



"Kings," by Kaylan George, 2-D entry, 1st place

Photo by Lee Borrowman

You Know it's Spring When our Parks Grow Eggs!

By Lee Borrowman

The annual Eggstravaganza was held at the Moraga Commons last Saturday. Children aged one to six raced up the hill to find the traditional hidden treasures. Co-sponsored by the Moraga Junior Women's Club and Moraga Parks and Rec, the Eggstravaganza once again attracted families from across Lamorinda. Photos were taken with the Eggstravaganza Bunny, faces were painted by local Girl Scouts and lots of sugar-induced energy was bounced away in a pair of inflatables. The Eggstravaganza is a charity event, which will this year benefit A Friendly Manor, a daytime drop-in center for homeless women in Oakland.

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Students Take the Prize from the Orinda Arts Council

By Lee Borrowman

The Orinda Arts Council presented awards to the winners of the 2007 Student Visual Arts Competition during a reception at the Orinda Library Art Gallery on Sunday, March 25. Program Coordinator Ann Mordine said of this 5th year of the competition, "We received more entries this year than ever before, and we are very excited because we received some truly interesting and compelling work. Each piece that came in showed a lot of innate talent; there is a lot of promise in every artist that entered."

Mordine went on to say that this year's artists employed, "Some incredibly challenging techniques, not just for the sake of technique but in support of their material. The judges were excited to see a high level of sophistication. This is a reflection not only of the incredible talent of the artists, but of the high quality of art education and technical guidance they are receiving."

Bentley School art teacher Sue Anderson, who attended the ceremony, believes the event is a fantastic opportunity for students. "For these young artists, having a chance to show their work in public, rather than just in the classroom, is like taking the next step. For them to take the risk and the pleasure of showing their work to others, and to consider the answers to questions such as 'How do people respond to my work? Do they understand my message? Am I communicating with them?' means they are moving on to the next phase of their artistic lives."

The competition was divided into three categories, Photography, 2-D and 3-D. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards were given in each category, as well as twenty-seven Honorable Mentions. Some of the judges' comments on the winning pieces were placed near the entries.

The 1st place award for Photography went to Lucy Wittenberg, who is in 10th grade at Miramonte. Her entry was titled, "Be Mine?" The judges particularly liked "the quality of light and strong composition of 'Be Mine?'" It is poetic, expansive and leaves a lot to the imagination. The offset figure provides an ethereal narrative."

In the 2-D category, "Kings," by Kaylan George, a Campolindo senior, took top honors. "Kings" is a 5-panel painting. The judges were "impressed with the overall

composition and technique of 'Kings.' The artist's appreciation of paint gave energy to the subject." They loved "Kings" "pop-culture sensibility and slight representational approach," and they were "impressed by the diverse color palette and use of text."

"Pointed Amphora," by Richard Alex Krevin, a senior at Miramonte, was awarded the 1st place prize for 3-D work. The judges all felt that "Pointed Amphora" was an amazing piece. They

Inspiration is where you find it. Daniel Seymour found his in the internet game, "World of Warcraft." Seymour's 2nd place 3-D work, "Orcish Fishing Pole," contains elements similar to those used in the popular role-playing game. Seymour cast the metals himself, and assembled the chainmail using links purchased, of course, from an on-line vendor.



"Orcish Fishing Pole," by Daniel Seymour, 3-D entry, 2nd place

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found its "concept and execution excellent. It showed an intuitive understanding of the material." When picking it up, they were "further impressed by its light weight, which further indicates that it was well thrown."

An exhibit of the 212 entries received in the 2007 Student Visual Arts Competition will be at the Orinda Library Art Gallery until Friday, April 13.

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"Protest," by Andy Hurrell, 2-D entry, tied for 3rd place

Goodbye, Chief!

By Lee Borrowman

Mike Fisher has been the Chief of the Lafayette Police Department since July, 2004; he retires this week. During his tenure, Chief Fisher successfully handled some very high-profile cases. But he takes the most pride in some of the other issues he has tackled.

"I'm proud to have been able to recruit good officers," said Fisher. "Last year overall crime in Lafayette dropped by 16%." Fisher's

efforts to maintain a high quality staff did not stop at recruitment. Seeing an increasing problem with methamphetamine use in the area, Fisher sent some of his officers to drug enforcement training. Fisher considers one of his most valuable achievements to have been: "Getting on the meth dealers. Meth was driving the crime in this city."

As a result of a 330% increase in drug arrests and an occasional prostitution bust, the Police Department coffers have seen a new influx of funds by way of asset forfeitures.

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Students Threatened; Suspect Arrested

By Lee Borrowman
Lafayette Police have made an arrest in a case involving two students who were threatened by a young man wielding a realistic-looking weapon while they were waiting to be picked up from school on March 16. According to Police Chief Mike Fisher, the students were in the vicinity of Brook St. and Moraga Rd. when a car with two men inside drove up. The driver flashed a rude gesture at the students, an 11-year old girl and a 12-year-old boy, and several of their friends. A passenger in the front seat of

the car waved a weapon that was similar in appearance to a 45-caliber handgun. The man said to the children, "Can I play, I will kill you!" Witnesses were able to give police a description of the suspects and of the car, an older model blue Mercedes, and a local parent reported that the car had frequently been seen parked nearby. Armed with that information, Lafayette Police were vigilant in patrolling the area. On the afternoon of March 22, an officer spotted and stopped the car on Moraga Rd. The

driver fit the description of one of the suspects, and a search of the vehicle revealed a CO2 powered BB gun, replica of a 45-caliber automatic handgun and a high-tech paint ball gun. The man admitted brandishing the BB gun at the children and was arrested. When contacted for comment on March 23, administrators at nearby Stanley Middle School and Lafayette Elementary School said they had not been informed of this incident.

Got Boules?

By Sophie Braccini
In my little village of Le Brocq, in Provence, all afternoons end with a game of pétanque. In the village square, shaded by ancient Platens, people of all ages mingle for a game and to share a drink in the nearby café. Now, back home in my village of Lamorinda, driving South on Saint Mary's road, after the Lafayette Community Center, I see a sign worth noticing: "Pétanque." No cafés or restaurants offering Pastis, no Mediterranean sea to frame the background, but a neat and shady ancient pear orchard with pétanque alleys covered in sand. Has a part of Provence moved to Lamorinda?

Ask Mary Albright, the President of the Lamorinda Pétanque Club, one of 5 in the Bay area, where aficionados meet once or twice a week to practice their favorite sport. Are these Pétanque aficionados' all French natives transplanted in the US? "Not at all," says Albright, "They're local residents from all walks of life including Americans, Scots,

metal balls ("boules" pronounced "bull") and a small cochonnet (piglet), made of wood. In the US the cochonnet is called a jack. A player throws the jack a distance of 12 to 30 feet from the throwing position. Pétanque players tend to like their field rough, so it's a harder to predict how your boule will behave once it

hits the ground. Players want to get their boules as close as possible to the jack. Different techniques can be used to win: you can "pointer," or aim gently for the jack, or "tírer" and hit and displace the opposing team's boules. Combine precision and

has a strong competitive core. Pascal, who organizes clinics, has been the US pétanque champion on several occasions.

Last year, the Pétanque Club's old practice field became unavailable and a new field had to be found. Greg Arthur, a pétanque player and landscape architect was inspired when he spotted an un-



The Petanque sign on St. Mary's Rd hits the ground. Players want to get their boules as close as possible to the jack. Different techniques can be used to win: you can "pointer," or aim gently for the jack, or "tírer" and hit and displace the opposing team's boules. Combine precision and



Andrea Lucacher gets her next boule while her team mates check who's in the French, Czech or Italians like Gino, a bocce champion who plays pétanque as well." Some, like Mary Albright, started to play the game while on vacation in France and, voilà, got hooked. Pétanque is played with good strategy and you get an exciting game. On a recreational level, one can see a team made up of grandparents, parents, and children of all ages. It's as much entertainment as it is sport. Though recreational at heart, the Lamorinda Club

people can stop, watch, play and have a picnic." Thanks to Lafayette Parks and Recreation, who financed most of the project, the field is now ready for playing and will be officially inaugurated on April 22nd. It's the perfect opportunity to try your hand at pétanque, either on your own or with your whole family, while making new friends of all ages. "And do not worry about the boules," Mary Albright concludes, "We always bring a few bags of them for beginners to use."

Goodbye, Chief!

By Lee Borrowman
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Fisher has used the funds to upgrade the Department's equipment, purchasing high-tech shields and on-board computers with GPS units for the patrol cars which "will improve efficiency, especially at night. Some parts of Lafayette are difficult to navigate in the dark."

Fisher's biggest disappointment came when Measure P, the Police Services Parcel Tax of the 2006 election, did not get the 2/3 vote required for approval. The parcel tax would have provided funding for more patrol officers and the narcotics officer that Fisher felt would have been invaluable.

When asked what he plans to do on the first morning that he doesn't have to don the uniform and strap on the gun, Fisher replied, "Sleep in, of course!" Beyond that, Fisher says, "I'll probably do something else at some point, but I don't know what or where. I'll start by spending some time fishing and hanging out with my daughter."

Here's what we heard about Chief Fisher:

City Manager Steve Falk: "Mike Fisher has done an outstanding job for Lafayette. I will remember him for his integrity, his work ethic, and his total calm in the face of any storm. He has my thanks and appreciation."

Sergeant Roxane Gruenheid: "I have really enjoyed working with Chief Fisher. Under his command, the Lafayette Police Department has run smoothly. I have learned a great deal from him. Many of us feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to have worked with him."

Community Service Officer Cathy Surges-Moscato: "Chief Fisher is one of those people that you never want to retire and wish you could clone. He gets along with everyone and has such a great personality you just can't help but like him."

Everyone we spoke to said of the Chief, "He will be missed."

