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Mission Accomplished: Acalanes Captures NCS Baseball Title

By Kevin D. Shallat

The Acalanes Dons' baseball team made it all the way to the championship game of the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs, facing off against the Albany Cougars on Saturday, June 2, at James Logan High School in Union City. After losing only one game the entire season, it all came down to this one game for the NCS title. The No. 1 seed Dons completed their mission by beating the Cougars handily, 16-3.

Although Albany had just scored eight runs against St. Mary's, and 16 runs against Piedmont in the previous NCS rounds, the Dons' starting pitcher Mike Guglielmo pitched a terrific game Saturday, holding the Cougars to zero runs scored through five in-

nings. Guglielmo's catcher, Mike Stone, said they tried to establish the breaking balls first.

While Guglielmo established his curveball and had excellent command of his fastball as well, the standout player in this title game was catcher Mike Stone. Stone did more than just call a great game behind the plate. While helping Guglielmo post five shutout innings, Stone managed to record eight RBIs – four of which came off his mammoth grand slam in the top of the second inning, which went over the fence in left field and caromed off the light pole and back onto the field.

"It was definitely an adrenaline rush," said Stone, who was looking for, and ex-

pected a fastball all the way. When the fastball came, he did not miss it.

Other players that stood out for Acalanes in this 17 hit, 16 run gauntlet included shortstop Ben Englehart, who reached base all five times he came to the plate and went one for three, with three runs and one RBI, and right fielder James Mathew, who went two for three, with a walk, three runs, and two RBIs.

Second baseman Joe Wallace went two for five, was hit by a pitch, and scored four runs. Wallace also accomplished something not many people ever do: He won an NCS title in basketball as well as baseball. "It was awesome to be a part of both championships," Wallace said. He was also quick to show his

appreciation for his coaches. "It feels good to get it done for our coaches, because they put in a lot of work for us all year."

The happiest man on the field after the game was undoubtedly Acalanes coach Andy Tarpley. That is until Scott Emery and the rest of the team poured a bucket of ice water on him in celebration.

Tarpley said that he was "ecstatic" for the players and for the whole program. "I'm just proud of the fact that these players can look back on this, not just as an experience, but as a positive experience," Tarpley said. "They set out to achieve their goals, and they did. They achieved their destiny."

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A Conversation With Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief Pete Nowicki

By Jonathan Goodwin, Guest Writer

Chief Nowicki, tell us something about how things were 25 years ago when you started out with the Moraga Fire District.

It was a very interesting time to come into the fire service because firefighting as a professional discipline was just beginning to take form. Up until that time, for instance, the tests for fire fighters were things like you'd see in the penny arcade. They tested grip strength, the force of your hammer swing and things like that. But then there came all sorts of regulations, qualifications, certifications and standards which you had to be accountable for. As an example, safety standards for protective gear were just becoming adopted. So, the wooly pants were no longer acceptable gear in a fire and oxy-

gen breathing apparatus was becoming required in smoky environments. In those days you'd see all these guys retiring with cancer and heart problems; I don't think we're going to see that so much any more...and that's a good thing.

In those days we didn't have anything like the technology we have today. Back then everything was manually driven, today almost everything is computerized: patient reports, EKGs, defibrillators, the pumping systems, the vehicle tracking systems and so on.

Since the job has shifted from blue collar to something closer to white, you must now be looking for different qualities in your new applicants.

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Colleges of Choice for Lamorinda Seniors

By Cathy Tyson

Seniors from Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte have at this point, attended Senior Prom, made it through finals week, experienced graduation, and enjoyed the eight plus hour Grad night party. What next for the young men and women of Lamorinda? The vast majority, an average of just over 97%, of graduates from our three high schools go on to either a 4 or 2 year college. Many will stay in California, the three high schools average 24% attending one of the University of California campuses, and 18.6% attending a California State University. See chart for a specific breakdown of who is going where. Roughly 2% are undecided or considering travel or a Gap year.

A number of students will be studying internationally, at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland, American University of Paris, three schools in Canada - McGill University, Malaspina College and University of British Co-

lumbia, EPCC in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China.

Gwenly Carrel, College/Career Center Advisor at Campolindo, reflects on the selection process. "It is absolutely more difficult to get into one of the UCs this year. As the number of students who apply goes up, the number accepted goes down. Last year at Campo, 33 students got into a UC, this year it's 22. The size and strength of the class along with external factors help determine choice.

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From left, Terrence O'Neill, Tyler Carlson, Taylor Neason all graduates of Miramonte

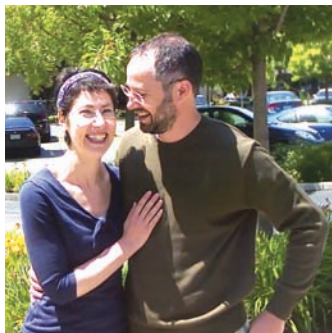
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Life in LAMORINDA

Moraga Dad Runs for Congress

By Sophie Bracinni

(Editor's note: The Lamorinda Weekly does not endorse political parties or candidates for any office; the following is not a statement of support for Nick Gerber's candidacy but rather a profile of one local dad, in celebration of Fathers' Day)



Nick and Melinda Gerber

He has a big smile, a charming wife and two young children. He is conservative, with a green tint, and wants to take Democrat Ellen Tauscher's seat in the U.S. Congress. What makes a normal father, who was happy to promote Moraga's businesses, take a leap and want to transform a nation? Nicholas (Nick) Gerber had a life changing experience when his wife was diagnosed with cancer. The two of them decided there was no better time than now to realize their life long dreams.

Nick Gerber was raised in New-York and got an MBA from the University of San Francisco. An entrepreneur at heart, he started a number of businesses, some very successful such as the United States Oil Fund. Today, Gerber is after District 10, a bold target in an area that traditionally votes Democratic. But he thinks that the battle can be won on ideas, not labels.

As we all know, winning takes money. Gerber is not afraid to pick up the phone and ask Republican sympathizers for campaign contributions. His first objective is to get his name out there. So he's going to the luncheons, the breakfasts, the dinners and doesn't miss any meetings of the Chamber of Commerce. And when his constituency wants him to look the part and wear a tie, Gerber is happy to oblige.

As a parent, Gerber wants a better world for his children. He believes that becoming a dad made him realize that he could plant a seed, nurture it and mold it. "I wouldn't trust someone who does not have children to run the country," he adds, "You need to raise a family in order to know what children need." And Nick's family was his first support. When tragedy struck them a year ago, with Melinda Gerber's sickness, the "Gerber

team" fought together. Today Melinda, a published author, puts her creativity to work in support of her husband's dream. She knows that if he wins, the stress on the family will be high with a husband who must spend a lot of time in Washington, D.C.

The Gerbers say they are about taking responsibility and keeping their commitments. Gerber wants government to stop treating people like children, so citizens can get the rewards that come from initiative and creativity. For example, he believes that a Universal Health Care system is not a good idea: "Of the 15% of people who are not now covered, many are young and healthy, and they do not want coverage," comments Gerber. "The problem is only about 7.5% of the population, and we do not want a system where the State will tell you that you should take one aspirin and not two." Gerber would rather see deregulation to bring down the cost. Having experienced the health care system first hand, he is very vocal about allowing patients to test new drugs if they want to take the risk and he would like to see the FDA practice a more hands-off approach.

Part of Gerber's commitment to create a better world for his children translates into strong environmental positions. He believes that the environment is fragile, that it's our duty to protect it and that we should move away from burning fossil fuel. "Good stewardship of the environment is a normal position for a Republican," he concludes. "After all, the EPA was funded by Richard Nixon, and another Republican President, Theodore Roosevelt, significantly developed the National Park System."

Where to Watch the Fireworks

By Chris Lavin



The Fourth of July is coming up, and Moraga is the only game in town if you want to watch fireworks in this area that night.

The display, by the company Pyro Spectaculars, Inc., will kick off at dark on July 4 over the Moraga Golf Course, on Moraga Way. Parking is available at the Moraga Commons and overflow parking is available near Moraga Center.

"This company has been doing our show for years, and they do a really good job," said Penelope Leach, director of the Parks and Recreation Department in Moraga.

The whole show costs the Town about \$17,000, which pays for insurance, extra police officers for directing traffic, and the fireworks themselves. Last year the Town went out for bids for a better rate on the fireworks display, but Pyro Spectaculars still won out. The cities of Orinda and Lafayette contribute some monies to the display, although much comes from private donations.

Those donations can be made through the "Buy a Rocket" campaign by calling by calling 925-631-6842. When an explosive rocket goes up, parents will be able to say, "There's ours!" ...but only once if you pay the 40 bucks. You can donate any amount, Leach said, and even the smallest amount will be appreciated.

If you are taking your kids, or if you are simply curious, some of the best information about fireworks can be found on the Internet at Wikipedia when you search for "fireworks." Also, for information about the country's birthday, you can always consult the Declaration of Independence, which was signed that day in 1776, and read at least the first three lines of the second paragraph and talk about them during the evening barbecue.

Text can be found at <http://usmilitaryhistory.com/declrind.htm>, among other places, but probably not enough. Fireworks may then ensue.

