

Marin



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BOOKS

Reading List



Daughters of the Revolution

by Carolyn Cooke, Knopf, \$24.95.

Historical novel set in the '60s in which the headmaster of a

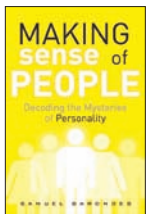
boys' school vows never to integrate — then, through a clerical error, an African American girl wins a scholarship. The story deals with all of the era's issues. The award-winning author lives in Mendocino and on San Francisco's Russian Hill.



The Left Coast: California on the Edge

by Philip and

Alex Fradkin, UC Press, \$29.95. A father and son from West Marin spent three years writing, photographing and traveling up and down California's coastline. This oversized book includes snippets of history, geography, interviews and personal experiences. Stories highlight areas both pristine and polluted.



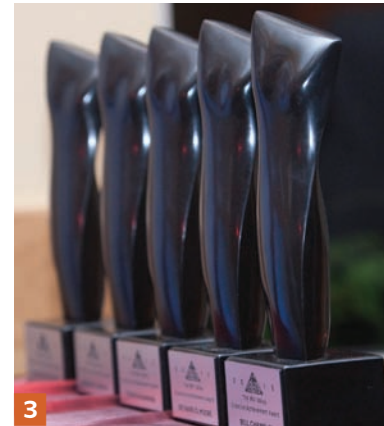
Making Sense of People: Decoding the Mysteries of Personality

by Samuel Barondes, FT Press, \$25.99. Who

wouldn't like to better understand their boss, a neighbor or a daughter's boyfriend? This short (217-page), well-reviewed book by the UCSF psychiatrist and Sausalito resident may well provide answers. Reading it will help you "read" people. **JIM WOOD**



Clockwise from far left: *Fountain*, an oil-on-canvas painting by Neil LeDoux; marathoner Brent Thomson; Milley Awards lined up for the giving.



Congrats!

We celebrate these local achievers, whether they're running, painting or just working in the garden. **DAVE PASCOE**

1 Emerging Artists

This year's Headlands Center for the Arts (headlands.org) Tournesol Awardee Neil LeDoux is an emerging painter who will be granted a yearlong studio residency, a \$10,000 stipend and support for a public project.

2 Row Your Boat

In a spectacular series of races, all three teams from the Marin Rowing Association took gold at the U.S. National Junior Championships, held this past spring in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

3 Mill Valley's Finest

For their lifetime artistic achievements and contributions to their community, the city of Mill Valley has selected seven individuals to receive the aptly named annual Milley Awards. They are Eldon Beck, Katy Butler, Sue Carlomagno, Si and Max Perkoff, Sammy Hagar and Larry Snyder.

4 The Best in Blue

Mmmm, good. The National Association for the Specialty Food Trade awarded Point Reyes Farmstead a Sofi Gold Award for its Original Blue Cheese. We've known how good this cheese is for years — now it's official.

5 A Mountain Marathon

At age 59, Brent Thomson will be running the Everest Marathon on December 2, an honor shared by only 74 other athletes worldwide. We wish her good luck on the mountain.

6 Vegetable Sharing

David Fox and Sheila Mutter were each awarded an Unsung Heroes Award for their work with the Marin Open Garden Project (opengardenproject.org), a produce exchange project that brings San Anselmo residents together to share excess fruits and vegetables from their gardens.



SCHOOL SUPPORT It's time to take responsibility for our county's public schools. An undeniable driving force of Marin's continued success, schools all over the county are facing the harsh reality of \$55 million in state budget cuts to education. The time to act is now — but what's the solution? Say hello to SchoolsRuleMarin. Composed of over 20 public school foundations in partnership with the Marin County Office of Education, it seeks to streamline community efforts through equal opportunity debate, volunteer work and donations. Learn more at schoolsrule.org. D.P.