Accident Spurs Action

By Lee Borrowman
The third in a string of fatal automobile accidents in Lamorinda has prompted action. Lafayette City Manager Steve Falk said that Mayor Carol Federighi and new Police Chief Mike Hubbard plan to work with their counterparts in nearby towns to develop strategies for bringing speeds down throughout the area. A group of Acalanes parents has also mobilized to launch a Slow Down campaign on the streets near Acalanes High School. The most recent accident occurred in Lafayette on Thursday, March 22, when a BMW travelling at a high rate

of speed on Stanley Blvd. plowed into a line of cars waiting at the light at Pleasant Hill Rd. The impact caused the last vehicle in the line to be forced up and over several cars that were ahead of it and finally landed upside down. The driver of that car, 55-year-old Dale Zenor of Walnut Creek, did not survive the crash. Five other people were also injured, but none of the injuries were life-threatening.

Lafayette Police are continuing to investigate the accident and the driver of the BMW, reported to be 38-year-old Walnut Creek man

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Planning Comm. 7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room
2100 Donald Drive
Monday, Apr 2
Monday, Apr 16

Design Review 7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room
2100 Donald Drive
Monday, Apr 9
Monday, Apr 23

Park & Rec. 7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room
2100 Donald Drive
Tuesday, Apr 17

Youth Involvement 7:30pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room
500 St Mary's Road
Thursday, Apr 12

Liaison 8:00am
Fire Station
1280 Moraga Way
Friday, Apr 13

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Local Artist

Robert Wahrhaftig Featured

The Moraga Art Gallery's new exhibit, "Vibrant," will be running from March 22-June 3. The exhibit features Robert Wahrhaftig, who paints portraits, figurative works and an occasional landscape using strong, vibrant colors. In his portraits, Wahrhaftig aims not to create a precise representation of his subject, but rather to illuminate a person's character. "If I can, via portraits, create

something that approaches that explosion of color and emotion, and in some small way, capture the essence of a person I will be more than satisfied," says Wahrhaftig.

The Moraga Art Gallery is in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, 570 Center St., Moraga.

For more information, call 376-5407 or go to their web site at

www.moragaartgallery.com



Featured Artist Robert Wahrhaftig at the Saturday Reception

Photo by Jonathan Glidden

That's Italian!

Italian Nights at Rheem Theater Entertain, Inform

By Jennifer Wake



Photo by Jennifer Wake
Saint Mary's Italian professor Maria Grazia De Angeles

Do you know about the Red Brigades? Most people don't. Yet the audience at the Rheem Theater who watched *La Meglio Gioventu'*, an Italian movie based entirely on this 1970s militant organization known for kidnapping, murder and sabotage, felt completely at ease thanks to Saint Mary's Italian professor Maria Grazia De Angeles.

For the past two years, De Angeles has been serving as a curator of sorts, outlining the specific genres, cultures, and histories behind some of Italy's finest films before their full-screen viewing at the Rheem on the first Tuesday of each month.

"I try to prepare [the audience] for the movie; give them a panoramic view," said De Angeles. "I give them an idea about

everything they're going to see: the location, the history and specific details if there is a connection to the history, as well as some language tips and words to listen for in a scene. I want to open a window to a specific culture."

Born in Rome, De Angeles came to the United States in July 1993, after a long period traveling throughout Europe and Africa following graduate school. Once at Saint Mary's, De Angeles began to seek out authentic Italian restaurants with real Italian staff so her students could practice the language.

She found Ristorante Amoroma in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center and came to know its owner Michele Lavecchia, who is also from Rome. "One day at the restaurant, he came up to me with an idea," said De Angeles. "He thought we could rent a space at Rheem and make the Italian culture known to people, with appetizers and wine based on the region from a movie - complete immersion."

It has proven to be a popular concept. Since Italian Nights began, it has grown from 40 people to nearly 200 attending the evenings, which include antipasti appetizers and wine, catered by Ristorante Amoroma, prior to the short presentation and movie. The audience has learned not only about the Red Brigades, but about unique ways of life, important mon-

uments, and historical facts about Italy.

"People know Florence, Rome, and Venice, but Italy is so diverse," she said. "Each invasion influenced art and history. I believe that film is a very versatile tool. It is a great way to introduce a region, discuss cultural aspects, and practice language."

Although space is limited for the beginning portion of the evening which begins at 6 p.m., seating is plentiful for the 7 p.m. presentation and film. In addition to Italian Night, French Nights are held on the second Tuesday of the month, catered by Left Bank of Pleasant Hill.

Tickets are \$12 with appetizers and wine, or \$8 just for the movie. Saint Mary's students can watch the films for \$5. For information on upcoming films and availability, call the Rheem Theater at (925) 988-3411.

Italian and French Movie Nights in April:

Tuesday, April 3
Francesco, 1989, directed by Liliana Cavani

Tuesday, April 10
Divina, 1981, directed by Jean-Jaques Beiniex

Lamorinda Skate Park Update

By Nee-Sa Lossing

When the Lamorinda skate park was built, controversy abounded as local residents feared the negative outcomes of the construction of the park. The most widely known apprehension was the possibility of the park attracting the "wrong crowd" from surrounding

Until recently, these fears went largely unrealized. This spring, however, the Town of Moraga had to spend over \$5000 to clean up graffiti vandalism, which has raised concern among city officials and citizens alike. There has also been an increase in "tagging" incidents around town.

skater Maria Sarmiento, a sophomore at Miramonte.

So far the park has been a success amount local skaters. "My friends and I were on the committee that helped plan the skate park," said park regular Jeff Schroeder. "We went to Board meetings and City



Graham Keeley, Conor MacKinnon, Tyrone and Devontae Briscoe enjoy the park

Photo by A. Scheck

areas, and the havoc they could potentially wreak on the community.



Conor MacKinnon

Another concern of parents was the issue of safety at the park. Helmets are mandatory at the park, and although this safety precaution isn't regularly monitored or enforced, park users say they try to respect the rules and look out for themselves and their own safety. Also, the Moraga police observe the park from time to time and check for helmets. "People might have thought it was a safety hazard, but I think that it's not really a concern anymore, because it doesn't seem to be that big of a problem," said frequent

Council meetings, we did fundraising and we also modeled plans out of clay." Schroeder continued, "I think it's better to have the skate park here than not. I don't think it brings a bad crowd." Sarmiento added, "I think that people's views have changed, because it provides a nice place for kids to hang out, where it's safe, and parents know where their kids are."

Nee-Sa Lossing is a feature writer, and a student at Miramonte High School



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Park & Recreation	7pm
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Historic Landmarks	3pm
Gallery Room, Orinda Library 22 Orinda Way Tuesday, Apr 24	
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Chandrasekaran Discusses "Life in the Emerald City"

By Lee Borrowman

Rajiv Chandrasekaran, Baghdad bureau chief, from April 2003 to October 2004, and now assistant managing editor for the Washington Post, made an appearance at the Orinda Bookstore on Saturday, March 24, to discuss his new book, "Imperial Life in the Emerald City: Inside Iraq's Green Zone." An audience of about sixty interested listeners heard Chandrasekaran speak on the U.S. occupation of Iraq in 2003-2004, from the appointment of Bush loyalists who were unqualified to manage the occupation and the dismissive attitude that Coalition Provisional Authority L. Paul Bremer took towards the needs of the Iraqi people, to the reality of life in Baghdad during that period.

Debbie Trotter was in the audience. "He's a very good speaker, and very credible. Despite the fact that what he was saying was at times horrific in detail as to what the U.S. had done, he seemed to be impartial and to be offering a fair repre-

sentation of what really happened," said Trotter.

The Campolindo and Stanford alum also took questions from the audience, and spoke briefly about the current situation in Iraq. When asked why we are only now finding out the details of the occupation, Chandrasekaran explained that much of the information was locked in the heads of those who had been there. While researching the book he interviewed people in Washington, D.C., who spoke to him for hours on the subject in what seemed to be an almost therapeutic exercise for them.

As for the current situation, Chandrasekaran believes the war was a mistake, but that the U.S. cannot leave Iraq at this time. He said that the government is reluctant to allow Iraqi refugees into the U.S. now because that would be an admission that mistakes were made. He also spoke in favor of a limited partitioning of Iraq, as a likely but imperfect part of the solution.

Campaign for Orinda

Bond Takes Off

By Chris Lavin, Contributing Writer

Volunteers have opened a campaign headquarters in Orinda's old library and launched a new website to support Measure E, a bond measure up for a vote in June to help fix crumbling and deteriorating roads as well as the water pipes beneath them.

"We all know that this is the most pressing issue facing our city," said Mayor Steve Glazer.

The vote, scheduled for a June 5 special election, needs two-thirds approval to pass. It calls for the city to sell a \$58.6 million bond, to be paid back by taxpayers. A similar measure for a slightly larger amount failed by a slim margin last November.

"I believe we're very ready, this time," said Orinda Councilmember Sue Severson, who supports the measure.

The issue of whether to

float a bond or not has been on the front burner for Orinda for more than three years. When Measure A failed last November, however, it did not seem to take the wind out of the sails of those who supported it. A cantankerous City Council election on the same November ballot added to the controversy surrounding the measure. However, since the start of the year, the council has been working together to address the deteriorating conditions of Orinda's 92 miles of road that were inherited from the county when Orinda incorporated in 1985.

"It would be a terrible situation not to have the water pressure to put out a fire," Severson said.

Opponents of both measures have boiled their arguments down to a few: They do not believe Orinda has had the correct spending

priorities, they believe too much as been spent on creating new city offices, and some believe that the city spends too much on the mutual fire department.

Now, city council members believe they have addressed those arguments.

In a letter sent out to all Orinda citizens, Glazer has reiterated that money to fix deteriorating infrastructure will not come only from the bond measure, but from other sources, as well. He said that some city reserves will be used, state and federal bond money will be sought, and money also will be sought from East Bay Municipal Utilities District and the fire department.

The campaign's new website is www.FixOrindaRoads.com, where information about the bond measure, campaign contributions and volunteer opportunities may be found.



Rajiv Chandrasekaran at the Orinda Bookstore

Photo by Andy Schreck

Bank Robbery Attempted

By Lee Borrowman

On Wednesday, March 21, two armed men attempted a take-over style robbery of the Bank of America branch at 31 Orinda Way. At approximately 9:50 A.M., two masked men carrying a rifle and a handgun entered the bank. They ordered bank employees to the vault, but fled upon finding the vault locked. Take-over style robberies are very frightening, but no one in the bank was injured during the attempt.