Paul Caccamo Checks In

Around the Lamorinda Weekly office he's known as "The Hiker Guy." In our last issue you met Paul Caccamo, the local musician who is hiking the Pacific Crest Trail this summer. On May 31st, after five weeks of hiking, Caccamo and his companions arrived in Tehachapi (558 miles from the Mexican border). There he took a break, a long hot shower, and visited the library from where he sent a message to his friends (excerpts below).



Greetings All -

Much of Southern California has been desert with mountain ranges interspersed in between. We've crossed the Laguna, San Jacinto, San Bernardino, San Gabriel, Sawmill and Liebre Mountains. At times we have walked more than 25 miles between water sources.

We have but 140 short miles before we reach Kennedy Meadows and the beginning of the High Sierra. After all this dryness what an incredible luxury it will be to carry only a little water. Before that we will be once again experiencing 100-degree temperatures and spending the hot hours in the shade. The beauty of this strategy is that now we walk well into the night, walking by the light of the moon with occasional help from our headlamps. The wildlife is incredible at night; they don't expect to see a human at that time.

It wasn't at night but I saw my first mountain lion ever the other day. It shot across the trail about twenty feet in front of me and I had to wonder if it was thinking I would make a tasty meal. I spent the next few minutes very loudly disabusing him or her of the notion: "You better not EVEN try it lion!" It never returned.

The grapevine tells me that many people have already dropped out of this insanity in favor of the comforts of civilization. Apparently the extreme dryness this year is punishing people enough to send them home. I can relate but am very happy to report that, apart from some brutal blisters and very sore feet, I am fine.

The other worry I had pre-trip was would I be able to handle being away from city life and family and friends for this long? Well it turns out I am very comfortable out here. I sleep a LOT better in the wilderness than in crappy motels, and while I miss my friends terribly it is a temporary situation and I think what I'm doing is worth the sacrifice. Have there been any great revelations/big changes since I've been out? Well, for one, I realize I like my work at Campo and want to go back. And Tim and Zach (my hiking partners, also known as Filthy Figaro and Sprout Boy) say I'm nicer than before. I may not agree but take that for what it's worth.

Everyone gets a new name out here, for example: Riddle, Troll, Oblivious, Mr. Pink, Grimace, Apple Pie, Speed Stick, Rocham and Ultrabrite. My name? Bounty Hunter. I'll explain later.

Next town stop is Independence, 240+ miles from here. They may not have a library - but we'll see.

-Paul C.

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Volunteers at work



Photos by Lee Borrowman

Moraga Tots Get Big Toys

By Lee Borrowman
"Oh, who will help me?" cried Miss Penelope!
Enter the calvary!

Its most satisfied customers may not even have been born when discussions first began around a possible upgrade to the Tot Lot at the Moraga Commons last fall. But this past weekend, volunteers assembled the new play ground equipment which will be available to happy toddlers just in time for the opening of this summer's Concerts in the Park season on Thursday.

The cool new structures were purchased from Big Toys, a purveyor of environmentally-friendly play ground equipment. According to Parks and Recreation Director Penelope Leach, the structures are "made of 100% recycled materials, most of which is recycled milk cartons," are maintenance free and come with a 50 year warranty.

Like many things that happen in our small community, this project was the result of the collective volunteer efforts of many supporters. The equipment was purchased using funds from the Robert-Z'Berg grant, a per capita grant that can only be spent on recreation or recreational equipment. To qualify for this funding, the Town had to present its proposal for state review and approval. There is a matching funds requirement attached to these grant monies, so the town had to go scouting for an additional \$21,000 to help fund the project.

The Parks and Rec Foundation was able to donate \$17,000 towards the match because a generous donation was made to the Foundation for this very purpose by the Mark Robeson family. The Moraga Women's Society donated another \$4000, and the match was made. The excavation that occurred in the days leading up to last weekend was done free of charge, by Moraga's own Bay Area Drainage.

But who was going to build this new fantasy land? Up to the plate stepped the Kiwanis Club. About twenty Kiwanis volunteers, and a handful of younger dads,

toiled away on a glorious Saturday under the direction of a project manager supplied by the vendor. Dale Walwark, who coordinated the Kiwanis effort, said, "This town does not have the money or the staff to make things like this happen. We've always depended heavily on volunteer labor and donations." Looking around at row after row of plastic bags full of hundreds of different small parts that somehow all managed to look alike, Walwark joked, "It's every father's Christmas nightmare!" There will be an official ribbon-cutting ceremony before the evening concert on June 21, but the new and improved Tot Lot will be open for business in the meantime.



Meet Tom Clements, Tutor Extraordinaire

By Sarah Henningsen, Campolindo

In an affluent community like Lamorinda, the pressure among youth and teenagers to excel is high, especially when it comes to academics. And with college admissions becoming increasingly competitive year after year, students often feel the need to spend extra time outside of school to improve their SAT scores and maintain solid grade point averages. The various tutoring businesses that have sprung up throughout Lamorinda in recent years help to ease the stress and pressures high school students deal with daily. From small enterprises within the home to large-scale organizations that cater to hundreds of students, tutoring businesses are booming and helping many Lamorinda students receive the extra personalized attention they seek.

Private tutors are common in Lamorinda but usually only advertised by word-of-mouth. Moraga resident Tom Clements assists dozens of high school students from Campolindo and Miramonte high schools. Providing classes ranging from physics and chemistry to advanced calculus and SAT II preparation, Tom is versatile tutor who is knowledgeable in many subjects taught in the Acalanes District. Tom's 4-6 person group tutorials have proven to be extremely effective and worthwhile, in comparison to traditional one-on-one tutoring. He commented, "My approach is much different than standard tutoring, which tends to focus on solving specific homework problems. I present material in lecture format,



Tom Clements with wife Michi

summarizing the main concepts of the chapter we happen to be going over for the week, clarifying the difficult sections and pointing out strategies for problem-solving. My teaching style is casual, comprehensive and straight-forward, a style high school kids can relate to. Also, by teaching kids in small groups, a team spirit evolves and kids benefit from the questions and comments brought up by other students in the group. I enjoy the interaction myself and that's one of the main reasons I teach group sessions."

A former Saint Mary's English teacher and freelance writer, Tom brings special expertise to the writing and grammar sections of the SAT. His strategies for acing the essay portion of the new SAT test have helped numerous students receive perfect scores to boost their overall total. By laying out several simple steps in crafting a strong essay, students have been able to

begin the test with calmness and ease. In addition, Tom is currently working on a new book, How to Write a Killer SAT Essay in 25 Minutes or Less, which is scheduled for publication in the upcoming months.

Tutoring is no longer just for failing students who need a leg up and some extra support outside the classroom environment—Lamorinda students of all ages, even those with already stellar records, spend hours with private tutors or in group sessions to help them maintain solid grades. As Clements commented, "It's unfortunate, but competition is unavoidable these days. That's one reason why tutors are in such demand; parents know that high grade-point averages and good SAT scores are paramount in determining which school their son or daughter gains admission to. In a perfect world, it would be otherwise. As it is, both parents and students have to deal with the reality.

HORSES WITH HEART: ORINDA'S GENTLE HEROES

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Program participation often leads to behavioral breakthroughs. When Harry, a six year old boy from Orinda, came home from a riding lesson his mother asked him how he did. "I am wonderful at horseback riding," he replied. "This was the first time he had said he was good at anything," Lazarus says.

As the parent of an autistic child, Lazarus was acutely aware how few recreational classes were available for the disabled. She founded Xenophon in 1993, naming it after the Greek general

who wrote the first book on horsemanship. Three years later, Xenophon leased their Orinda site from PG&E. The riding center now offers class sessions from June - November and is supported by five licensed instructors and sixty dedicated volunteers.

One avid volunteer, Terry Murphy, Orinda resident and Xenophon Board President, says: "When I want to know whether or not what I'm doing is worthwhile, I look at the smiles of the children on horseback and know

this is what I want to do."

"Horses are incredible animals that make a person feel they can do almost anything," Lazarus says. "They don't care if you use a wheelchair or if you cannot speak. Their unconditional devotion is what makes therapeutic riding a joy for everyone."

Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center, 60 Don Gabriel Way, Orinda. OPEN HOUSE, Saturday, June 24, 1:00-4:00 PM
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Have fun, kids! Lamorinda Weekly team

What Local Kids are Doing for Fun This Summer!

During the last week of school, we sent a few intrepid junior reporters out into the field to ask their friends the question: **What are YOU doing for fun this summer?** (For security reasons, our reporters were instructed not to collect full names or vacation dates). Here's what we found out!

Brian Chan reports from Stanley:

- Carson: "Chillin!"
- Samson: "Watching movies."
- Emily: "I'm hanging with my friends."
- Bryce: "Swimming!"

Stanley vacation destinations include: Denver and Pismo Beach



Jennifer Chan reports from Springhill:

- Taylor: "I'm going to basketball and soccer camp."
- Alta: "I'm going to a wedding and I can't wait!"
- Maddy: "We're going swimming with Grandma."
- Molly: "I'm swimming and I'm doing piano. I think that's it."
- Amelia: "I'm doing a gymnastic tournament and I'm really excited!"
- Heather: "I'm sleeping and going to 4-H camp."

