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Prom Night at Miramonte

By Becca Langum, Guest Writer, Miramonte HS

On April 14 Miramonte High School juniors boarded buses all dressed up for their junior prom. The students arrived at the Scottish Rite Center eager as they found a beautiful backdrop in Oakland's Lake Merritt. "The lake was breathtaking, the lights in the distance made it that much more romantic," said junior Marijke Hoogerhaus.

The evening's theme was "All that Jazz." The venue was decorated accordingly and the attire of many couples matched as well. The students enjoyed a catered meal in the dining room, described by Jennifer Simeon as, "Gorgeous. It was really cool with the black colors; the room fit the theme perfectly. The fountain that was in the middle of the food table was amazing; a great part of the

evening." Jake Ellis noted, "My date wore a flapper dress; I thought she dressed very well for the theme."

After dinner had ended, the students were ushered up a flight of stairs to a dance floor. Gen Head-Gordon was pleased: "The set-up was beautiful, I really liked the stands in the background and the lit-up dance floor." In another room, non-dancers had the opportunity to play blackjack, poker and other casino games. "I thought it was a great way to give kids a break from the dance floor," said Nathan Bluford.

At the end of the evening students again boarded their buses, thinking about their memorable prom. "I had a great time. It was bawling and I'm so glad that I went," said junior Kelly Sayres.

Off to Camp!

Fifth graders in Lafayette get a special treat every spring: 5th grade camp! Late last month, the Burton Valley Elementary School 5th grade boarded a bus and embarked on a week-long trip to Camp Loma Mar.

Along with parent chaperones, dedicated 5th grade teachers leave their homes and families for a week to

accompany their classes to this YMCA-owned and operated camp located off of Highway 1 near Pescadero. In addition to the fun of spending the week in cabins with their friends, students also get an outdoor hands-on educational experience.

Information and photo submitted by Robin Longchamps.



Alec Weber, Noah Orlik, Jesse Longchamps and Jack Moran are ready to go

Campolino Students Join Sojourn

By Laura Sydora

From March 29th to April 7th, students and teachers embarked on a ten day journey to the South to partake in a civil right's educational experience entitled Sojourn to the Past.

Sojourn to the Past provides students and educators a chance to visit sites and hear speakers who witnessed the Civil Rights Movement first hand. Sojourn seeks to teach the real values of the Civil Rights Movement, such as tolerance, justice and nonviolence, and how then to apply those principles to everyday life.

Although Sojourn offers seven trips a year, this spring break, five Campolino students and two teachers attended the event, joining 150 students from California, New York and neighboring East Coast states, as well as an array of teachers and parents.

Commencing in Atlanta,

Georgia, the group made its way down through Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas, and finally ended in Memphis, Tennessee. Students stood on hallowed ground as they walked the steps of historic sites, including Central High School, the Montgomery Capitol building and the Lorraine Motel. Along the way, students were privileged enough to meet over 15 people who either participated or were connected to the Civil Rights Movement. Some of the many speakers included Minnijean Brown, Honorable John Lewis, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth and Jerry Mitchell.

According to Reverend Billy Kyles, "Sojourn allows participants to touch history and the people who made it." This statement ultimately conveys the reality of the Sojourn experience. Students and teachers were able to listen and interact with speakers as they relayed the ultimate goal of the Civil Rights Movement: standing up for the right to equality and justice through nonviolent action.

The most important lesson students took away from the trip was the practicality of the six principles of nonviolence as advocated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This Civil Rights icon best stated the necessity for nonviolence when he said, "It's no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or non-existence." For more information on Sojourn to the Past, visit www.sojournproject.com

Laura Sydora is a news reporter and a student at Campolino. Look for her compelling personal perspective on the Sojourn experience in our next issue.

Glorietta's Hello, Dolly!

Submitted by Laurie Smudsky

Not to worry, darling. Sit back and let Mrs. Dolly Levi arrange everything. Pack up your family and be transported back to 1890s New York and the madcap antics that can only occur in a good old-fashioned musical. Big hats, love struck store clerks, puffed up businessmen, a glorious, gleaming New York City, spirited dance numbers and a lovable, meddling, hilarious matchmaker make this production of Hello Dolly! a family treat.

OUSD music instructor Ron Pickett is directing the annual production for the ninth year. Pickett is a professional actor, in addition to teaching music at Orinda schools. He performed most recently in the Contra Costa Musical Theater's production of Urinetown.

"Mr. Pickett takes a rather diverse group of students in the fall and very patiently molds them into a real

theater group by spring," says Glorietta parent and co-producer Natalie Wheeler. "What he manages to teach these kids in just one rehearsal a week is remarkable," says Roxanne Brewer, co-producer and parent.

"I think being in the play is really cool," says fifth-grader Jack Garrett, who most other days can be found on one of Orinda's baseball diamonds. "It's different from everything else I usually do and I like that."

Four performances will be held for Hello, Dolly!:

- Friday, May 18th at 4 pm and 7 pm
- Saturday May 19th at 3 pm and 7 pm

Tickets cost \$10 for premier seating and \$5 for standard. Tickets will be sold at Monday, May 7th at 2:00 pm at Glorietta carpool. For more ticket sales information, please email hellodollytix@yahoo.com.



Principal Raul Zamora shuffles the Poker deck

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The cast of Glorietta's Hello Dolly! in rehearsal

Campo Sings its Way to Victory

By Sarah Henningsen

Although the Campolino choir program has faced a year filled with transition and change, one thing has definitely stayed constant—a reputation for success. The Chamber Singers recently traveled to San Diego to participate in a Heritage Festival competition, returning triumphantly with several awards.

Leading up to the weekend of April 14th-15th, the Chamber Singers, Campo's smallest and most selective chorale group, rehearsed tirelessly in the classroom to prepare for the competition. As a new director right out of college, Stacey Kikkawa was also preparing for her first competition with the Campo music department.

Part of the way through the lengthy bus ride, the choir stopped at Chapman University for a clinic with renowned conductor, director, and singer Dr. William Hall. The visit was a special treat for the high school students as well as for Kikkawa, who was his chorale student at Chapman during her four years as an undergraduate student. Since her graduation last year and subsequent hiring as the new chorale director, Kikkawa has

worked hard to continue the excellence of Campolino's chorale programs.

The formal Heritage Festival competition commenced at Mission Bay High School early Saturday morning. After observing several other Concert, Chamber, and Jazz choirs, Campo took the stage to sing a set of acclaimed, yet extremely diverse, chorale pieces. The performance included "Amor Io Sento L'alma", a madrigal from one of many Morten Lauridsen collections, a beautiful Italian piece titled "Cuore", and "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" by the late spiritual composer Moses Hogan.

The Chamber Singers received positive responses from both audience members and the several judges who scored the competition. Campo won every award for which they were eligible. In addition to winning first place in its division, Chamber won the Outstanding Choral Award and the Adjudicator's Award, meaning that it scored the highest out of all 32 choirs that competed in the event. Sarah Henningsen is a singing feature writer from Campo.

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Week 3: August 6th – August 10th 2007 at Miramonte High School

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Half Day (pm) 12pm -- 3:00pm
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