Orinda police were able to obtain good descriptions of the suspects and their vehicle, a black SUV, from tellers and customers, and a chase ensued involving several local law enforcement agencies, including the California Highway Patrol, Contra Costa County Sheriff and the Lafayette Police Dept, which sent its canine "Doc" to assist with the search for the suspects.

The suspects were pur-

sued to the edge of Richmond, where they abandoned their vehicle and fled on foot, causing a lock-down at nearby De Anza High School for the protection of the students. One suspect was arrested in the vicinity of the vehicle, and at press time on Monday the other was still at large although police are in possession of information that may lead to his identity, according to Sheriff's spokesman Jimmy Lee.

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Life in LAMORINDA

You Know it's Spring When our Parks Grow Eggs!

By Lee Borrowman

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Orinda will hold its annual Spring Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 29 at 11:00am in the Orinda Community Center Park. Remember to bring your own basket!

To cap the season, Lafayette's A Day of Bunny Fun will take place on Saturday, April 7, 11:00am-12:30pm.

Tickets are on sale at the Lafayette Community Center for \$7 in advance, or buy them the day of the event for \$9. For more information call 284-2232

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Claire Mallela meets the Eggstravaganza Bunny



Girl Scout Laura Gustafson paints the faces of Gianna and Isabella Capozzi



Sophie Fischer pauses to check out her collection



Grandma Sandy provides a lap for tired egg-hunters Alyssa and Julia Coats

Gold Coast Chamber Players: Topics in Tempo

By Sarah Henningsen

With songs like This Is Why I'm Hot and Fergalicious currently gracing the music charts, it is rare to see high school students enamored with classical music.

The Gold Coast Chamber Players, in contrast, see the power of music everyday.

Through the new program Topics in Tempo, the Gold Coast group strives to promote and inspire an understanding of chamber music

among youth by bringing classical masterpieces to Lamorinda schools.

Pamela Freund, the artistic director, and Tony Striplen, the project developer of the Gold Coast Chamber Players, explained the focus of Topics in Tempo: "Our mission is to showcase Chamber music as a relevant art form in today's world. We want to make it accessible without watering it down, showing kids that

chamber music is not an antiquated art form. We also want to offer a lively and new spin on academic subjects in order to offer students a new way into the subject material."

The Gold Coast Chamber Players successfully debuted Topics in Tempo at Campolindo and Acalanes in early March. Prior to the presentation, students in the chorale and band departments were instructed to read and

analyze The Sunset. This revolutionary poem by Percy Bysshe Shelley forms the text of Ottorino Respighi's Il Tramonto, a piece selected from the Gold Coast's Illuminations concert on March 3rd. The next day, students discussed the poem's meaning and performed it using "Reader's Theater", a technique that actors often look to when trying to interpret an artistic piece.

Following the educational portion of Topics in Tempo, the Chamber Players performed Il Tramonto. Kendall Gladen, who is currently an Adler Fellow with the San Francisco Opera, served as the mezzo-soprano soloist for the song. Choir teacher Jim Toland commented on one of her performances: "There are about 100 boys in the class and they were so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. They were mesmerized. It was a thrill to hear her sing."

Four other instrumentalists provided the core music of Il Tramonto. Freund played viola while Robin Sharp and Julie Kim doubled as violinists for the performance. Eric Gaenslen added the low notes of the cello throughout the lengthy piece.

The introduction of Topics in Tempo was an overwhelming success. According to a post-program survey taken by all students involved, "96% of the students were either more likely to attend a chamber music concert in the future or would continue to attend as they already did."

With the Bentley private school as a new performance venue, the Gold Coast Cham-



Gold Coast Artistic Director Pamela Freund, students Jake Omick, Julian Cadotto, Libby McKenzie and Miriam Anderson perform a verse from Il Tramonto.

ber Players look forward to a new season filled with classical entertainment for the local community. On May 12th, the group will perform works ranging from Rameau to Takemitsu in a "ravishing program of enchanting and sensual music" called Magic Flute. San Francisco Opera musician Julie McKenzie will guest star as flutist for the show. The Gold Coast Cham-

ber Players will perform their Visions of America concert on June 3rd at Bentley, incorporating several pieces from the Topics in Tempo program into the show's repertoire. Tickets can be ordered in advance either through the Gold Coast website, www.gcplayers.org, or by phone through the Willows Box Office, 925-798-1300.

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Lafayette Rotary Club's Annual Spring Egg Roll

This event is open to all children ages 2-10. The event takes place at Plaza Park (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Moraga Rd) in Lafayette, at 10:00am, Saturday, April 7, 2007. The park lawn will be covered with candy for the kids to put in their baskets. The youngest are always given extra time to get their share! The Bunny will be there to take pictures with the kids. Join us for the fun.

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The Moraga Art Gallery's new exhibit "Vibrant" will be running from March 22-June 3.

Opening Reception, Saturday, March 24, 2007
Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center Street, Moraga at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center

Lafayette Book Club

The Lafayette Senior Services Book Club (LSSBC) celebrated its 2nd anniversary and continues to flourish. We read a wide variety of books and have lively discussions; join us on the 2nd Monday of every month if that sounds like fun. Call for more information or a list of upcoming books: 284-5050.
Day/Date: 2nd Monday of the Month: 4/9, 5/14, 6/11
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April 7th Hike for the Lafayette Hiking Group

Shell Ridge, Walnut Creek Open Space Enjoy spring flowers, new leaves and spring grass close to home. See the historic Borges Ranch and some ponds on a loop hike with some hills. This hike is about 5 miles. Leader: Alison Hill

Classical Guitarist, Peter Fletcher.

This concert follows his New York Debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are necessary and are accepted at the information desk Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga (925)376-6852

The Moraga Garden Club

is hosting their Spring Tea, "April in Paris." It will be Thursday, April 19th, 10:30 am at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The program will feature renowned Bay Area floral designer, Marsha Heckman. Ticket donations at \$18.00 can be obtained by calling Nancy

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will be having their fundraising Gala on Saturday night, April 21, from 6pm to 10pm at Oakwood. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased at www.gratefulfamilies.org or call 510/428-3885 X5029

To the Editor

Just a note of thanks for your talented writers.

I spent more time reading the Lamorinda Weekly this day than I did the Contra Costa Times.

Keep up the good work. Veronica Gosling Orinda

Dear Editors:

My husband and I were among the many who attended the candlelight vigil in Lafayette last Monday evening. A peaceful gathering where many came to express their feelings about a major national issue regarding life and death. It seemed to us that this was a worthy example of democracy in action. People certainly had obvious differences of opinion... But no one was silenced, or beleaguered. No threats, no rocks, no car bombs...

Why is it that the walkout of high school students protesting the dismissal of a sports coach was given columns of coverage, but there was only a meager paragraph stating that names had been removed from the crosses. One sentence stating that the

Letters to the Editor

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vigil occurred. We would think that there would be sincere praise given to the exercise of free speech in this our beloved country. I know you had reporters there because I spoke to a photographer from your publication...and I am truly sorry that your editors did not see fit to commend the open non-violent challenge of expression of differences.

We would greatly appreciate a response explaining why little or nothing was said. The message of a free press is given as much by silence as by print.

Penny and Mark Kermit

Letter to the Editor

It's time to get on with the road repairs. Maybe there

were problems with the City Council in the past, but why whirl that issue around and around, while the roads crumble even more? We have a new CityCouncil now and another chance to pass a road repair bond. We were hoping the last bond would pass. This time it should happen.

We don't want to replace tires, have wheels realigned, and have the wear and tear on our cars due to our infrastructure. This is not the way our roads should be. We need to "bite the bullet" and get the job done, the bond passed, and the money spent as soon as possible. Vote yes on the road bond!

Ginger and Bill Wadsworth Orinda

National Charity League Honors Senior Girls

The Lamorinda Chapter of the National Charity League honored 18 graduating seniors at their annual Senior Presents on March 11 at the Claremont Resort Hotel in Berkeley. The young ladies, who are students at Campolindo, Miramonte and Acalanes high schools, have served in NCL for the past

six years. The class of 2007 has donated over 2000 hours of volunteer service to many organizations including Contra Costa Food Bank and Project Glean, Adopt-a-Family, Loaves and Fishes, Monument Crisis Center, American Cancer Society, ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation), Moraga

Royale Senior Citizens Home, Special Olympics, American Heart Association, Blue Star Moms, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Town Hall Theatre of Lafayette, Las Trampas, American Red Cross and the Respite Care Nursery.

Pictured from the left: Front row: Emily West, Katie Rawson, Annie Buxton, Molly Henningsen, Megan Coleman, Noelle Tuominen. Back Row: Anna MacDonald, Amanda Roberts, Christina Schultz, Kristina Crocker, Courtney Fontenot, Ali Wolf, Maryel Ley, Katie Carl, Lauren Scheck, Alexa Forshay, Adrienne Horn and Melanie Garvey.



NCL Senior Girls

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Keeping it Real:

The Moraga Farmer's Market Brings the Best of Local, Sustainable, Organic Produce to our Doorsteps

By Cathy Tyson

You are what you eat; and you are where you spend money to eat these days as well. This is the first year the Moraga Farmer's Market will be open year round. Eighty farmers will be represented throughout

is not considered sustainable because of the amount of fossil fuel used in shipping and trucking them to Northern California.

It just makes economic and environmental sense. "Food that travels a shorter

Internationally-grown produce has even more concerns. DDT is banned here in the United States, but in Mexico its still widely used and there are virtually no labor laws, according to Ms. Hayden. Then that food is trucked

truly be sustainable; all of the tractors and 8 of the 10 trucks on the farm are powered by biodiesel from used cooking oil. For the past few years Happy Boy, along with a number of other farmers has been providing UC Santa

have a family farm in Orosi, southeast of Fresno, my Dad's been doing it since he was a kid," says Aoyana. "My Dad brings the stuff up to market on Fridays, then I work selling it on Saturday and Sunday. Oranges will go out of season in a couple of months - tomatoes, cucumbers and squash will start up in April and May. Then we'll have stone fruit throughout the summer." When asked if he is going to continue in the family business, Brian says he's not sure. "I'm going to school right now, Delta College in Stockton. I did this all through middle school and high school plus summer breaks, gotta help the family."