Springhill vacation destinations include: Oregon and Canada



Amanda Griggs and Shayan Tajbakhsh report from JM:

- Nate: "Boy Scout camp."
- Jessie: "Swimming."
- Maura: "Summer camp."
- Rachel: "Swim team."
- Caroline: "Sports camp."
- Joelle: "Volleyball camp."
- "Nicky: "Stuff!"

JM vacation destinations include: Massachusetts, England, New York, Hawaii, Los Angeles, Costa Rica, Washington and Japan.



Ava Tajbakhsh and Hana Sun report from Los Perales:

- Derek: "Swim Team!"
- Taylor: "I'm going to camp."
- Shelby: "I'm going hiking!"
- Sean: "I'm going to the zoo."

LP vacation destinations include: grandparent's house, a cruise ship, Disney World, China and Chincoteague.



Tanya Salmeron reports from OIS:

- Emily: "I'm going to Camp Kennolyn and Foothill with a group of friends."
- Sarah: "Splashing in the pool is what I will be doing this summer."
- Emily: "I'm going on the OIS class trip to Costa Rica and getting to know hot guys!"
- Jane Doe: Okay, we're not going to directly quote "Jane", who is spending much of her summer in writing class and does not seem to be wildly excited about it!

OIS vacation destinations include: Mexico, England, and a Caribbean cruise

Antonio Salmeron reports from Del Rey:

- Kaitlin: "I'm going to camp at Echo Lake and Feather River!"
- Spencer: "I'll ride my dirt bike, go the beach and hang out with friends."
- Jacob: What a coincidence! Jacob is doing exactly the same things that Spencer is doing!
- Antonio: "Playing tennis and soccer."

Del Rey vacation destinations include: Australia and Spain



Two Lamorinda Teams Place in Odyssey of the Mind World Competition

By Steve Angelides

Two Lamorinda teams placed in the top 6 in their division in the world Odyssey of the Mind creative problem-solving competition in East Lansing Michigan over Memorial Day Weekend.

The Moraga Rotary Team A from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School placed 5th out of 50 teams in the problem entitled "The Large and Small of It." This problem requires teams to create and present an original performance that integrates team-created small pages and large versions that change appearance. The large versions serve as stage sets for the performance. The Moraga team used a James Bond theme for its performance.

The Happy Valley Elementary School Team placed 6th out of 67 teams in the problem entitled

"Around the World in 8 Minutes." In this problem, teams create and present a performance of a trip around the world that includes stops at three locations, two real and one imaginary. The Happy Valley team's performance used pen and pencil characters that traveled to Pennsylvania and to the imaginary pen and pencil land.

The other two Lamorinda teams in the world competition were from Miramonte High School and Stanley Middle School. Both of those teams competed in the problem entitled "I'm Only Thinking of You!" For this problem, teams create and present an original humorous performance that includes a self-centered character who attempts to take advantage of others three times.

Each of these four Lamorinda teams placed in the top three in their division at the East Bay Regional Tournament at College Park High School. Each of these teams then went on to place second in their division at the California State Tournament in Visalia.

A total of 12 teams from the East Bay competed at the world tournament in Michigan this year. Besides the two Lamorinda teams, three other East Bay teams placed in the top 6 in their division at the world competition in Michigan. Sycamore Valley Elementary School in Danville placed 3rd. San Ramon Valley High School in Alamo, and Glenview Elementary School in Oakland, each placed 5th.

Family Establishes Kyle Morton Memorial Scholarship

The family of Kyle Morton has announced the formation of the Kyle Robert Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund in support of students wishing to pursue a

career in Construction Management at Chico State University. Those wishing to make a contribution of any amount in Kyle's memory may do so at the Moraga

branch of Bank of America, to account #10327-41263. "Our goal is to reach a level that would allow (the scholarship) to continue in perpetuity," explained Kyle's parents.



The Motorcycle Drill Team: Don't try this at home! Photo Tod Fierner



Students get a chance to check out the bikes Photo Tod Fierner

"Kings of the Road" at CP

By Sophie Bracinni

When the cohort of 20 motorbikes roared past Camino Pablo School, the 411 kids who were sitting on the side walks on both sides of the road cheered in delight. The Motorcycle Drill Team from Oakland was starting its demonstration. The sun was bright on Wednesday morning, and the 22 Harley Road Kings glistened in its light. The bikers, 21 male and one female, all dressed in black, were ready to impress the young crowd.

And the kids were not disappointed. For fifteen minutes, it was a non-stop

ballet of twirls, figures and accelerations; a perfect demonstration of skill and control. Just like horses at the parade or airplanes tracing figures in the sky, the 22 bikers grazed by each other, vaulting gracefully. The most impressive moment

was when, driving at about 30 mph, the whole troop rode by with two center bikers standing on their seats and saluting. The police officers ended their presentation by handing out stickers to the students. Carol Scott, 4th grade teacher at Camino Pablo, explains: "This is a wonderful way to bring the community together, to show positive role models to the kids. Hopefully, they'll continue to look up to policemen into their teen years."

The Motorcycle Drill Team, making its second appearance at CP, is part of the Oakland Police Department and is led by Captain Dave Kozicki, whose kids attend the school. Officers in the team do traffic enforcement and the drill team keeps their skills sharp. Drill teams have been in existence since the late 1940's and there are only a few of them in the U.S. The Oakland group does about 10 performances a year, and they've been as far away as Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

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Global Relief Outreach:

Stanley Students Take on the World

By Lee Borrowman

Four years ago, Stanley Spanish and History teacher Jack Walton responded to an inquiry from some students, wondering how to help a couple of international charities, by organizing a student-led club called Global Relief Outreach (GRO). A natural step for Walton, who has been actively involved in social justice and charity relief programs for most of his life, GRO offers an opportunity for Stanley students to make a big difference in the lives of children who live under conditions that most Lamorinda middle-school students have never experienced.

Foundation and the Nature Conservancy."

GRO disburses funds to several charitable and relief organizations each year. This year's biggest beneficiary, receiving \$7300, was Contra Costa County's Shelter, Inc., which offers support services to homeless individuals and families. The impressive list of organizations to which GRO made contributions this school year includes UNICEF, the Kerewan Nursery School in Gambia, ACE Africa (Action in the Community Environment, which works with orphaned and vulnerable children) in Kenya,

organizations with which they are familiar. For example, science teacher Dianne Chandler's daughter Cassie introduced the students to ACE Africa, and Walton has had a long involvement with Amigos Anonymous. These personal contacts help insure that only reputable organizations are supported. The students decide as a group what fund-raising activities to pursue and to which organizations they wish to give.

This year's list of fundraising activities included the sale of hot soup at lunch, a school-wide dance, a walk-a-thon, a canned food drive and a coin drive. Through their combined activities, Global Relief Outreach raised an astonishing \$23,000 this year.

The 20-25 members of GRO meet weekly at lunch time during the school year to plan fund-raising activities and discuss the many possible recipients of the proceeds. Meetings are conducted under a loose interpretation of the rules of Parliamentary procedure, and Matt Zelin, the current Club President, waits more or less patiently for members to "move" and "second" a motion before proceeding to a vote.

When first asked why they spend so many of their lunch hours engaged in these activities, the students gave the standard middle-school reply, "Because it's fun!" But there's more to these kids than hanging out with friends and planning activities. Erin Grant first joined GRO because she was on the Student Council and that illustrious body asked her to do so; two years later, she's still in GRO because she enjoys "working with friends and classmates to help others."

GRO has received well-deserved recognition for its efforts by the Peace Corp and the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.



GRO members Hanna Borosky, Erin Grant and Katie Waal



GRO President Matt Zelin

"GRO responds to both global and local issues," explains Walton. "In the past we've supported organizations that were engaged in tsunami relief efforts, aiding Katrina victims or caring for displaced children in Darfur. We have sent funds to the Peace Corp for a library in Honduras, and made donations to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer

the J.F. Kapnek Trust in Zimbabwe, Amigos Anonymous and an orphanage in Mexico, a school in Columbia, Heifer International (working to alleviate world hunger) and the Contra Costa County Food Bank.

The group receives guidance from Walton and several other teachers who often bring ideas to the table, as well as information on various relief or-

Colleges of Choice for Lamorinda Seniors

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For example, last year 12 students went to USC, this year only 1. The difference could be attributed to the price, which just went up to \$50,000 per year." In addition, the "friend factor" can help rule out a school if a student has a number of pals planning on attending. "Overall kids are looking for a new experience," says Carrel.

With regard to out of state public schools, the unanimous choice was University of Oregon. Acalanes has 17 students going there, Miramonte, 13, and Campolindo 9. Second place was University

of Colorado, Boulder for Campolindo and Miramonte, and University of Arizona for Acalanes. University of Washington and Oregon State also will have a handful of Lamorinda students.

Terrence O'Neill and Taylor Neason are both the lucky recipients of track scholarships at Syracuse and Penn, respectively. While they were happy to receive the scholarships, Taylor expresses both boys sentiment, "They own you."

Looking at private schools across the country, our students are all over the map.



