, \$1,700,000, 3 Bdrms, 1801 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 05-02-24,
 Previous Sale: \$1,409,500, 03-08-18
 1056 Leland Drive, \$1,080,000, 3 Bdrms, 1420 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 04-30-24
 789 Los Palos Mnrx, \$4,150,000, 4 Bdrms, 4051 SqFt, 2007 YrBlt, 04-29-24,
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 618 Lucas Drive, \$2,350,000, 4 Bdrms, 1977 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 05-17-24
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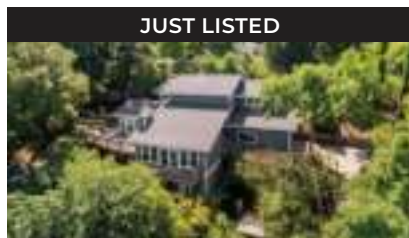
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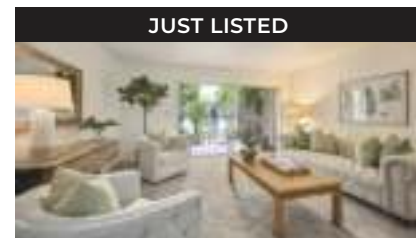
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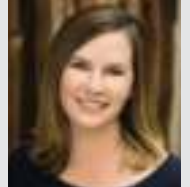
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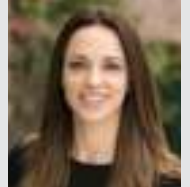
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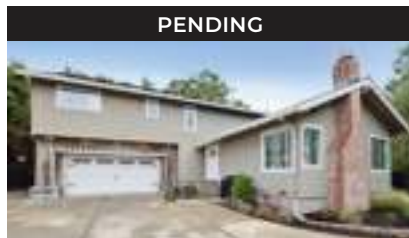
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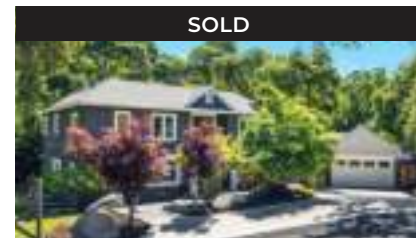
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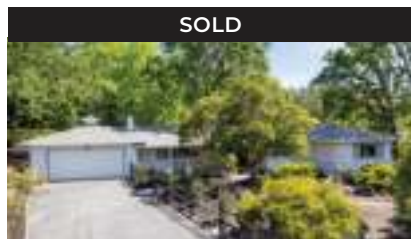
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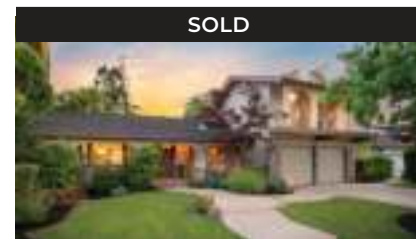
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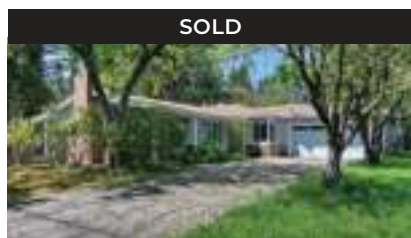
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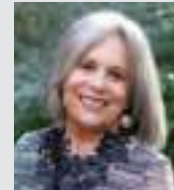
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Power tools for your home repair project

By Jim Hurley



Photo Jim Hurley

A Multi-Tool can be adapted for sanding as well as sawing.

“The right tool for the job”. I had to google that phrase to assure myself that it is not a direct quote from someone. How many times has someone said it to you when they’ve completed a difficult repair? I heard it once from a person who had just tightened a loose screw with a table knife. We laughed for five minutes.

What are the right power tools for you? A trip to the big box stores reveals a plethora of both battery and plug-in (corded) tools. The following tips will help you make good choices for acquiring “the right tool” for your workbench.

Your first choice is the manufacturer. There is a rainbow of colors to choose from: Red for Milwaukee, Green for Robie, Blue for Makita, and Yellow for DeWalt. What is the difference between them? Price and quality, of course. As a professional who reaches for

his tools almost daily, I have a preponderance of Red in my truck. They give me reliable power and versatility for the myriad of tasks I encounter. They are a little higher priced and that’s OK, because in my business the tools pay for themselves. If you’re buying a few power hand tools for home use and expect to need them less than once a month, a nice Green collection will probably last you several years and not cost nearly as much as Red, Blue, or Yellow. Please be aware that all these manufacturers put their products on sale during the year. So if you do want a higher priced product and your spouse can wait for you to finish that project or make that repair, it is best to shop on major holiday weekends.