In addition to traditional produce, there is a wonderful bakery vendor, Beckmann's Old World Bakery, selling a variety of fresh breads and rolls. They specialize in sourdough and European breads such as the Vienna raisin twist. The relatively small Santa Cruz bakery started by Peter Beckmann a native of Germany, produces about 10,000 to 17,000 loaves daily. For Derek Shore, it can be a fairly long day, around 11 hours, depending on the market. By the time he leaves at 5:30 in the

son, Oroweat breads are produced by Bimbo Bakeries, headquartered in Fort Worth Texas. Bimbo is part of Mexico's Grupo Bimbo, one of the world's largest baking companies with operations in 14 countries throughout Europe and the Americas. They literally produce millions of loaves a day through their various brands, including Thomas', Entenmann's, Milton's, Bohemian Hearth, Oroweat, Boboli, Tia Rosa and more.

Moraga resident Sherri Cary thinks it's important to support local growers and buy organic whenever possible. She usually buys a variety of things. "I buy staples, but I love to try new things, this winter my favorites were baby beets and a wonderful micro-green called peppergrass. I can't wait to barbecue fresh oysters now that the weather is warm." Like many Market shoppers, she thinks it's important to buy local. "If we don't support local businesses, they will no longer BE in business. Also it's wonderful to have an opportunity to show our kids vegetables that were pulled from the soil hours before, and fruit that may not be perfect, but has



A sunny Sunday at the Farmer's Market

the season, bringing everything from oranges, to organic lettuces, to corn, to orchids, to nuts, to freshly baked breads to snow pea leaves and much more. All this, plus Kettlecorn at the corner of Moraga Road and Moraga Way every Sunday from 9:00 to 1:00, with convenient parking.

Gail Hayden, Director of the California Farmer's Markets Association, says the popularity of local farmer's markets has just exploded, because people want to know the source of their food. Locavores, the Slow Food Movement, and the concept of sustainable food haven't hurt either. A Locavore, a word created by a group from San Francisco, is a person who eats food that is harvested within a 100-mile radius of their home. Slow Food is a non-profit, eco-gastronomic organization founded to counteract fast food and fast life and to recognize the connection between plate and planet. Sustainable food comes from sustainable agriculture, which doesn't rely on a substantial use of petroleum. For example, shipping cherries from South America in December

distance is not only for ecologically-minded people, it just tastes better," says Ms. Hayden. "The peach you buy in a large grocery store is owned by six different people before it gets to you. First it's picked, then a handler sorts its for exact size and grade, next it goes to a warehouse for the packer, then a produce broker for distribution, then Safeway buys it and brings it to a warehouse in Tracy, where it finally gets loaded onto a truck one last time and it ends up in Moraga."

For chain grocery stores, produce has to be picked when it's not ripe so it won't spoil while it's being shipped to Chicago or New York. But at the Farmer's Market it's not unusual for an item to pick that same day. In a few months, corn from Brentwood will be arriving. It's picked at 5:00 in the morning; usually by 7:00 it's filled into a hopper-trailer and by 9:00 it's on sale at the market. That corn is at the peak of ripeness, sweet, delicious and locally-produced. Every dollar spent on that corn goes directly to the farmer, and at four ears for a dollar, it's a great deal too.

to the U.S. with no systemic residue check, which basically allows vegetables that couldn't be grown here to be sold here.

Happy Boys and Old World Bread

Happy Boy Farms is a huge success story and a regular on the Farmer's Market circuit. Throughout the week they sell at 35 Markets and deliver directly to a number of upscale Silicon Valley restaurants and UC Santa Cruz. Year round crops include spring salad mix, beets, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots. In the summertime, many varieties of heirloom tomatoes, specialty eggplant, herbs, bell peppers, and specialty cucumbers and melons are available. Owners Greg and Toku Beccio have been farming organically since 1988, before it was the phenomenon it is today. They sold their original business, Riverside Farms after it had mushroomed to over 1,000 acres. The new smaller farm made Beccio a "Happy Boy." Today they farm about 167 acres in Watsonville, San Juan Bautista, Gilroy, Hollister, and Chowchilla. Happy Boy strives to



The Happy Boy Farm booth is never without a customer or five

Cruz with their organic produce. With a \$4.5 million dollar food budget, the school wants to be a leader in the farm-to-college movement. Bringing fresh, local produce to the school's five dining halls and Terra Fresca restaurant helps the local economy and local farmers.

Another popular vendor is Brian Aoyana. Last week he was selling oranges, blood oranges, and tangerines. "We

morning the bread is wrapped, stacked and ready to go. "The flour we use for the vast majority of our breads is organic. No preservatives at all, which means it won't last quite as long in the cupboard, but it tastes even better."

Financially, buying local is a good thing, agrees Shore. "If you buy it here, you know you're buying it from the person who made it. Keeps the money local." By compari-

more flavor than anything they've had before. We are lucky to have a choice other than produce that is covered in wax or shipped from cold storage. I'm thrilled the Farmer's Market has come to Moraga."

Cathy Tyson can be found at the Farmer's Market almost every Sunday. Look for her in the Kettle Corn line first.

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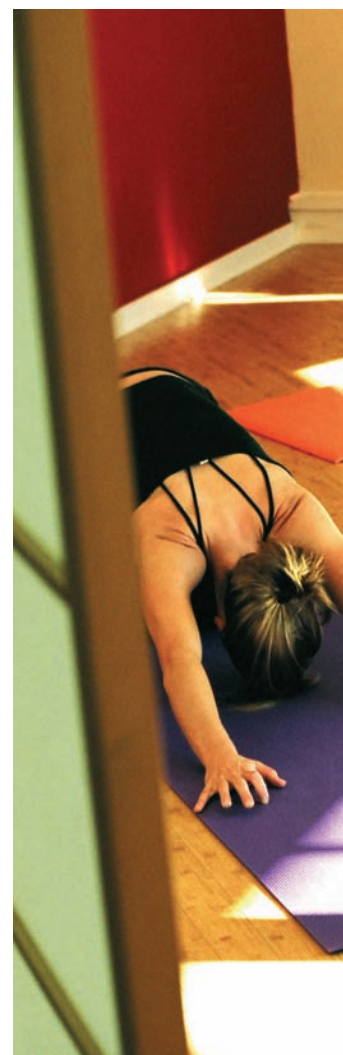
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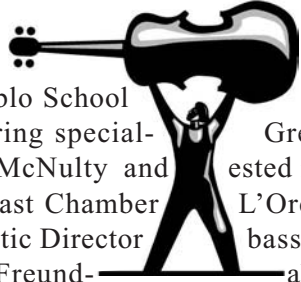
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Summer String Thing

By Lee Borrowman

Young musicians in Lamorinda who want to continue their music education after school lets out in June have been fortunate to have high-quality music camps available to ensure that their instruments, and the skill to play them, do not languish in the back of the closet during the long, hot summer. The Lafayette Summer Music Workshop and Summer Music @ Stanley

Lafayette and Mt. Diablo School District's string specialist Loretta McNulty and the Gold Coast Chamber Players Artistic Director Pamela Freund—



high school, my bass teacher Barry Green got me interested in the French group L'Orchestre deContrebasses, a group of basses, about six bass players that play funk, jazz, rock and classical styles on their bowed string basses. Now that I teach at JM, I try to bring some of those styles into the string program. Sometimes I even use rock to get my



Summer String Thing director Adam Noel

Photo by Lee Borrowman

serve the Jazz and Band genres exceptionally well, but Joaquin Moraga Music Director Adam Noel says, "The bowed string players have needed a place to bond and grow together." To that end, Noel has designed a new summer camp just for students who play string instruments. He calls it the Summer String Thing.

Noel has recruited an impressive staff of music educators to join him in this endeavor. St. Mary's College faculty member Dawn Foster-Dodson,

are. We want to meet them at their level and challenge them to grow. We hope to be able to enhance their skills, infuse a love of string music, and even provide some individual help to overcome obstacles and hurdles in their playing." There will be an audition before camp begins so that participants can be placed in classes individualized to their specific needs.

Noel is planning ways to stimulate camp participants: "While studying my instrument in

students to play classical music better; Vivaldi was definitely a head-banger, in my opinion. I plan to start introducing the camp members to these styles as well, since there are plenty of great groups like Turtle Island String Quartet, the Kronos Quartet and BOND that push the traditional 'string' envelope."

For more information on the trinity of music camps, go to www.summerstringthing.com, www.LAFSMW.org, and www.summermusic.us.

Burton Valley Bebops with Aesop

By Linda Lenhoff

This week, Burton Valley Elementary School's auditorium will be invaded by frogs, ants, sheep, grasshoppers, and other assorted wooly creatures. But there will still be plenty of room for an audience as the Burton Valley Players present Bebop with Aesop, a series of fables set to music.

Burton Valley Players include fourth and fifth grade thespians who have met all season to practice their speeches, moves, and songs. "The play is special because it has an ensemble cast," says Carol Kerr, the school's vocal music teacher and director of the production. "Everyone has a part in

making it great. There are no large rolls, so everyone can be a star."

Among these stars, Aesop and his narrators introduce us to the wide variety of characters. The cast performs songs and tales that include "Don't Count Yer Chickens," "Honesty's the Best Policy," "Don't Put Off Until Tomorrow," and the show-stopping "Bebop with Aesop."

But the kids have learned more than a few dance steps and have made the play their own. "The kids help create the finished product," says Kerr. "I don't have a vision when we begin. They created most of the choreography them-

selves." Along with having a say in choosing their parts and designing the routines, the students create their own costumes. Ants wear a variety of antennae-like devices, not to mention frightening appendages. The lambs are fleecy and white, and the shepherd girl has built herself a commanding crook to frighten off the big bad wolf. Aesop himself appears in a toga from head to toe, as does an entire Greek chorus.