Harvard is the destination of 3, 8 at Stanford, 9 at St. Mary's in Moraga, and one or more students at the following: Baylor, Brigham Young, Columbia, Duke, Earlham, Georgetown, MIT, Notre Dame, NYU, Oberlin, Pepperdine, Reed, Tulane, Vanderbilt, and many, many others.

Congratulations Class of 2007

	Acalanes	Campolindo	Miramonte
% Going to College	96.5%	96%	99%
% Going to 4-Year School	73.5%	82%	85%
% Going to 2-Year School	23%	18%	14%
% at a Univ. of California	25%	22%	25%
% at a California State University	22%	16%	18%
Most Popular UC	Davis	Berkeley	Santa Cruz
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Most Popular CSU	Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo	Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo	Sonoma
Second Most Popular CSU	Chico	Chico	Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo



Just for fun, Ilene tries on the hat!



Oliver and the boys try their hand at needlepoint Ava writes with a feather

Los Perales Students Return to the 1850s

By Lee Borrowman

Dressed in jeans, plaid shirts and straw hats, or in gingham, aprons and braids, the boys and girls in Margrethe Ramirez's 3rd grade class at Los Perales last week got a little taste of what life may have been like for students in the days of one-room school houses, goose-quill pens and dunce caps.

For two days, the students and their teacher dressed for their roles as pioneers. Children were assigned parts to play as members of various pioneer families, from poor immigrant farmers to shopkeepers and wealthy ranchers.

The usual clustered table groups were separated and lined up to resemble rows of benches, on which sat the children ordered by age and gender. Girls were allowed to go first in everything, much to their delight. Boys had to learn when it

was appropriate to remove their hats. Classroom lights were left off.

In an illustration of the rote memorization and recitation practices of the day, Ramirez asked her students to learn a short poem for their homework. The following day, each and every child in turn stood alone at the front of the classroom and recited the poem. A round of applause rewarded a successful attempt. When one slipped up, the entire class recited the poem again. Twenty students and half again as many recitations later, it seemed unlikely that any would ever forget "Trees."

Quill pens proved to be something of a challenge for many of the students. Fortunately for their parents, the children were armed only with washable ink. Needlepoint turned out to be a more manageable endeavor, as did

writing with "charcoal" on slates. Ramirez also read aloud to the class, conducted a traditional spelling bee and led the children in a lively game of Ring Toss, among numerous other activities.

The students prepared for the simulation by studying about the pioneers. They read books such as "Sarah, Plain and Tall," and a section of their social studies textbook entitled, "If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon."

Although technology did occasionally intrude, in the form of period music emanating from a cd player, Ramirez successfully created as real an historical experience as children in a modern classroom could have, as evidenced by the excitement of the students for the project and their subsequent renewed appreciation for life in the 21st century.

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Protect Your Eyes from Harmful UV Rays This Summer

"Sunglasses-Don't be in the Dark"

By Dr. Kristine Eng, Dr. Weylin Eng, and Dr. Kelly Shintani
Orinda Optometry Group

Did you know that ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun can damage your eyes as well as your skin? According to the American Optometric Association (AOA), exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun can harm the eyes, affect your vision, and cause sunburn of both the skin and the cornea of the eye, even on an overcast day. Over time, unprotected exposure to the sun can increase your risk of cataracts, age related macular degeneration and blindness.

You may be especially susceptible to sun-related eye damage if you:

Spend long hours in the sun or are exposed to UV radiation - skiers, fishers, boaters, mountain climbers, dentists, welders

Have had cataract surgery or have been diagnosed with certain retinal conditions
Are taking certain medications such as tetracycline, sulfa drugs, birth control pills, diuretics and tranquilizers

More importantly, infants and children are especially susceptible to eye damage from the sun since the lens in their eyes do not block as much UV radiation as in adults and can result in damage to the eyes. Fortunately, it's never too late to begin protecting the eyes from the sun's harmful rays.

UV protection is more important now than ever since the thinning ozone layer has

led to increased levels of UV exposure. Although the level of ultraviolet radiation is at least three times higher in the summer months than during the winter months, UV rays can still be potent on cloudy days and proper eye and skin protection is always a good idea.

Keep these tips in mind when you're out in the sun this summer:

- 1) Choose sunglasses that fit close to your face or have wraparound frames, and are made of lenses with 100% UVA and UVB protection;
- 2) Wear a wide-brimmed hat or cap, which keeps out sunlight from directly overhead.
- 3) Never look directly at the sun — even through sunglasses — because doing so can cause permanent eye damage.
- 4) When selecting sunglasses, remember that a dark sunglass lens does not necessarily have UV protection, and that a polarized lens is recommended to cut glare from sand, snow, and water.

In addition, be sure to receive routine comprehensive eye exams. It's a good way to monitor eye health, maintain good vision, and keep up to date on the latest in UV radiation protection.



Dr. Kelly Shintani, Dr. Weylin Eng holding Peirson and Dr. Kristine Eng.jpg

How to Access your Computer from Anywhere for Free

By Edward Zeidan, Nerd4Rent

Have you ever wished you could access your home or work computer when you're not there? Let's take a couple of common examples: You're on vacation, and you want to check your home email, or you're at home and want to work on a spreadsheet that's on your work computer. Perhaps you'd like to answer your work email from Starbucks.

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So how does this magic happen? You simply create a free account with logmein, (www.logmein.com). This involves creating a username, such as your email address, creating a password, and cre-

ating a computer passcode (password). Next, you install a small program on your computer (be sure to check with your IT department at work before installing anything on a work computer).

Make sure to leave your computer turned on and connected to The Internet when you want to remotely access it. Logmein is very secure. Logmein uses ultra-high 256 bit encryption, which is higher than most banks use for online banking or credit card purchases.

When you're away from your computer, you just go to www.logmein.com and enter your username and password. You'll see a list of your computers. Click the one you want to access and enter the passcode. Sometimes, logmein will ask to install a small program on the computer. Next you'll see your very own computer screen



Edward Zeidan

and have access to all your files and programs.

There is a slight decrease in speed using logmein vs sitting at your computer, but it's a small price to pay for the luxury of having anywhere/anytime access to your computer.

Logmein requires a PC, and a high-speed Internet connection, such as DSL, or cable. To download a free logmein cheat sheet, please go to www.Nerd4Rent.com and click freestuff.

Helping the Environment and Children,

One Book at a Time

Submitted by Heather O'Donnell

Our local schools are saving thousands of books from the landfill by donating them to Books for the Barrios, a Concord charity organization that builds school libraries in the Philippines. Alberta Falcone, the textbook coordinator for the Moraga School District, has been donating to Books for the Barrios for many years. "Over the years, the Moraga School District has donated thousands of used textbooks and library books to Books for the Barrios. Just this past May, close to 4 pallets of textbooks were delivered to them with probably another 4 pallets ready to be delivered in September." Lafayette School District has donated used textbooks, pilot teaching materials, DVDs and workbooks to Books for the Barrios. "Whenever the district approves a new curriculum, many companies send pilot materials to us in hopes that we select their texts for the new program. Next year, we will be donating Science materials." Sandy Campbell, district coordinator, said. Orinda schools also donate materials to Books for the Barrios, according to Carolyn Maxwell, who coordinates the program for the Orinda School District.

Frank Jackson, a former Moraga School District

parent, picks up the used books from the schools and delivers them to Books for the Barrios. He has been the delivery person for Lamorinda schools' library books and textbooks for the past ten years. He got involved in the program because he was an American Airlines pilot with Dan Harrington, co-founder of the charity. "Frank is always willing to pick up the books and take them to our Concord warehouse," says Nancy Harrington, the co-founder, President and Executive Director of Books for the Barrios.

Nancy Harrington and Dan, her husband, started Books for the Barrios twenty years ago after they were stationed in the Philippines in the Navy. The local schools were filled with children that wanted to learn but didn't have any children's books for them to read. Nancy and Dan used their local expertise in the Philippines to partner with government authorities to build school libraries in the remotest islands by sending used children's books from the U.S. Every year, Books for the Barrios diverts over 300,000 pounds of books and materials that otherwise would be sent to landfills.

Besides collecting used textbooks, Books for the Barrios also has field trips

for school children, scout troops and even birthday parties for kids to learn about children in the Philippines who are just like them and about the importance of re-using and recycling. As part of the experience the children bring their own used books to the warehouse, pack them into boxes, decorate the outside of the boxes that will become the Filipino children's desk, and then load them onto pallets. While having a traditional snack of dried mangos and pineapple juice, the children watch a slide show about daily school life in the Philippines. Harrington introduces herself with the traditional Filipino greeting and then shows them homemade dolls and toys that Filipino children have made. Nancy teaches the children a Filipino folk song and one lucky singer will even get to hold an authentic vacal or hand-made umbrella. "I learned that the Philippines need more books, so me and my class boxed some books for the Philippines. I feel happy that we are helping the Philippines to have more of the things that we have," said a visiting fifth grader. For more information on the Books for the Barrios, the website is booksforthebarrios.com.