Your next decision point is very important: corded or battery. Power tools that plug in are much less expensive than those with a battery. If you buy a good quality extension cord, one with 14- or 16-gauge wire (not a lamp cord), you will have a serviceable tool at the ready for life. Cordless, or battery-powered tools are convenient only if the battery is charged.

Rechargeable batteries can lose their charge over time while waiting for you to need them. The start of your project might be delayed 40 minutes when you find that your batteries are flat after you knock the dust off them. Leaving them plugged into the charger also shortens the life of the battery. Batteries are expensive to replace, sometimes costing as much as the tools they power. The result is that battery-powered tools need maintenance when you are not using them, if you expect them to have power when you need them. Corded tools only require an extension cord long enough to reach your jobsite.

Another thing to consider is that each color has proprietary battery configurations. You can’t plug a Red battery into a Blue tool. They are (mostly) interchangeable within the color: I own five Red tools and keep seven Red batteries in my truck. Of course, there is also an exception to that rule. The major brand batteries come in various power levels: Red’s smaller M12 batteries don’t fit their

larger M18 tools. Unless money is no object, pick a color and power level that you are comfortable with and buy all your tools in that line so that the batteries work for all of them.

Which of my tools are cordless? The tools I reach for most. My battery-powered screwdriver and drill motor are essential. I also have a Multi-Tool (fine saw blade for precise cutting), and mini shop vacuum that are all portable and cordless in Red. Plus, I have a battery-powered nail gun that shoots finish nails for baseboards and trim moulding.

Which of my tools for advanced home repair jobs have cords? My circular saw, reciprocal saw, Roto-hammer drill (for concrete drilling), sander, and jig saw. I don’t use them as often and they work very well with an extension cord.

A word about extension cords: Buy yourself two 25-foot cords for your corded tools so you can reach 50 feet when you need to. Never wind your cord around your arm. It twists the wire and makes it harder to unwind the next time you need it. Store your cord in large gentle loops. There are extension cord-clips available; they look like little handcuffs but keep the coiled cords neatly in loops. Your cords will last a lot longer if you treat them gently.

By adding these power tools to your workbench, you can be assured of having the right tool for the job every time.

Jim Hurley is an independent handyman with over 25 years of experience in residential repairs. Hopefully this free advice is helpful to someone attempting Do-It-Yourself home repairs. The information presented is intended for informational purposes and for use by persons having appropriate technical skill, at their own discretion and risk.



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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian **June Boon**



Tasty nasturtium cascades over a raised bed.



Fire-engine red geraniums punch up the ambiance.

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Roses bloom profusely in my garden adding beauty and perfume, while the common corn-flags add spires of fuchsia pink torches. My perennial, spicy-scented Asiatic lilies attract pollinators with captivating fragrances amidst big, bold blooms. Although these lilies make gorgeous bouquets, as the splendid stars of my garden, I am loathe to cut any!

The fern-like foliage of yarrow adds visual interest while improving drainage with its deep roots that assist in breaking up compacted clay. The leaves accumulate nutrients, making yarrow an excellent compost companion. By attracting pollinators and ladybugs, yarrow increases biodiversity, promoting a healthier ecosystem. As a medicinal plant with compounds containing anti-inflammatory, antiseptic, and analgesic properties, yarrow has been used for centuries to treat wounds, alleviate symptoms of colds and fevers, and reduce the pain of insect bites.

The edible flowers and leaves of nasturtium add a peppery punch to salads, sandwiches, and sides. These “Nonna” plants, as I call them because they grew in my grandmother’s gardens, are easily grown from seed. Their dense flowers and foliage can cascade over walls, fences, and raised beds, or create a living mulch as a ground cover to suppress weeds.

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Fruit trees in blossom in a friend's rustic orchard carpeted with low-cut green grass.

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Queen Anne cherries are crunchy and sweet.



Fragrant and bold Asiatic lilies are prized for their stunning blooms.