You can join Aesop and friends on Thursday, May 29 at 7:30 in the Burton Valley auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children.



The Burton Valley Elementary School Players present Bebop with Aesop, a series of fables set to music. In the tale pictured, Honesty Is the Best Policy, a shepherd girl fails to protect her sheep by crying wolf once too often. From left: Casey Everitt, Jenny Gonser, Savannah Johnson, Megan Conner and Jessica Evaristo

Camino Pablo says "Viva, Las Vegas!"

By Lee Borrowman

Camino Pablo Elementary School's third Annual Auction was held on Saturday, March 10th at the Serbian Orthodox Church in Moraga. The event, dubbed "Viva, Las Vegas!" was attended by over 200 parents, teachers and staff and included a buffet dinner, silent auction, casino gaming and dancing.

The auction grossed over \$93,000 to date but the final accounting is not yet complete. The dollars raised will be used to fund C.P.'s teaching assistant program, physical education teacher, technology and teaching supplies.

Elementary school auctions could not happen without much time and effort on the part of a

brigade of parent organizers, all of the parents who show up and open their wallets to support the quality education our children receive, and the greater Lamorinda businesses who generously support our schools.

This lovely piece was donated to the C.P. auction by long-time Moraga resident Kent Jacobson, a designer and manufacturer of fine jewelry, generous supporter of C.P., and grandfather of students Hanna and Max Schoenberger.



The Lamorinda School pages were created as a place for our schools to share with the community all of the wonderful things our kids do all day. We are currently seeking parent-reporters (or grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, teacher, you get the idea)! If you are interested, please contact the Schools Editor, Lee Borrowman, at lee@lamorindaweekly.com.



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Bon Voyage, Campo Band!

By Lee Borrowman

The award-winning Campolino High School Symphonic Band will depart on March 29th for an eight-day trip to St. Petersburg, Russia. While there, they will perform for Russian audiences, including dignitaries from the

Russian Ministry of Culture. The will also take a tour of St. Petersburg, and visit the Hermitage Museum, Peterhof (the summer home of Peter the Great) and the Necropolis of Alexander Nevsky Lavra. The band played a special Bon Voyage

Concert on Tuesday, featuring many of the American and Russian pieces that they will perform while in Russia. For more information on the Symphonic Band, go to www.campomusic.com.



February's Jazz Band Dinner Dance raised \$4200 to support the trip

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Compost Coral: Integrating Hands-on Activities at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate

By Sophie Braccini

What are parents, teachers and children doing spending their Saturday mornings at JM? They're building the new "JM Compost Coral," a 10'x30' structure made of untreated redwood and vinyl coated wire. The Coral will contain worm bins and biostack compost piles that will recycle the school's yard clippings and waste from lunch. This easy and natural process provides excellent and inexpensive fertilizer for the school's many flower and vegetable gardens. Vice Principal Brad Carn said, "JM is joining the green revolution."

It all started last year, when a group of teachers decided to incorporate gardening into JM's curriculum. Pam

Bailes, Elaine Guttman, Dawn Lezak, Lois Mead and Christie Santodomingo designed the project and applied to the Moraga Educational Foundation for a mini-grant. "The students benefit tremendously from hands-on work," Bailes said. "They love to interact with natural processes and the understanding they get never leaves them."

Once the idea was hatched, it took the support of the community to make it happen. When the program received \$900 from M.E.F. it was time for parents to roll up their sleeves. Claire Curtin was one of the most instrumental parents working on the project. She contacted Deva Rajan, founder of Canyon

Construction and now the inspiration behind Moraga's Community Garden. Rajan brought construction and composting knowledge to the project as well as a connection to Truitt and White, a building supply company in Berkeley. According to Curtin, "That company was amazingly supportive in meeting the group's limited budget and delivered high quality materials for free." Since the Moraga School District has established a policy restricting the use of potentially harmful pesticides and chemicals, the redwood chosen as the material of choice for the Coral is untreated.

Over the last few weeks about 30 community volunteers, including JM students doing community service and members of Scout Troops #246 and #212, have been working on the Coral. The Leadership class of JM has been involved in the project since its inception and they will have a role to play in the maintenance and use of the compost. Composting will start this year and more campus-wide programs will be developed around the project next year.

As the program evolves, teachers plan to apply for more grants. Bailes is pleased: "Now students will be able to be instrumental in the whole natural cycle, from food to waste, from waste to compost, from compost to growing plants and plants back to their plate."



8th graders Leanne Woehleke and Connor Ludwig nail the fence to the posts while Shelby Watts (6th grade), Claire Curtin and Steve Woehleke lay chicken wire to discourage unwanted guests

Keith Hawkins Speaks at Campolino

By Sarah Henningsen

On March 19th, nationally renowned speaker Keith Hawkins engaged the Campolino student body in a speech filled with humor and insight. After founding his company, Real Inspiration Inc., over a decade ago, Hawkins has traveled globally to provide students of all ages with advice, motivation, and leadership training. His assembly last week accomplished all of this in a very short time.

The Campolino Leadership class arranged for Hawkins to speak at the school after hearing him at a leadership conference earlier in the year. Julianne Kingery, the Commissioner of Assemblies, organized the event and introduced Hawkins to the Campolino audience.

Throughout his presen-

tation, Hawkins nicely balanced his many jokes with advice pertinent to the lives of teenagers. At the beginning, he instructed everyone to "holla" in order to energize the audience and then sarcastically teased the students for such high pitched screams.

On a more serious level, Hawkins encouraged the students to avoid living in fear, or what therapists and inspirational speakers alike refer to as False Evidence Appearing Real. He also emphasized the importance of "owning" one's time as opposed to renting it, something he himself struggled with during an adolescence filled with abuse, poverty, and apathy.

Hawkins' enthusiastic and positive attitude charmed audience members of all



Keith Hawkins

ages, students and teachers alike. He also spoke at Miramonte last week, and students at both schools enjoyed hearing this inspirational individual speak about the decisions students must make every day. "People don't listen to what you say. They look at what you do," Hawkins reminded the audience.

Students Take the Prize from the Orinda Arts Council

Orinda Arts Council 2007 Student Visual Arts Competition Winners

Photography

1st Place (\$350): Lucy Wittenberg, "Be Mine?"
Grade 10, Miramonte High School

2nd Place (tie-\$200 ea): Molly Turrentine, "Admiration"
Grade 11, Bentley High School, and Kaitlin Strang, "Devan"
Grade 11, Campolino High School

3rd Place (\$100): Ketti Salemne, "Approaching the Unknown"
Grade 10, Campolino High School

2-D

1st Place (\$350): Kaylan George, "Kings"
Grade 12, Campolino High School

2nd Place (\$250): Madison McClintock, "Experiment"
Grade 12, Campolino High School

3rd Place (tie- \$100 ea.): Andy Hurrell, "Protest"
Grade 12, Orinda Academy, and Kelsey Harrison, "Cat"
Grade 12, Miramonte High School

3-D

1st Place (\$350): Richard Alex Klevan, "Pointed Amphora"
Grade 12, Miramonte High School

2nd Place (\$250): Daniel Seymour, "Orcish Fishing Pole"
Grade 12, Miramonte High School

3rd Place (tie- \$100 ea.): Eva Imber, "Propaganda: Feed the Pig"
Grade 12, Miramonte High School, Marisa Rowland, "I Am"
Grade 10, Miramonte High School, and Alena Field, "Coke"
Grade 10, Campolino High School



"Pointed Amphora," by Richard Alex Klevan, 3-D entry, 1st place.

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SPORT

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The Mats Swim to a 3-0 record

By Malia McClurg

The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." This quote by Babe Ruth is posted on the Miramonte swim team website and captures their winning mentality.

Swimmers stood by the edge and yelled "Go!" every time their teammates surfaced for a breath. In the 200 Medley Relay, Miramonte's women's team, Klein, O'Neill, Weikert (one of the captains), and O'Brien swam to a time of 1:55.92 to begin the meet.

Miramonte's men also

work together in and out of the pool. Take, for instance, the fact that the Miramonte swimmers have organized a team-building event. They plan to watch a special showing of the new movie *Pride* – a movie about a dedicated coach, played by Terrance Howard, who starts a swim team for troubled teens at the Philadelphia De-



The Lady Matadors dive into the pool and swim to a victory over Dublin

Photo by Jordan Fong

Miramonte's swim team demonstrated how well they could work together when they took to the pool Thursday, March 22 against Dublin high school in their third match of the season. The at-home win added to the Mats' undefeated record and continued their stellar early season performance.

jumped off to great start, as they followed up with a win in a time of 1:45.87 in the 200 Medley Relay thanks to the great teamwork of Lathrope, Haufler, Kelley, and Perry. In the end, the energy, teamwork and skill of the entire Matador's team helped the women's and men's scores to almost triple that of Dublin. The men fin-

ished with Mirmamonte at 123 points and Dublin with 45. The girl's had similar success topping Dublin 135-31.

Miramonte's victory is a result of hard work and skill, but it also has something to do with how they



Max Parrague in the 200 IM with a time of 2:05.44

Photo by Jordan Fong

While swimming may look like individual events that contribute to the entire score, the Mats prove this false. The entire team started together in a loud "M-I-R-A-M-O-N-T-E" cheer and was involved in each event. Despite the long meet, Mira-

mond's victory is a result of hard work and skill, but it also has something to do with how they

door will go to the "Swim for your Life" program.

Next up for Miramonte is a quad meet on Wednesday, the 28th, against College Park, Northgate, and our own Campolindo at 3:30pm at the Campolindo Soda Center.

3rd place for design-Chris Wilson
Honorable Mentions:
 Dylan Thomas, Ty Dow, Marty Cunnane, Eric Sweeny and Cameron Kaiser

Turtle Award: (for slowest car): Richard Blackenbury

Cub Scout Pack 351's Annual

Pinewood Derby Submitted by Diane Thomas

The picture shows the winners of Cub Scout Pack 351's annual Pinewood Derby which was held on

Thursday, March 22nd at Rheem Elementary.