8 New Moraga Eagle Scouts

By Steve Angelides



Troop 246 Eagle Scouts (L to R): Hyder Ramatala, Kyle Morton (posthumously), Stephen Kuypers, Tristan Jones, Ryan Hoyt, Derek Hellender, Richard Hardy, Peter Geoghegan

Boy Scout Troop 246 presented Boy Scout's highest award, Eagle Scout, to 8 men at an Eagle Court of Honor convened by National Boy Scout President Rick Cronk before a full crowd of family and friends at St. Monica's earlier this spring.

One of the Eagle award recipients, Kyle Morton, had passed away on January 13, so his award was presented

posthumously. The crowd gave a standing ovation to Kyle's parents, Brian and Cynthia Morton, when St. Monica's pastor, Fr. Paul Minnihan, presented them with Eagle pins. The new Eagle Scouts were introduced by Scoutmaster Pat Geoghegan and Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Rijavek.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Cronk had all the Eagle Scouts of all ages

who were present stand and join the new Eagle recipients in the Eagle dedication pledge. Afterward, Fr. Minnihan delivered the benediction in the rear courtyard in honor of Kyle Morton, who had completed his Eagle service project by repairing the benches in that courtyard. A reception followed in the St. Monica Peace Room, hosted by the parents of the new Eagle Scouts.

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Casa Orinda Celebrates its 75th Birthday

By Sophie Braccini

Secret fried chicken recipe, juicy steaks, ham and eggs, guns, moose head, and incredible stories make up the spirit of Casa Orinda, the oldest continuously operated restaurant in Contra Costa County. Last Wednesday, the Orinda Historical Society honored John Goyak and his sister Charlotte, present owners, as they talked about life at the Casa. The restaurant is a landmark where generations of Orinda residents and Contra Costa diners have come to eat at their favorite tables; a place where politics are discussed and romantic involvements interlace.

Jack Snow came from Montana to Orinda in the early 1930's to work on the Caldecott Tunnel. Jack was a social man, he enjoyed company and a good time and since there was not much in that category at the time in Orinda, he decided to start his own restaurant. In 1932, he opened Casa Orinda where it stands today. At the time the restaurant was surrounded by grazing land and a few trees. The bar was a rallying place for the cowboys and a location to eat and catch up with friends. There was a rotisserie in the back and you could be served chicken, beef... but no lamb. It was cowboy food, some of which can still be found there today.

John asked his brother Tommy to join in and manage the place. History has it that Tommy was a gambler and all kinds of games took place upstairs. At the time, "Crossroads" restaurants, like Casa Orinda, were considered "out of bounds," with poker and slot machines flourishing up to the 1950's. People say that Tommy Snow might have been playing a dangerous game when in 1965 he was found murdered in his car. His killer has never been found.



Artifacts and memorabilia from the Casa Orinda

Jack had to take the reins back, but he looked for a partner to manage the place. At that time the Board of Supervisors used to have dinner at the Casa after their meetings. Some say that's where the real business was done. That's how Jack met and befriended Superintendent Ivan Goyak, John and Charlotte's father, and proposed to take him on as a partner. John Goyak started part time in the kitchen when he was still a student and Charlotte did the hosting. At the time, the Casa was serving 2 breakfasts, lunch and dinner and Charlotte was practically living there. She's seen generations of Orindans and has hired many of their kids for part time jobs. In 1978, the Goyak family took full ownership of the Casa.

Charlotte went on to pursue other interests, but John stayed with the restaurant and is still managing it today. That continuity, over 75 years, explains how the original spirit was preserved. Ivan Goyak and his wife Mary retained one of the 4 apartments that sit above the Casa and when they are in town, that's where they stay.

Besides food, the charm of the Casa comes from its unique decor. When a decision was made to do away with the linens on the table, the family asked all the ranchers in the area to come with their brands and "brand" the tables. You can still see these markings today. The large rodeo paintings that can be admired in the dining rooms were commissioned by Jack Snow. When he retired, he left his gun collection, which still hangs on the wall. Today, these artifacts, the trophies, the wooden tables are the ingredients of this unique Casa Orinda atmosphere. Some aficionados call it a "home away from home."

Today, when mayors from Contra Costa meet, they have dinner at the Casa; regulars come back to their favorite table and ask for their preferred dish. Class reunions meet there, like the Miramonte class of '73 which convenes in the restaurant every five years. The tradition of hearty cowboy food is maintained and John Goyak chooses only the best ingredients available in our area for the delight of his clients and friends. New dishes are added as "daily specials" but change on the main menu only occurs once in a while. Rooted into the ranching past of Orinda, this landmark carries on into the 21st century, preserving 75 years of Lamorinda history.

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Holly Penfield— International Entertainer Returns Home

By Randolph L. Tom



Holly, a London Sensation



Holly at 18



Holly performing at the Orinda House, May 25
Photo Rick Konlon

One time rock 'n roller Holly Penfield is a local success story with an enviable history as an international entertainer. Raised in the East Bay, honing her singing and writing skills while at Campolindo in Moraga, Holly has returned home to perform in cabaret style at the Orinda House for several dates in June before she heads back to her adopted home of London, England.

While being trained and nurtured as a singer by the legendary Judy Davis, the voice coach for Barbra Streisand and Frank Sinatra, among others, Holly began her professional singing career at the tender age of 13, leading her band, Love Agency, and playing multiple shows throughout the Bay area. At that time of musical history in the early 70s, like a lot of young singers, Holly stuck to playing covers of rock 'n roll classics for "chick singers." Moving from Linda Ronstadt's "Different Drummer" to Judy's Collins' classic, "Both Sides Now," Holly sought inspiration and contacts for her singing career, moving to Los Angeles where she secured recording contracts with

producers Mike Chapman and Nicky Chinn, who were responsible for producing multimillion dollar sellers for cutting edge women rockers like Pat Benatar, Tina Turner and Deborah Harry of Blondie.

Inspired by the singing and writing of one of New York's legendary women singer-songwriters, Laura Nero, Holly spent some time in New York City, paying her dues while writing a vast collection of both pop and more self expressive personal songs. With her music sensibilities changing in the rock 'n roll life of hanging with the stars of the day, Holly was enticed to seek her fame and fortune and stake her career in London. To satisfy her recording commitment with her Los Angeles label, Holly sought a producer who understood her music and need for expression. As fate would have it, Holly not only identified a great producer for her music, but found a soul mate and supportive spouse, Ian Ritchie. An accomplished saxophonist, Ritchie, who will be performing with Holly at the Orinda House on June 17,

also has an active musical career as part of Pink Floyd's Roger Walters' touring band. Like most performers, they check their Blackberries to see when they'll see each other.

London has been good to Holly, where she has been headlining for a decade in venues throughout Europe, bringing her acclaimed "Fragile Human Monster Show" to an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. In so doing, Holly has made the successful transition from pop rock singer-songwriter to jazz and cabaret performer. With her loyal following in the UK, where she has played for many of that country's dignitaries, including Prince Charles and Princess Diana, Holly is able to claim a home at the prestigious Dorchester on Park Lane where she performs to loyal patrons such as Shirley Bassey, Lionel Ritchie and Kate Moss.

In bringing her energetic cabaret style to her hometown, Holly is seeking to give a boost back to the community that has given so much to her. She fondly remembers her time in the bucolic setting of the Lamorinda area and

knows that performing locally to support the businesses that make up the community is extremely important to maintain its vitality. As Holly indicated, "Orinda is home for me, and I'd like to eventually return. The Orinda House is a great forum to perform to an intimate crowd and I'd like to do my best to support its owner, Ron Bonner, to help ensure its viability."

With her eyes firmly focused on that goal, Holly is actively looking to renew her career in the States, this time emphasizing her ample entertainer skills in combination with her formidable singing capabilities. As she looks for professional representation in the States, Holly hopes to build on her well-developed reputation as an exciting cabaret and burlesque entertainer and dynamic singer, as evidenced by her latest CD "Holly's Hot Spot." In addition to her Father's Day performance, you can see Holly at the Orinda House on June 23rd and 30th. Check her out and support our local dining and entertainment scene. I'm sure you'll enjoy the show.



