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By Cathy Tyson

## Love, Lamorinda Style!

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### LAMORINDA WEEKLY this week

#### Meet...

Last month we introduced you to Lamorinda's new Mayors. This month, we begin a series of articles on the often unsung heroes who work tirelessly on behalf of our communities, day in and day out, ensuring that our cities and town run smoothly. They are the paid staff of our local governments. In this issue, meet Lamorinda's City Planners on pages 2, 3 and 4. **Page 2, 3, 4**

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### Issues, Fears and Hopes Push Lamorinda Voters to the Polls

By Jennifer Wake

With the political campaigns heating up and Super Tuesday looming, Lamorinda residents rallied together to discuss the issues, spread the word and get out the vote.

More than 200 people (ranging in age from 16 to 90) attended the Lamorinda Democratic Club's election discussion and straw poll on Jan. 25 at the Orinda Community Church.

"It was the biggest meeting we've had since 2004," said Gerri Field, the club's vice-president.

Representatives for each of the major Democratic presidential candidates outlined their candidate's positions, and answered questions from the audience. The evening finished with a straw poll, where attendees

(including the few high school students who came) voted for the "winning" candidate. Borak Obama took first, Edwards placed second, and Hillary Clinton landed third.

"The energy in the room was so high. There were a lot of young people there, and supporters waved bumper stickers and wore t-shirts with the candidates names on them," Field said. "The overwhelming issues on people's minds were healthcare, the war in Iraq and the environment."

Lafayette resident Steve Richard, who is the president of Sustainable Lafayette, shares the concern about these key national issues – issues he believes the White House can influence.

"I'm more interested in areas where the

president and his team can make a dramatic difference through legislation and policy," he said. "The War is very pressing since we're losing lives every week and spending a phenomenal amount of money (over \$8 billion per month) that is desperately needed in other areas."

Not surprisingly, Richard believes that climate change should be one of the top issues being discussed in the campaign.

"The federal government needs to lead with bold action similar to what the State of California has done (with AB32)," he said. "We need to think beyond the candidates themselves to consider the type of team that a candidate would likely assemble."

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### Dyer Defense and See-Saw Battle Brings Campo the Win

By Conrad Bassett

Chris Dyer scored the first three points of the game and finished with four of the last six, but it was his tenacious defense and eye for his teammates that led the Campolindo boys basketball team to a 66-56 win over rival Miramonte before a packed house on Jan. 29 in Orinda.

The Cougars (14-6, 7-1 DFAL) jumped off to a 9-2 lead as Jack Trotter and Adam Mancebo also drained threes but the Matadors (17-3, 7-1 DFAL) fought back behind Chris Hatfield's eight points in the period and led by 22-19 after one.

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#### Lunar New Year

Welcome to the Year of the Rat, February 7, 2008 - January 25, 2009. The Year of the Rat is the first year in a new twelve-year lunar cycle, making it the year of new beginnings. Lunar New Year is a time to honor ancestors and celebrate family and the coming of Spring. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

**Congratulations and Be Prosperous!**

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