Winners:

1st place-Navid Boozarpour
 2nd place-Scott Hillhouse
 3rd place-Trevor Attanasio

1st place for design-Parker Lothamer
 2nd place for design-Dylan Thomas



OBA: Mud Dogs Defeat Warthogs

By Jaime Zepeda

The Mud Dogs name might have a messy connotation, but their win over the Warthogs was a clean one. Relying mostly on their big sluggers, the Mud Dogs surpassed the solid pitching and defense of the Warthogs, with a 7-2 win at Curtis Wagner Ranch.

Lee. Clark Jordan followed up with a single of his own. A wild pitch brought in a Mud Dog run, tied the game and left a runner in scoring position. A double by Emmett Carn brought in another run for the Mud Dogs, and put them up by one. Ryan Andersen, the pitcher

Dogs enjoy their lead. They continued to hit the ball hard and put people on base, but had trouble capitalizing with points.

After the Mud Dogs added three more runs in the third with close plays at home, the score was 7-2, in their favor. Both teams shut



The Mud Dogs' number 11, Grayson Judge steals third

Photo by Jordan Fong

Batting with a runner on base, Daniel Ritelli, from the Warthogs, put the first score on the board with a booming double that brought in a run. The Warthogs kept attacking in the first inning, but were unable to create any further damage. Thanks to Tyler

for the Warthogs, however, would not let the run continue. He answered by striking out the next three batters in a row to close the inning.

In the second inning, the Warthogs came back. With runners on first and third base, Alex Levin brought a Warthog in to

each other out in the fourth and fifth innings. This was mainly due to some outstanding saves in the outfield and good performances from their pitchers. Ryan Andersen, for the Warthogs, recorded an outstanding six strikeouts in the game. Daniel Ritelli shut out the



The Mud Dogs' number 5, Clark Jordan connects with the ball for a single

Photo by Jordan Fong

Tasker, who struck out two Warthogs in a row, the Mud Dogs were able to escape the inning relatively unscathed.

Unfortunately, the bottom of the first inning was

score. But, the trouble for the Warthogs did not stop here. After a single and two stolen bases by Clayton Haskell of the Mud Dogs, Ryan Andersen found himself in a tough situation that

Mud Dogs in the bottom of the fifth with two strikeouts, which gave the Warthogs a chance for a comeback in the sixth inning.

In the sixth, however, the Warthogs had a hard



Mud Dogs' pitcher, Clayton Haskell pitches a strike

Photo by Jordan Fong

marred by an injury for the Warthogs. Their starting catcher, Robert Young, was hit in the wrist by a loose ball. Luckily, he was able to return later in the game to help his team with good pitching.

The Mud Dogs began with a run in the first because of a double by Josh

no pitcher wants to face. Luckily, he remained calm and focused on the game. Despite having the bases loaded and being subject to heavy pressure, he calmly struck out the next two batters to save the inning.

The Warthogs kept attacking in the third inning and refused to let the Mud

time getting past the Mud Dogs, and were unable to add to their tally. The tough Mud Dog defense closed the game, in spite of a great attempt on behalf of the Warthogs. The final score left the Mud Dogs over the Warthogs, 7-2.

Heads Up,
 Lamorinda Players, Coaches, and Fans

We want your game scores, highlights, and photos. Please send your game reports, including player names and digital photos to sports-desk@lamorindaweekly.com.

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SPORT

LAMORINDAS LOCAL SPORT NEWS

MBA: Rangers Squeak Past Angels

By Jonathan Glidden

The Angels and Rangers played an exciting game this weekend in the Moraga Baseball Association Mustang division. The game featured strong performances on both sides, both defensively and offensively. The teams were very evenly matched, but in the end one team prevailed: the Rangers were able to squeak out a hard-won 5-3 victory.

The game started off with the Rangers in control. In the first inning, Ranger's batter Tyler Bartis hit a huge RBI double to center, then stole third on the next pitch. He was then hit home by the next batter. In the bottom of the inning, Ranger's pitcher Ryan Geisreiter struck out three batters and held the Angels scoreless.

The Angels, however, battled back in the second. They held the Rangers without a run in the top of the inning, before scoring two in the bottom to tie the game. Angels short stop Scotty Chen got on first when he hit a hard ground ball past the Rangers short stop. Then, in a spectacular display of base running, he stole second, third, and then home to score the run. They then scored another run to tie the game at 2.

The third inning would prove to be the difference in the game. The Rangers were able to score three runs that would end up being the margin of victory. Will Coates took first after being hit by a pitch to start the

inning. He stole second and scored to take a one run lead. Neil Kelley then hit a shot to deep left center for a double. The next batter, Chris Wilson, hit him and another runner home when he hit a hard ground ball past short for two RBIs to make it 5-2 Rangers.

In the bottom of the inning, the Angels were held without a run.

In the top of the fourth, it appeared that the Rangers would add to their lead, but the Angels played very strong defense to keep them scoreless. At one point, the Rangers attempted a suicide squeeze play, but the runner was thrown out at home. Then later, they loaded the bases, but Angels pitcher Sam Larson struck out the batter to end the inning.

In the next inning, the Angels hit very well, but were thwarted by great defense by the Rangers. The inning featured a spectacular diving catch by the Rangers first baseman and a possibly game saving catch in the outfield by the center fielder.

The Angels continued to fight though, once again holding the Rangers scoreless in the bottom of the fifth, giving themselves yet one more chance to win it.

However, it was not to be. Rangers pitcher Tyler Bartis got all three Angels batters to end the game and get the win.



Rangers pitcher winds up

Photo by Jonathan Glidden

Wolves Beat Dons in Women's LAX

By Jaime Zepeda

The bleachers began to empty after the junior varsity women's lacrosse game between the Acalanes Dons and the San Ramon Valley Wolves ended. The Dons beat the Wolves at the JV level by a wide margin, prompting parents and friends alike to rush to their cars. The night, however,

strong and kept up the intensity. The Dons showed a great defensive front and forced the Wolves to run around the goal. The Wolves often left frustrated after they were unable to see an opening in the Dons' defense.

During the last three minutes of the first half, the Acalanes squad went on an

now 6-4 in favor of San Ramon Valley. The Dons' momentum was temporarily interrupted, once again, by Vandorn of San Ramon Valley, as she scored a goal with only 15 seconds left.

The second half did not fair much better for the Dons. Acalanes did not score until six minutes into the second

extended their lead. The Dons now faced the possibility of losing by a blowout. Thanks to three goals in a row, the Dons shortened the lead the Wolves had taken, and showed their offensive prowess.

The Dons showed great tenacity when they were behind, and solid defense



The Dons maintained their intensity throughout the game, in a defeat against the Wolves



Photo by Gavin Schissel

was not over. The varsity team for both schools now began to practice on the same field, bringing back the crowd and then some. The game between the two varsity squads proved to be an exciting, albeit unfortunate, match.

The San Ramon Valley Wolves began with a fury and mainly because of Allison "Allie" Vandorn's amazing skill. She started the game with a booming shot and goal only 30 seconds into the first half. San Ramon Valley drew first blood, and never looked back.

Working on an aggressive offensive strategy, the Wolves made life hard for the Dons. Vandorn was essential in the game for the Wolves, scoring eight goals alone for her team. She also had two assists, to add to her outstanding performance against a valiant Dons defense. "Someone needs to cover No. 9," a frustrated Acalanes parent pointed out.

The Dons did not give up, however, and showed great determination throughout the game. Even when down by numerous points, Acalanes still maintained

offensive frenzy and scored two goals in a row in only a matter of seconds. Number 24, Laura Harris scored a difficult goal with 1:35 left in the first half, only to be followed by teammate No. 8, Katie Mitchell's goal, 10 seconds later. The score was

half. Krissy Rich's amazing spin-and-shot goal broke the ice in the second half. After that score, Acalanes and San Ramon Valley matched each other goal for goal for the majority of the half.

But then, with a string of difficult goals, the Wolves

throughout. Unfortunately, San Ramon Valley, with Vandorn spearheading the attack, was just too much to handle. The San Ramon Valley Wolves beat the Acalanes Dons, 14-8.



Lady Dons faced a tough Wolves defense

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If you want to take a trip from Europe to Asia, through the Middle East and back to the United States, it's not necessary to break the bank: exploring Lamorinda's restaurants will provide you with an extensive international experience. Lamorinda is the home of more than 80 restaurants (not counting the fast food joints). For breakfast alone, your range of choices includes the Ranch House Café or Terzetto in Moraga, the Lafayette Park Hotel, Chow or Squirrels in Lafayette and Geppetto in Orinda; not to forget the 2 Peets Coffees and a few Starbucks. At lunch time, your choice really is impressive. Oasis in Lafayette offers flavorful Middle Eastern treats, Mucho Wraps in Moraga is the spot for favorite Mexican specialties; places for home made sandwiches and salads abound; try Ferrari's in Lafayette, Geppetto in Orinda or Amoroma in Moraga.

Whatever you're in the mood for, you'll find it in Lamorinda: Sushi? Ken Sushi in Lafayette, Tamami's in Moraga or Yu Sushi in Orinda. Americana: Don't miss Bo's in Lafayette, the Ranch house in Moraga or Casa Orinda. In the mood for a romantic evening? Head for the Duck Club at the Lafayette Park Hotel where you'll enjoy your evening as late as 1 PM in the Bistro, you will also want to try Postino on Mount Diablo Blvd, the "Carmel coast" style of the place will charm your date. If you want to dine in Moraga, try Michael's, recently acquired by Patrick from Pennini's. If you're in the mood for live entertainment, take that special someone to Joe's of Lafayette for jazzy and funky entertainment, to Petar's for Irish, oldies or hip hop music, or to the Orinda House, a must for live jazz; and did you know that Terzetto features live music on Friday night? If Italian food strikes your fancy, many excellent choices are available. Amoroma in Moraga is a favorite, La Finestra is nestled on Lafayette circle and La Piazza in Orinda gets only positive reviews, and that's not to mention the many restaurants that offer pizzas and that have been family favorites for Friday night fun.