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Joe's of Lafayette	3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-8807	
Nation's Giant Hamburgers	76 Moraga Way, Ori	254-8888	
Quiznos	3651 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-0200	
Ranch House	1012 School St, Mor	376-5127	
Terzetto Cuisine	1419 Moraga Way, Mor	376-3832	
The Cheese Steak Shop	3455 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-1234	
BBQ			
Bo's Barbecue	3422 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-7133	
Café			
Express Cafe	3732 Mt. Diablo Blvd # 170, Laf	283-7170	
Ferrari-Lucca Delicatessens	23 Lafayette Cir, Laf	299-8040	
Geppetto's cafe	87 Orinda Way, Ori	253-9894	
Caribbean			
Calypso Bar & Grill	2 Theatre Sq, Suite 153, Ori	258-9686	
Chinese			
Chef Chao Restaurant	343 Rheem Blvd, Mor	376-1740	
China Moon Restaurant	380 Park St, Mor	376-1828	
The Great Wall Restaurant	3500 Golden Gate Way, Laf	284-3500	
Hsiangs Mandarin Cuisine	1 Orinda Way # 1, Ori	253-9852	
Lily's House	3555 Mt. Diablo Blvd #A, Laf	284-7569	
Mandarin Flower	581 Moraga Rd, Mor	376-7839	
Panda Express	3608 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-0288	
Szechwan Chinese Restaurant	79 Orinda Way, Ori	254-2020	
Uncle Yu's Szechuan	999 Oak Hill Rd, Laf	283-1688	
Yan's Restaurant	3444 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-2228	
Coffee Shop			
Millie's Kitchen	1018 Oak Hill Rd #A, Laf	283-2397	
Squirrel's Coffee Shop	998 Moraga Rd, Laf	284-7830	
Village Inn Café	290 Village Square, Ori	254-6080	
Continental			
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Shelby's	2 Theatre Sq, Ori	254-9687	
Vino Restaurant	3531 Plaza Way, Laf	284-1330	
Duck Club Restaurant	3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-7108	
Hawaiian Grill			
Lava Pit	2 Theatre Square, St. 142, Ori	253-1338	
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La Piazza	15 Moraga Way, Ori	253-9191	
Mangia Ristorante Pizzeria	975 Moraga Rd, Laf	284-3081	
Michael's	1375 Moraga Way, Mor	376-4300	
Per Tutti Ristorante	3576 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-5225	
Pizza Antica	3600 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-0500	
Postino	3565 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-8700	
Ristorante Amoroma	360 Park St, Mor	377-7662	
Japanese			
Blue Ginko	3518-A Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-9020	
Kane Sushi	3474 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-9709	
Niwa Restaurant	1 Camino Sobrante # 6, Ori	254-1606	
Serika Restaurant	2 Theatre Sq # 118, Ori	254-7088	
Tamami's Japanese Restaurant	356 Park St, Mor	376-2872	
Yu Sushi	19 Moraga Way, Ori	253-8399	
Jazz Dinner Club			
Joe's of Lafayette	3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Laf	299-8807	
The Orinda House	65 Moraga Way, Ori	258-4445	
Mediterranean			
Alekos	2 Theatre Sq # 105, Ori	254-5290	
Oasis Café	3594 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-8822	
Mexican			
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El Charro Mexican Dining	3339 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-2345	
El Jaro Mexican Cafe	3563 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-6639	
La Cocina Mexicana	23 Orinda Way, Ori	258-9987	
Mucho wraps	1375-B Moraga Way, Mor	377-1203	
Baja Fresh Mexican Grill	3596 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-8740	
Celia's Restaurant	3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-8288	
El Balazo	3518 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-8700	
Maya	74 Moraga Way, Ori	258-9049	
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Numero Uno Taqueria	3616 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-1333	
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A Conversation With Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief Pete Nowicki
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Pete Nowicki

Absolutely. We looking for intelligent, articulate people who can pass the nationwide test requirements, but who are also street smart, have life experiences and other outside skills like, say, welding or changing their own motor oil.

How has the relationship between the District and the community changed since you started?

I'd say that it's become more professional and less like an extended family. Back then many of the fire fighters lived in Moraga and had grown up there. So, if you went out on a medical call and didn't know the patient, another person on your crew might. That kind of familiarity has disappeared because the populations of Moraga and Orinda have grown and become much more transient.

What do you see as the challenges the District now is facing and how are you planning to address them?

First, we are in the process of getting our retirement funds out of the County system, which is

bleeding us dry, and putting them into the State system. Every month our share of the County's unfunded liability increases by \$50,000-\$70,000. Second, we have to provide full time staffing for the ambulance at Station 45 in Orinda. In the budget I have presented to the Board, I propose phasing this in over three years. The first year we would increase our staffing by calling in paramedics to work overtime. The second year we would hire three more personnel, and the third year we would hire another three more. In the longer term, however, our biggest challenge, like for all public service agencies, is that of general funding. That is, the District is funded primarily by residential property taxes, and while this revenue source will remain fairly constant, our costs for apparatus, competitive wages, utilities, workers' compensation, medical coverage, retirement, etc. will only increase over the years.

Nowadays, how is the public involved with the District, and how would you like to see this increase?

We have a much closer relationship with our residents than most fire districts in terms of people dropping in to talk with us or attending our open houses and pancake breakfasts. And there's the Res-

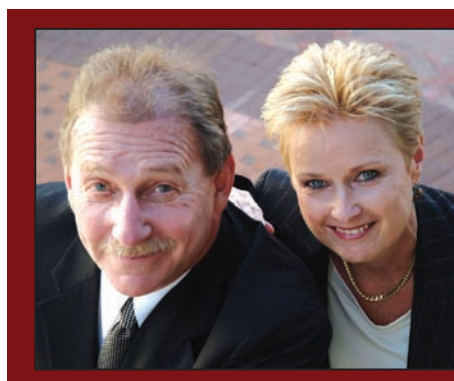
cue One Foundation. I cannot believe how generous our residents have been through this program.

As for greater involvement, when voting for their Fire District Director, people should take some time to look into the platform that person is running on, rather than just voting carelessly.

Another way is to get involved with the fire safety principles we espouse such as having safe vegetation clearance around your home and having a non-combustible roof and non-combustible siding. They can also enhance community safety by learning CPR or getting CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) training.

Also, our Board of Directors meetings are open to the public and, especially now during budget time, people are welcome to come to these meetings to make sure that we're spending their money wisely. Anyone can find out about these things on our website, MOFD.org.

Jonathan Goodwin is a catastrophic fire prevention activist who serves as Central Coordinator for the Canyon Fire Council, as Board Secretary for the Diablo Fire Safe Council and will soon become an instructor for Lamorinda CERT.



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Marlins and Seahorses Splash Off

Submitted by Ric Notini, President of Orinda Moraga Pool Association

The Moraga Valley Pool (MVP) Marlins swim team began their dual meet season last Saturday morning with an away meet against the Las Trampas Seahorses. With less than 80 swimmers just three years ago, MVP continues its rise in the Lamorinda community's competitive swimming league, featuring a club record 233 swimmers this year.

The team that swam on Saturday had a great range of age and experience, from Shurveen Najafi, 5, who swam his first meet on Saturday after graduating from the Mini Marlins program, to seasoned 18-year-old vet-

eran Stefan Miller (fresh from his Campo Senior All-Night), who has been swimming at MVP since he was 6-years-old. Adam Schaffer, 17, broke the 1978 Las Trampas Pool record in the 15-18 100 yard Individual Medley with a time of 59.22.

Over the next two months, the Marlins will compete in 15 swim meets against other Lamorinda clubs. In addition, MVP has earned the right to swim in the Orinda Park Pool's Relay meet for the first time in over a decade, having finished fifth in the OMPA Championship meet last year.



Shurveen Najafi Age 5, first swim meet

The Marlins are coached by Kevin Lai and Jon Cravotto, along with 20 assistant coaches. One of the unique features of summer swim team is the chance for brothers and sisters ranging in age from 3 to 18 to be part of and compete as one team, and cheer for each other.

But the MVP experience isn't limited to swimming laps in practice and achieving personal bests in meets. This year's MVP season seems more like a summer camp program. Planned activities include Pilates for Parents, a camping trip at UC Berkeley's Lair of the Bear campground near Yosemite, and many more social events throughout the summer.



Paige Miller and Claire Manrique go head to head in the 10 and Under Girls 50 yard breaststroke event.

A Dream Comes True

at Moraga Ranch

Submitted by Tom vonNovak, President of Moraga Ranch, edited by Jennifer Wake



Grand Opening Party, May 25

Photos Andy Scheck

After a major remodeling effort that included a new six-lane pool and equipment, shade structures, timing system with digital score-board, sound and lighting system, barbecue area and pool furniture, Moraga Ranch Swim Club held its Grand Re-Opening celebration on Friday, May 25 with over 350 in attendance.

What started out as a discussion to replace an aging five-lane pool, ended up including Trex Decking, a viewing area, upgraded restrooms, pump houses, sprinkler system fences, concrete decking.

"As one of the smaller clubs in the Lamorinda community, it was a daunting challenge when we first began to examine replacing our pool," said Tom vonNovak, President of Moraga Ranch. To bring it to fruition, the Ranch would need the board and membership to step up and take over a significant role in the ac-

tual construction of the facility outside of the pool itself.

"We broke ground in late January 2007 and every weekend from that point forward, eight to 10 hours a day, you could find five to 25 volunteers of all ages working on any one of a dozen or more tasks on hand," said vonNovak. "Not only did we exceed our own expectations but we came in on time and on-budget. Our contractor Steve Santoro of Swan Pools could not have been any more professional, thorough and dependable from day one. I am extremely proud of both the board and the entire membership for supporting this undertaking and following through."

When you add some luck to the equation regarding the weather, the dream became reality. Founded in 1963, the New Moraga Ranch Swim Club 2007 is now open!

OMPA is a Family Affair

By Jennifer Wake

The Orinda Moraga Pool Association (OMPA) opened its 51st season June 3, with families joining for a kick-off barbecue. With approximately 1,600 swimmers in teams throughout Lamorinda, the OMPA has become a community within the greater community.

Ric Notini, president of OMPA, says belonging to the organization is not only about swimming and competing, but "it's a great social environment."