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Nasturtiums attract beneficial insects that control unwanted pests including aphids, whiteflies, and squash bugs.

To bring vibrant color to your patio or porch, plant a container of bright red geraniums. Geraniums will grow in full sun or partial shade, easily root from cuttings, and require very minimal care. Prune back spent flowers or leggy stems to encourage bushier blooms that will continue through the fall. Geraniums are the no-fail June boon.

Are you finding a plethora of spider webs in your landscape? Congratulations! Gardens that avoid chemical pesticides tend to have a higher spider population. As a natural pest control, spiders help to maintain a balance between predator and prey species. Although it is unnerving to run head-first into a nearly invisible web, I welcome these hunters of mosquitoes, flies, aphids, beetles, and more.

Despite the prevalent trend to rip out lawns to minimize water usage in fire-prone areas, having a well-maintained, cut to three inches or less green grass area adds a defensible space to homes, reducing the risk of ignition and spread of a wildfire. Although no landscaping choice is fire-proof, a healthy, mowed, and watered lawn may reduce the amount of combustible material available to fuel a fire. Lawns are visually appealing and offer a restful environment, providing a refreshing respite to our eyes from the hustle and bustle of modern life. Whether in a park or a small backyard, a lawn soothes the senses and invites people to play. Cartwheels, croquet, picnics, and stargazing connect us to the natural elements.

Sitting on green grass is the perfect place to eat a bowl full of cherries. So live and laugh at it all.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy June Boon!

Lamorinda home sales recorded

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- 2 Carnoustie, \$2,175,000, 3 Bdrms, 3424 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 05-06-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 03-20-17
- 50 Corte Maria, \$2,325,000, 4 Bdrms, 3243 SqFt, 2001 YrBlt, 05-16-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,500,000, 05-14-15
- 108 Danefield Place, \$1,875,000, 4 Bdrms, 2145 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 04-29-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,600,000, 09-14-21
- 10 Doral Drive, \$1,775,000, 3 Bdrms, 2238 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 05-10-24,
Previous Sale: \$967,000, 10-30-19
- 80 Gaywood Place, \$1,750,000, 5 Bdrms, 2570 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 05-16-24
- 4 Haven Court, \$2,511,000, 4 Bdrms, 2552 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 04-30-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,905,000, 10-22-20
- 13 Merrill Drive, \$2,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 3916 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 05-16-24,
Previous Sale: \$130,000, 06-01-88
- 126 Miramonte Drive, \$1,130,000, 2 Bdrms, 1514 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 05-06-24,
Previous Sale: \$710,000, 10-09-18
- 1938 Saint Andrews Drive, \$1,600,000, 2 Bdrms, 1552 SqFt,
1978 YrBlt, 05-06-24, Previous Sale: \$535,000, 12-01-11
- 39 Sea Pines Street, \$1,720,000, 2 Bdrms, 2273 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 05-02-24,
Previous Sale: \$694,000, 03-29-11
- 17 Tamarisk, \$1,925,000, 3 Bdrms, 2828 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 05-03-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,355,000, 04-06-17
- 168 Via Joaquin, \$1,345,000, 3 Bdrms, 2018 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 05-10-24,
Previous Sale: \$742,500, 06-17-15
- 7 Windeler Court, \$2,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 3116 SqFt, 1995 YrBlt, 05-03-24,
Previous Sale: \$785,000, 06-15-98