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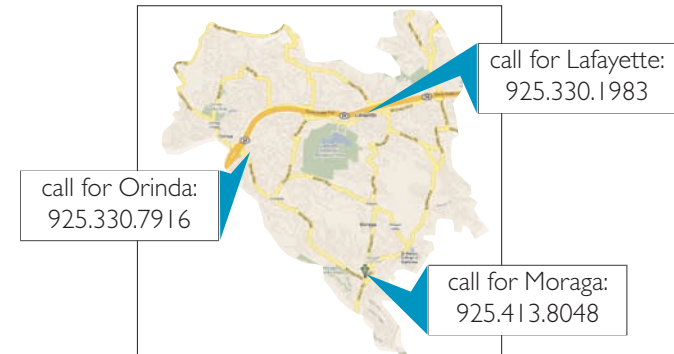
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Moraga Baseball Association Pony Division

March 25

Moraga Mariners 13, Walnut Creek Reddaws 3

Mariners highlights: Kevin Malley 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 4 runs; Scott Lyness 2-for-4, 3B, RBI, 6 IP, 3 runs, 4 hits, no walks, 5 K's; Phillip Wright 1-for-2, walk, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Allen Smoot 1-for-2, 2 walks, 3 runs; KK Lowe 2-for-3, run.

Orinda Padres 7, Moraga Cougars 6

Doubleheader - 1st game

Cougars highlights:

Chris Roming 4 1/3 IP, 10 K's; Erik Baker 2-for-3, 3B, 2 runs; Matt Bruzzone 2-for-4, RBI; Sean Wraith 2-for-3.

Moraga Cougars 11, Orinda Padres 2

Doubleheader - 2nd game

Cougars highlights: Matt Bruzzone complete game, W, 2ER, 5K, 1BB; Daniel Brinkerhoff 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Erik Baker 1-for-3, 2B, 2 RBIs; Jaime Vega 2-for-4, RBI.

March 24

Moraga Mariners 15, Rodeo Yankees 3

Mariners highlights: Phillip Wright 2-for-3, walk, 2 RBI, 3 runs, 7 IP, 5 hits, no walks, 9 K's; Kyle Reynolds 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2B, 2 runs; Scott Lyness 2 walks, sac fly, 2 RBI, 2 runs; KK Lowe 1-for-1, 2 walks, 2 RBI, run; Kevin Malley 1-for-2, 2B, 2 walks, RBI, 2 runs.

Moraga Cougars 10, Orinda Padres 4

Cougars highlights: Peter Matthias 4 IP, 5 K's, W; Sean Wraith 2 RBI; Chris Roming 2 RBI; Matt Bruzzone 2-for-3, 2 RBI.

March 18

Moraga Mariners 17 Rodeo Red Sox 2

Mariners highlights: Scott Lyness 1-for-1, HR, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 3 IP, 0 runs, 1 hit, 2 walks, 7 K's; Adam Newton 4-for-4, BB, RBI; Kevin Malley 2-for-3, 2B, RBI; Phillip Wright 1-for-3, BB, 2 RBI; Kyle Reynolds 2-for-3, BB, RBI; Brent Glowatch 1-for-1, 3 BBs, RBI.

Bronco Division

March 25

Moraga Bears 5, Orinda Outlaws 2

Bears highlights: Ryan Hooper 2 hits, RBI, run; Jeff Eriksen 1 hit, RBI, run, save; Phillip Rei 1 hit, RBI.

March 24

Moraga Mariners 13, Orinda Blues 10

Mariners highlights: Jonathan Matsuda 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Troy Westermoff 2-for-4, RBI, 2 runs; Teddy Newton 2-for-4, 2 RBI, run; Nate Oto 1-for-3, RBI.

Bears 8, Nationals 2

Nationals highlights: Joe Giacchetti hit, RBI; Alex Wicker hit; JD Ratchford hit, RBI.

Bears highlights: Scott Singh 2 hits, 2B, 2 RBI, run; Robbie Tenerowicz 2 hits, 2B, 2 RBI, run; Brett Stephens 3 hits, RBI, 2 runs.

Moraga Dodgers 9, Moraga A's 4

Dodgers highlights: Zach Taylor 1-for-1, 2 BB, 2 runs; Jason Hofmann 1-for-2, 2 RBI, run; Hunter Rosenbaum 4 IP, 4 K's, run.

A's highlights: Ryan Gannett 2-for-3; Reid Shellenbach 1-for-3, run.

March 17

Moraga Giants 13, Moraga Dodgers 12

Giants highlights: Tyler Garrison 3-for-3, 2B, GW RBI; Ian Daniels 2-for-4, 3 runs; Kevin Baldwin 1-for-3, 2B, 2 runs;

Dodgers highlights: Jason Hofmann 1-for-3, 2B, 3RBI, run; Hunter Rosenbaum 1-for-2, 3BB, 2 runs; Tyler Takata 2-for-4, run.

March 16

Moraga Mariners 17, Moraga Dodgers 11

Mariners highlights: Taylor Abbott 2-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; David Ortega 2-for-3, 3 RBI, 3 runs; Jonathan Matsuda 3-for-4, 3 RBI, run.

Dodgers highlights: Grant Smith 2-for-3, RBI, run; Alex Mirante 2-for-4, 2 runs; Tommy Cella 2 RBI.

Mustang Division

March 24

Rangers 5, Angels 2

Rangers highlights: Ryan Geisreiter 2 IP, 3 K's; Neil Kelley 2-for-3, 3B, 2 runs; Tyler Bartis 2 IP, 2 K's, no hits, no runs.

Angels highlights: Scotty Chen 2-for-3, 2 runs; Jack O'Donnell 2 IP, 4 K's.

A's 11, Yankees 10

A's highlights: Nick Riddle 2-for-2, 2 RBI, game winning RBI with 2 out in 6th; Alex Gannett 2-for-2, 3 runs; Griffin Bell 1-for-1, RBI, 3 runs.

Yankees highlights: Ramin Nazeri 4-for-4, 4 runs; Kevin Lehman 3-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; Jacob Malloy 2-for-3, 3 RBI.

White Sox 12, Red Sox 7

White Sox highlights: Conner McNally 3-for-4, 2-1B, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 runs; Brian Lyle 3-for-3, 1B, 2B, 2 runs; Russell Bruck 1-for-3, 1B, 2 runs; Jake Rider 4-for-4, 2-1B, 3 RBI.

Red Sox highlights: Nicky Fafoutis 1-for-3, 2B, RBI, run; Scottie Smoot 2-for-3, 2-1B, RBI, run; Kevin Buckley 2-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI, run; Perry Walker 1-for-2, 2B, run.

March 21

White Sox 9, A's 7

White Sox highlights: Conner McNally 3-for-3, 2-2B, 3B, RBI, 2 runs; Tiger Garcia 3-for-3, 2 RBI, run; Jake Rider 2-for-3, RBI, run.

A's highlights: Griffin Bell 2-for-2, RBI, 2 runs; Chase Corallo 1-for-2, 2 runs, 2 walks.

Pinto Division

March 24

Cubs 16, Cardinals 9

Cubs highlights: Jacob Westphal 4-for-4, 2 RBI, 4 runs; Jacob Delaney 3-for-4, 2 runs; Eli Kirmayer 3-for-3, 2 RBI.

Cardinals highlights: Nicholas Bishop 1-for-3, 2B, RBI, run; Quinn Cuddihy 3-for-3, RBI, run; Nick Morgan 2-for-3, RBI, run.

Gaels Rugby Enters Playoffs at #3, Loses to Cal 41-19

By Jennifer Wake

Ranked No. 3 in the nation, the Saint Mary's men's rugby team took on No. 1 ranked Cal on Saturday in week ten of the Northern California Conference.

Gaels football player who shifted to rugby after the football program was cut – credits the coaching staff for the team's success. "I think the only reason we are the team we are is because of the coaches," he said. "I would consider them the top collegiate coaches in the nation. The style of play that our coaches teach us allows us to play as well as we do. We're a wide-open type of team that tries to move the



Entering the game with an overall record of 13-1 – the Gaels' only other loss coming from Cal on January 13 at 33-12 – Saint Mary's faced an insurmountable lead of 31-7 by halftime and lost to the Golden Bears 41-19.



Kevin with ball passing to Josh Volne and others in Background Photo by Tim Mickiewicz

Saturday's game followed the March 16 game against Sacramento State, where the Gaels buried the Hornets 68-13 in the Nor-Cal Conference, banging in a total of ten tries on the night.

Center Kevin Swiryn led the way for the Gaels with four tries, while Volney Rouse, playing mid-field, added a try and seven conversions for 19 points. The Gaels scored an unanswered 33 points in the second half and saw the return of lock Kyle Mickiewicz after a month-long recovery from a knee injury.

Swiryn – a former

ball around." With more than a dozen of the team's 34 members having never played rugby before coming to Saint Mary's, Head Coach Tim O'Brien says that spreading the field wide and starting a lot of guys helped the team click in different aspects of play and with different combinations.

The Gaels take on Stanford on Sat. March 31 at 1 p.m. at Pat Vincent Rugby Field, which reopened on Feb. 17.

For all Saint Mary's sports information, visit www.SMCGaels.com.



Kevin Swiryn passing to Josh Photo by Tim Mickiewicz



Josh with ball Photo by Tim Mickiewicz

Baseball Ends Streak, Keeps Momentum after Loss to Nevada

By Jennifer Wake

The Saint Mary's baseball team lost to Nevada 7-3 last week, ending a 14-game unbeaten streak. Although two Gaels went deep, it was not enough and SMC fell for the first time in over a month. The loss came on the heels of a four-game sweep of Southern Utah on March 16-18 at Louis Guisto Field.

"The four games against Southern Utah were up and down," said senior outfielder Eric Cattoni. "The first two games were dominated by the Gaels while the second two were each more of a fight."

Cattoni credited the sweep to second baseman Randy Wells' series clinching base hit. Wells drove in the winning run from third in the final game, closing out the series with a 9-8 victory. "The sweep of Southern Utah extended the streak and our momentum was dramatically climbing," he said. "The next game against Nevada was a streak killer, but certainly not a momentum killer."