"It involves the entire family," he said. "They're all learning the value of working hard and can see the direct results of their effort, through sportsmanship, team camaraderie, spirit, and competition." The opening gave long-time swim team families a chance to reconnect.

"We all look forward to the start of swim season. Since we don't all have kids in the same schools, it's fun to see all the families again," said Amy Meckfessel, whose family has belonged to the Sleepy Hollow Swim and Tennis Club in Orinda for seven years. "The older swimmers and coaches are people we want our kids to look up to and emulate."

Many parents of swimmers, who range in age from 3 to 18 in the 10 recreational teams throughout Orinda and Moraga, belonged to OMPA when they were children and have continued the tradition with their own families. The season will culminate with the OMPA Championship meet on August 3, 4, and 5 at the Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School.



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Local Teams Meet Again in NCS Playoffs

By Kevin D. Shallat



DFAL MVP Scott Emery pitches against Campolindo Photo Tod Fierner

After beating their respective teams in the second round, the Campolindo Cougars and Acalanes Dons baseball teams squared up against each other one more time at the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs Wednesday, May 30 at Acalanes High School. The Dons beat the Cougars, 7-5.

Acalanes starting pitcher, Scott Emery, turned in a brilliant performance Wednesday. He was a little shaky with his command in the first inning. Giving up three runs, he admitted having too much adrenaline pumping at the start of the game.

"I was tempted to pull Emery after he struggled with his command early, but I didn't want to lose his bat," Acalanes coach Andy Tarpley said. Soon after giving up the first three runs, Emery settled down and allowed only one more run. He got three of those runs back going three for four, with three RBIs.

Third baseman Jake Floethe and catcher Mike Stone were responsible for the bulk of the remaining RBIs. Floethe went one for two, with two walks and two RBIs. Stone

went two for three, with an RBI.

Cougars starting pitcher senior Nick Ousman gave up five runs in five innings, but gave his team a chance to win. The Cougars trailed the Dons by one run when Ousman left the game. Ousman, who was named DFAL Most Valuable Pitcher this year, will be playing baseball for the University of San Diego next year.

Kevin Smith and his fellow Cougars did what they could for their team. Smith had a key hit to center field that scored the tying run for the Cougars in the top of the fourth. Seniors Bryce Metzler and Dwight Tanaka also had key hits. Metzler had two RBIs, and Tanaka had one as well.

Emery was able to hand the ball off to relief pitcher Donny Miller in the fifth inning with a one run lead. After walking the first batter he faced, Miller then settled down to pitch two strong innings for the Dons.

The Dons sent in pitcher Mike Guglielmo to close out the game. Guglielmo gave up one run on a triple and a sacrifice fly in the final inning to end the day.

Miramonte Lacrosse Takes Championships

Submitted by Evangeline A. Walsh

The No. 11 ranked Miramonte men's varsity lacrosse team won the Diablo Foothill Athletic League Lacrosse Championship the second year in a row, ending this year's season with a 13-7 record. Eleven players were selected for the All-League Teams, with senior

goalkeeper, Colin Timms named the league's Most Valuable Player. Miramonte's women's varsity lacrosse team also repeated as Diablo Foothill Athletic League Lacrosse champions (see our May 31 article, "Mats Fall to Amador in NCS Playoffs").



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Row 1 L-R: Jeff Hughes 1st Team Defense, Frankie Cuneo 1st Team Defense, Zander Smith, Harry Forman 2nd Team Middle, Spencer O'Neil, Robert Hofinga.

Row 2 L-R: Arlo Malmberg 2nd Team Attack, Joseph Walsh 1st Team Defense, Colin Timms Goalie MVP League, John Hofinga 1st Team Attack, Josh Everitt.

Row 3 L-R: David Walsh, Tim Albo Honorable Mention Middle, Asst. Coach Eric Knutson, Head Coach Danny Roden, Grant Davis 2nd Team Defense, Will Sheehan.

Missing: Tommy Sander 1st Team Middle, Joey Martello 2nd Team Middle, Harrison Berkowitz, Will Hinkamp, Jack Nevin, Nic Radoff.

Mats Hoops Basketball Camps

Open Soon Submitted by Dave Brown, Miramonte Boys Basketball Head Coach

MATS Hoops -- led by the coaching staff of the Miramonte High School Boys Basketball program -- is offering two basketball camps for boys and girls who are entering grades 3-12. The first week-long camp takes place June 25-29 and the second one is July 16-20. Both camps are located at the main gym on the Miramonte High School campus (750 Moraga Way, Orinda).

Each week-long camp has a morning and afternoon session. The morning session (9 a.m. to noon) is for boys and girls who will be entering grades 8 to 12 in the fall. The afternoon sessions (1 to 4 p.m.) are for boys and girls who will be entering grades 3 to 7 this

fall. Camp counselors will include members of the boys and girls varsity basketball teams at Miramonte High.

The focus of each camp will be on improving fundamental skills, court awareness, team play and sportsmanship. Because all activities are tailored to the ability of each camper, the camp is suitable for those learning the game as well as those playing competitively at the high school level.

The cost for each session is \$165, while the cost for two sessions (same camper) is only \$300. All participants receive a camp t-shirt and 15 hours of instruction in playing basketball the MATS Hoops way.

2007 LMYA Softball Season

Best Ever

Submitted by Mark Zembsch and Tom Leserman



LMYA Stanford sixth grade pitcher Rebecca Crisp throws her change up.



Second grade Sun Devils softball player Kenna Sherman waits for infield action.



Fifth grade ASU softball player Bailey Moran prepares to hit next pitch.



Third grade Cal infielder concentrates while in ready position.

Highlighted by generous coaching contributions from the Saint Mary's College coaches and players that led to significant individual improvements -- and spirited team competition that went down to the wire -- approximately 225 (2nd-8th grade) girls from Lafayette and Moraga enjoyed a banner softball season.

For the first time, 6th graders were added to the top level, with two Orinda OYA teams included in the scheduling to make a six team 6th-8th grade division. The result was a smashing success.

Stanford (9-1) rode an eight-game winning streak to the title. The offense was led by extraordinary run-producers Rebecca Crisp and Tela Zembsch -- Crisp averaged 2.5 runs per game, and Zembsch scored at least one run in each of the 10 games. They were driven in repeatedly by the powerful bats of Emily Streeter and Siena Del Ponte. Stanford's pitching was led by Crisp, Rachel Kelley and Ashley Heim, while catcher Joelle Alley and Kayla Wiggins led an airtight defense.

UCLA (8-2) kept its championship hopes alive into the final game. The league's most powerful offense was led by the power hitting of Natalie Goepel, Maile Hoyt, Sarah Reynolds and Kalena Alva; Brenna Williams contributed with her glove and speed. Goepel also distinguished herself in the circle as LMYA's most dominating pitcher.

USC (5-4-1) enjoyed veteran leadership from long-time LMYA stalwarts Natalie De-

skin, Grace Lovell, Tatiana Gessling, and Jesse Kathan. The Trojans got great help from Lauren Fruci and LMYA newcomer Kat Mathis was one of the league's most dominating players.

Cal (4-5-1) finished with an inspired effort against powerful UCLA. A trio of 8th graders (Lily Zwang, Sarah Martin and Elaine Rehm) led the Bears. Cal also got great support from Jackie Welland, Brianna Manzone and ex-baseballer Samantha Flower.

The last games of the seven 4th-5th grade LMYA softball teams were completed on June 2. The game of the week was between the first place UCLA Bruins and the second place ASU Sun Devils. After giving up five runs in the first inning, the ASU Sun Devils pitching duo of Jenny Leserman and Allison Stevens held the Bruins scoreless for the remainder of the game, but the UCLA Bruins remained in first place with the 5-5 tie. USC and Arizona ended the season right behind the Sun Devils, with Cal, Oregon, and Stanford finishing next.

With second grade girls included in the LMYA softball program this year, the second and third grade teams showed amazing improvement in their defensive abilities during the season and were able to hit the "coach pitch." The enthusiasm and skill of the Saint Mary's College softball team, as well as the Acalanes and Campolindo softball teams exhibited during softball clinics inspired and motivated them to do their best.

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MBA Bronco Level Wins Tournament Submitted by Rob Yoklavich, Head Coach

Moraga Baseball Association (MBA), which includes Orinda and Moraga teams, travel each year to Citrus Heights, Calif., for the annual Memorial Day weekend baseball tournament, which includes

more than 75 teams from throughout California. This year, the MBA Bronco level (age 12 and under) won the tournament; it was the first time in more than 20 years that an MBA team in this age bracket has won.