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- 7 Bates Boulevard, \$2,030,000, 3 Bdrms, 2270 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 05-16-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,290,000, 10-10-17
- 25 Bear Ridge Road, \$2,175,000, 5 Bdrms, 2852 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 05-10-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,685,000, 04-18-18
- 29 Brookside Road, \$3,000,000, 5 Bdrms, 4442 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 05-15-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,616,000, 04-16-12
- 143 Camino Pablo, \$1,695,000, 4 Bdrms, 2280 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 05-08-24
- 224 Camino Sobrante, \$2,480,000, 4 Bdrms, 3597 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 05-15-24,
Previous Sale: \$2,225,000, 08-08-16
- 166 Canon Drive, \$877,000, 2 Bdrms, 1831 SqFt, 1934 YrBlt, 05-16-24,
Previous Sale: \$200,000, 10-17-03
- 21 Donna Maria Way, \$2,000,000, 3 Bdrms, 2710 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 04-30-24,
Previous Sale: \$289,500, 06-01-87
- 122 El Toyonal, \$1,570,000, 3 Bdrms, 2162 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 04-29-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,125,000, 12-14-16
- 3 Hilary Way, \$1,500,000, 3 Bdrms, 1367 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 04-29-24
- 212 Ivy Drive, \$285,000, 4 Bdrms, 1832 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 05-03-24
- 91 La Cuesta Road, \$1,820,000, 3 Bdrms, 2401 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 04-29-24
- 40 La Encinal, \$1,175,000, 2 Bdrms, 1898 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 05-17-24,
Previous Sale: \$462,500, 05-05-23
- 271 Lomas Cantadas, \$1,700,000, 2160 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 05-14-24
- 151 Overhill Road, \$1,515,000, 3 Bdrms, 1496 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 04-29-24,
Previous Sale: \$750,000, 06-27-02
- 10 Ranch Road, \$6,337,500, 6 Bdrms, 6416 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 05-13-24,
Previous Sale: \$2,700,000, 08-30-13
- 170 Ravenhill Road, \$1,550,000, 3 Bdrms, 2245 SqFt, 1981 YrBlt, 05-03-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,100,000, 07-12-19
- 2 Vallecito Lane, \$2,131,000, 4 Bdrms, 2904 SqFt, 2006 YrBlt, 05-07-24
- 11 Valley View Road, \$2,425,000, 3 Bdrms, 2349 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 05-15-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,150,000, 05-15-17
- 48 Via Floreado, \$2,520,000, 4 Bdrms, 2649 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 05-03-24,
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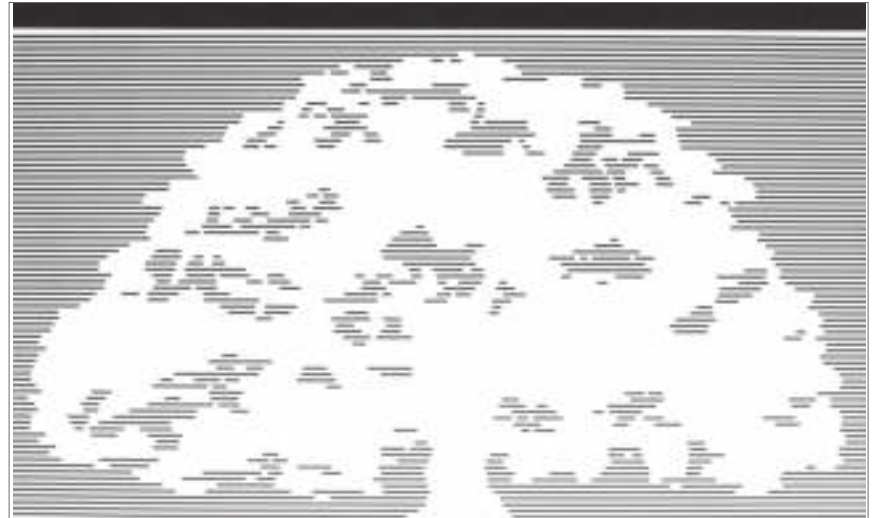
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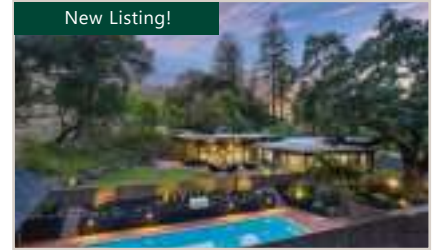
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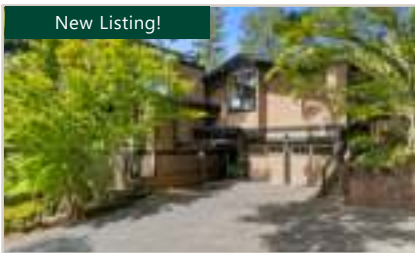
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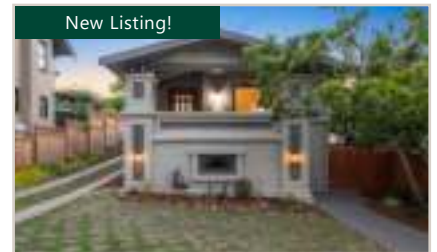
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