The Gaels got things going early against Nevada with the long ball. Wells got a two-run homer – the first home run of his collegiate career – in the top of the third inning to give the Gaels an early 2-0 lead. SMC got a solo home run

from shortstop Joel Staples in the top of the eighth inning to bring the Gaels to within three. The home run was his fourth in three games and sixth on the season.

Before hitting his homer, Wells decided to stay

vada squad, highlighted by the homeruns by Staples and Wells, Cattoni explained. "Both teams were thin on the mound and the game was going to come down to defense and timely hitting," he said. "It was a well played game that we will



Saint Mary's outfielder Eric Cattoni Photo by Saint Mary's Athletics/Carly Soto

positive. "I was one for five at the time and realizing that I was going to have one more shot against these guys," he said. "Once I fell behind two strikes I just decided I was not going to strike out. Even with a clutch hitter like Aliotti up next I felt I had to deliver there."

Offensively, the Gaels started off right where they left off by out hitting the Ne-

learn from and move past." As for the streak, Head Coach Jedd Soto added, "It was nice to have the young squad string together some wins. We look to have this momentum carry us through a very competitive West Coast Conference."

Saint Mary's climbed to 16-9-1 on the season and took a week off before hosting Cal State East Bay yesterday.



Saint Mary's outfielder Eric Cattoni Photo by Saint Mary's Athletics/Carly Soto

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Rhetoric vs. Reality: Central American Violence Not Forgotten

By Jennifer Wake

On March 24, 1980, while celebrating holy Mass at a

ferences between rhetoric and reality with respect to U.S. support of human rights

Guatemalan civil war and I have seen him suffer so much throughout my life,

Security Cooperation (WHINSEC). The Army states the SOA had finished its mission and that WHINSEC was opened to address new missions. Ahnen contends the new institution was "placed in the same place, teaching pretty much the same courses."

"Most of us in the movement understand that what took place was a political move at attempting to save the school by making cosmetic changes to the name and claiming broad changes for the mission that



Banners secured to WHINSEC fences denounced the facility during the three-day protest.

Photo by Lorna Contreras

small chapel near his cathedral in San Salvador, Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot to death. According to a U.N. report, his assassins were members of Salvadoran death squads and two were graduates of the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Now 27 years later, protesters continue an annual pilgrimage each November to this military training facility, hoping to force its closure. A Saint Mary's professor, a campus minister and twelve students, who joined more than 20,000 people in this year's protest, spoke about their experience at the college last week.

"Many of the martyrs of the cruel torture and repression [in Latin America] are Catholic religious leaders such as Archbishop Romero, the four churchwomen killed in December of 1980, and the six Jesuit priests killed November 1989," said Saint Mary's politics professor Ron Ahnen, a principal organizer of these trips since 2003. "Our goal is to educate students about the dif-

violating regimes in Latin America."

Prior to the protest, students were required to do a substantial amount of reading specifically on the SOA as well as an overview of U.S. military and economic policies toward Central America.

Ahnen and Campus Minister Bob Mallon helped students review the history of Catholic Social Thought which emphasizes respect for human rights, giving priority to the needs of the poor, and supporting reforms in favor of economic and social

dealing with flashbacks, depression, and problems with anxiety," she said. "There are so many other people who suffered the way my

dad did, and no one fought for justice. I may be little, and not very significant in the eyes of our government, but I will fight for the injustices and

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— Lorna Contreras, student

justice. They discussed how this fit in with the SOA issue.

For Saint Mary's student Lorna Contreras, who has traveled to Fort Benning for the past two years, the protests are a way for her to fight back.

"My father was a victim of torture during the

the damage the SOA and the U.S. caused to so many Latin American countries as strongly as I can."

In 1999, outside pressure seemed to work and the school was shut down, but it soon reopened as the Western Hemispheric Institute for

really aren't there," he said.

While at WHINSEC, students were given an opportunity to meet directly with school administrators for a question and answer period, but unfortunately, they say, they left unconvinced.

"I realized they had actually dodged all the questions asked and just turned them into informative messages about how great the school was," said Contreras. But Contreras says she and the others returned to Saint Mary's undaunted. "Even though we can't change the world, I can always try to cause some change. In a democracy, you use the voice you have to stand up for what you believe in."

"Our goal is to educate students about the differences between rhetoric and reality with respect to U.S. support of human rights violating regimes in Latin America." — Politics Professor Ron Ahnen



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Go Gaels!

Upcoming Saint Mary's Sports Events

Saturday, March 31

• Men's Rugby vs. Stanford
1 p.m. at Pat Vincent Rugby Field

We wish all the Saint Mary's student-athletes the best of luck as they enter competition at games away from home this week. For information on all out-of-town games, visit the official Saint Mary's athletics website: www.SMCGaels.com.

Campus Happenings

Lectures:

Tom Barbash
Author of several books including "On Top of the World — Cantor Fitzgerald, Howard Lutnick & 9/11: A Story of Loss & Renewal"
Tonight, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Soda Activity Center
Free

Abigail Thomas
Author of two collections of short stories, "Herb's Pajamas" and "Getting over Tom," the novel "An Actual Life" and, most recently, two memoirs, "Safekeeping" and "A Three Dog Life."
Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Soda Activity Center
Free

Jon Waterman
Author of "Where the Mountains are Nameless: Passion and Politics in the Arctic Refuge" — winner of the 2006 Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award — discusses global warming and oil development in the Wildlife Refuge. Waterman was part of an expedition to the Arctic last year that discovered melting permafrost, disappearing glaciers and dying forests.
Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.
Soda Activity Center
Free

Art Exhibitions:
"Paper Cuts: The Art of Contemporary Paper"
Continues through April 29
Hearst Art Gallery
Free

"William Keith: The 1870s Paintings"
Reopened Saturday, March 24
Hearst Art Gallery, William Keith Room
Free

For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at www.stmarys-ca.edu/news_events/.



Protestors listened to speeches and attended vigils during the November 2006 event. Photo credit: Jaime Zepeda



SMC students gather before protest march.

Photo by Jaime Zepeda

Want To Knock Off 20 Years?

Support Gaels Athletics, says John Frei.

By Jennifer Wake

Long-time Lafayette residents John and Liz Frei have a unique hobby — one that, they say, makes them feel younger than their 70-plus years. The Freis have become Gaels sports junkies.

With a family of four

boys and one girl, the couple got into basketball; after their kids grew up and moved away, they continued their interest in sports. "Liz got interested in basketball when I suggested she come watch a girl's game," said John, who graduated from

Saint Mary's in 1951. Soon after, they began adding different sports to their list of favorites.

"I tried to look up all the rules [of volleyball] on the Internet, but decided it's better not to know the rules," said Liz, a graduate

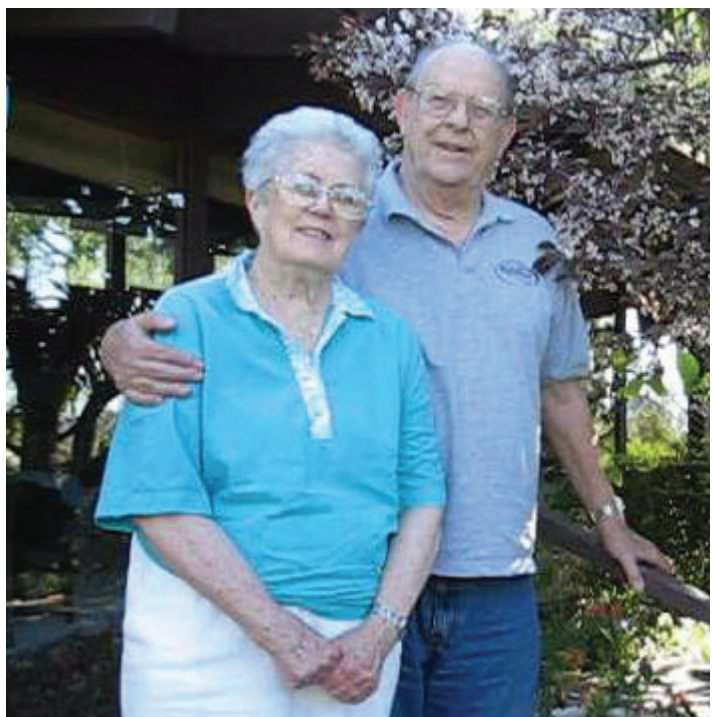
of Holy Names College. She can tell you all the players who have been injured recently and which are great shooters. "The women's teams are more reminiscent of what I can do. The girls are coming in prepared. They're tough."

While attending the sports events, including men's and women's basketball, volleyball, lacrosse and

even rugby, now and then, the Freis have become well-known at Saint Mary's. They not only attend after game events, but they have even been invited to some student-athletes' graduations. A few weeks ago, they invited the volleyball coach and 15 players over for Sunday afternoon dinner. "We know the players and have gotten very close

to them, and we enjoy meeting the parents of the kids," said John, who is notorious for waving his cane behind the visiting team's basket during games. "It's nice to see the students improve, mature."

Liz agrees: "I feel younger when I'm meeting them and talking to them."



John and Liz Frei at their home in Lafayette.

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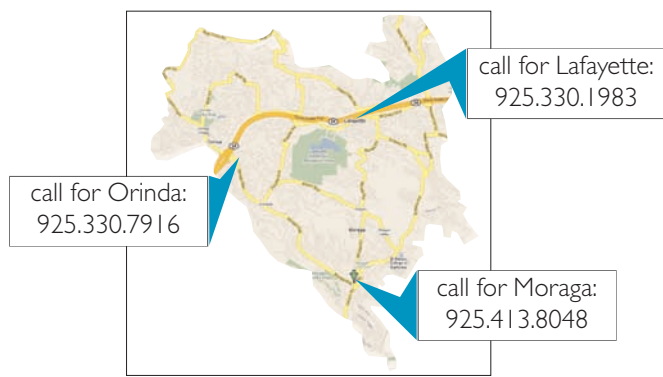
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