Front row/kneeling (left to right): Conner Rosenbaum, James Coleman, Mason Windatt; Middle row/players: Brett Stephens, Ryan Hooper, Matt Yoklavich, Sam McAlpine, Joe Giacchetti, Robbie Tenerowicz, Jeff Eriksen, Scott Singh, JD Ratchford; Back row/adults: Head coach Rob Yoklavich, Coach Rich Windatt, Coach Andy Ratchford, Coach Rob Tenerowicz

Saint Monica's Track and Field Takes Gold

Submitted by Coach Laura Foxworthy

Saint Monica's Track and Field Team of Moraga and Orinda qualified 15 athletes for the May 12 Oakland Diocese Meet of Champions at Diablo Valley College, with five Saint Monica's athletes finishing with gold medals. Hadley Swanson took first place in the 6th grade girls 400m, Alex Shieman took first in the 5th grade boys 800m and Phillip Rei took first in the 400m. The 5th grade boys Sprint Medley relay of Zach Foxworthy, Chase Corallo, Phillip Rei and Alex Shieman took home four gold medals.

place in the 7th grade boys 800m and placed second in the softball throw. Kieran Fara, a 3rd grader, took two fourth place medals in the 800m and long jump. Yurii Hanley took third place in the 3rd grade boys 400m. Alex Shieman took 3rd place in the 5th grade boys 400m. Harrison Hughes took seventh place in the 5th grade boys 100m. Phillip Rei took second place in the 5th grade boys 200m and 3rd place in the long jump. Hadley Swanson took sixth place in the 6th grade girls 200m and 2nd place in the long jump.

Leland Wong, a 7th grader, took home a silver medal in the Long Jump and placed third in the 1600m and fourth in the 400m. Sophie Settle took second place in the 3rd grade girls 1600m. Zach Foxworthy took fourth place in the 5th grade boys 1600m. Devin Kennedy took fourth

The 5th grade boys 4x100m relay of Harrison Hughes, Troy Westernoff, Chase Corallo and Phillip Rei took home third place. The 6th grade girls Sprint Medley team of Tina Romak, Kristen Chan, Hadley Swanson and Emma Jones placed 3rd.

Acalanes Captures NCS Baseball Title ...continued from page 1



Photos Jordan Fong



Moraga Baseball Association Bronco Division

June 4

Moraga Bears 7, Orinda Outlaws 9
Bears highlights: Brett Stephens 3 hits, 3 runs; Ryan Hooper 2 hits, RBI; Scott Singh 2 hits, RBI; Robbie Tenerowicz 1 hit, RBI, run.

June 3

Moraga Bears 12, Orinda Rivercats 2
Bears highlights: Brett Stephens 2 hits, 3 RBI, run; Ryan Hooper 3 hits, 2 RBI, run; Jeff Eriksen 1 hit, RBI, run.

June 2

Moraga A's 8, Moraga Giants 6
Moraga A's highlights: Spencer Nichols 1-for-3; Reid Shellenback 2-for-3; John Eriksen 1-for-3; Joe Navone 2-for-3; Ryan Gannett 2-for-3; John Warrington 1-for-3; Kevin Lyle 2-for-3; Keai Lucasey 1-for-3.
Giants highlights: Ian Daniel 1-for-4; Tyler Garrison 3-for-4; Ryan Smith 2-for-4; Kevin Baldwin 3-for-4; Matthew Barry 1-for-3; Nathaniel Armen 2-for-3; Brian Pfaff 1-for-3, Hunter Drobenaire 1-for-1.

June 1

Piedmont Scots 7, Moraga Bears 5
Bears highlights: Brett Stephens 2 hits, 2 runs; Cody Kiriaze 3 hits, run; Phillip Rei 2 hits, 2B.

May 29

Moraga Giants 6, Orinda Giants 1
Moraga Giants highlights: Ian Daniel 2-for-4, Tyler Garrison 3-for-4; Ryan Smith 3-for-4; Kevin Baldwin 2-for-3, 2 RBI; Matthew Barry 3 IP, 4 strikeouts; Josh DeLaney 2 IP, 2 strikeouts.

Memorial Day

Citrus Heights Tournament
 May 28
Moraga 1-12, Placer County 8 (Championship Game)
Moraga 1 highlights: Brett Stephens 3 hits, RBI, 2 runs; Robbie Tenerowicz 3 hits, 2 RBI, run; Ryan Hooper 3 hits, 2 RBI, run.

May 28

Moraga 1-17, Orinda 3
Moraga 1 highlights: Ryan Hooper 3 hits, 3 RBI, 3 runs; Joe Giacchetti 3 hits, 3 RBI, run; Robbie Tenerowicz 2 hits, 4 RBI, 3 runs.

May 27

Moraga 1-11, Vacaville Rattlers 0

Moraga 1 highlights: Mason Windatt 2 hits, RBI, run; Robbie Tenerowicz 2 hits, RBI, run; Sam MacAlpine 1 hit, 2 RBI, run.

May 27

Moraga 1-23, Golden Eagles 0
Moraga 1 highlights: JD. Ratchford 4 hits, 5 RBI, 3 runs; Mason Windatt 4 hits, 4 RBI, 3 runs; Ryan Hooper 3 hits, 3 RBI, run.

Mustang Division

June 9

Championship Game

Rangers 9, White Sox 2

Rangers highlights: Tyler Bartis 3 IP, 8 strikeouts; Chris Wilson 3-for-3, 3 RBI; Eric Dunning 1-for-2, 2 runs; Neil Kelley unassisted double play.

White Sox highlights: Jake Rider 3 IP, 5 strikeouts; Tiger Garcia 2-for-2, run; Gill Jasper 1-for-2.

Game 1 -

End of the Season Tournament

Rangers 10, White Sox 2

Rangers highlights: Will Coates 1-for-2, RBI, run; Neil Kelley 2-for-2, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Chris Wilson 1-for-2, RBI, run; Eric Dunning 3 IP, 1 run, 5 strikeouts. **White Sox highlights:** Tiger Garcia 1-for-3, 2B, run; Jake Ryder 2-for-3; Brian Lyle 1 IP, 0 runs; Damien Stoner 1-for-2.

June 7 - End of Season Tournament

Rangers 14, A's 13

Rangers highlights: Michael Wright 2-for-2, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Neil Kelley 2-for-3, 3B, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Brendan Purrill 2-for-3, 2B, 3 RBI, run; Catcher Tyler Bartis threw out base stealers at 2nd and 3rd for the last two outs of the game. **A's highlights:** Chase Corallo 2-for-4, 2B, 2 runs; Alex Gannett 2-for-2, RBI, 2 runs; Zach Cole 2-for-2, 3 RBI, 3 runs; Nick Riddle 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 runs.

June 5 - Playoffs

Rangers 9, Yankees 8

Rangers highlights: Ryan Geisreiter 3 IP, 7 strikeouts; Tyler Bartis 2-for-2, 2 runs; Chris Wilson 2-for-3, run. **Yankees highlights:** Kevin Lehman 3-for-4, 2 runs; Ramin Nazeri 2-for-3, run.

Pinto Division

June 9

Cubs 15, Giants 14

Cubs highlights: Ryan McNally 2-for-3, 3 RBI; Jason Rodriguez 2-for-3, 2 RBI; Spencer Giglio 3-for-3, 2 runs; Jacob Westphal 3-for-3, 2 runs; Brett Smith 2B, Callan Beaver 2B; Richard Gong 2B; strong defense by Rodriguez, McNally, Alex Capurro, including game ending catch by Eli Kirmeier. **Giants highlights:** Sterling Strother 3-for-3, 2B, 3B, 5 RBI; Sam Levy 3-for-3, 2 runs; Harry Curtiss 2-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI; Parker Windatt 2-for-4, 2 runs.

June 6

Cardinals 24, Diamondbacks 23

Cardinals highlights:

Trevin Kroichick 5-for-5, 2 RBI, 4 runs; Matt Kronenberg 4-for-5, 2B, 2 RBI; Quinn Cuddihy 4-for-5, 3 RBI; Hayden Hunt 3-for-4, 2B, 3 RBI.

Diamondbacks highlights: Calvin Gee 3-for-4, 2 runs; Andrew Holloway 3-for-4, 3 runs; Jack Oxendine 3-for-4, 3B, 2 RBI, 3 runs; Kyle Hinds 4-for-4, 3B, 5 RBI, 3 runs.

Cubs 21, Padres 19

Cubs highlights: Jason Rodriguez 2-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; Jacob Delaney 4-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; Richard Gong 4-for-4, 2 RBI, 3 runs; Kevin Hoffinger 4-for-4, RBI, 3 runs. **Padres highlights:** Jack Hattabaugh 2-for-3, RBI, 2 runs; Tristan Westernoff 4-for-4, 2 runs; Jake Rolfe 4-for-4, RBI, 3 runs.

June 2

Giants 9, Padres 4

Giants highlights: Casey Kiriaze 2-for-3; Parker Windatt 2-for-3; Shun Ishida 2-for-3. **Padres highlights:** Tenshi Lucasey 2-for-3; Bryce Dugan 3-for-3; Aaron DePaolo 2-for-3.

May 30

Padres 15, Diamondbacks 6

Highlights: Tristan Westernoff 4-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; Michael Hooper 4-for-4, 2B, 3 RBI, 3 runs. **Diamondbacks Highlights:** Calvin Gee 2-for-3, 2B, run; Jake Oxendine 2-for-3, 2B, RBI; Aidan Crouch 3-for-3, run.

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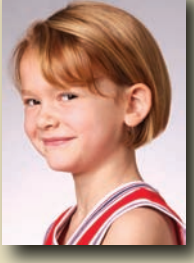
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