



Safe at first after pick off attempt by Wirth Photo Gavin Schlissel

Cougars Head to Third Round Following Victory Over Mats

By Steven Johns

On Saturday, May 24 the Campolindo Cougars hosted the Miramonte Matadors in the second round of the NCS Championships.

After splitting the regular season series with the Matadors 1-1, the Cougars were able to beat Miramonte 6-2 in their most important meeting.

Unable to throw their ace, the Matadors sent out John Vacarro to face the Campolindo offense. The Cougars got to Vacarro quickly with a run in the bottom of the first inning. Lead-off hitter Anthony Fadelli singled to center and moved to second after an error on a pick-off attempt. With one out in

the inning Chris Killeen drove in Fadelli with a ground out to the shortstop.

The Cougars added to their lead in the second inning after junior Will Coleman started the rally off with a single. After a line-out senior David Wirth came to the plate. He lifted the ball into the gap in right-center field to put runners on first and second. Senior Sam Gregory followed with another single to make the game 2-0 in favor of the Cougars.

The story of the game was shaky pitching and poor defense.

The Matadors took advantage of these follies in the fourth inning when they built a rally of Wirth. The

Matadors began their rally with a single between the third baseman and shortstop. Wirth however then proceeded to walk two batters to load the bases. After retiring the second out of the inning, Wirth seemed to be on his way to strand three runners and escape without allowing a run. Unfortunately for Wirth, third-baseman Tommy Stephens could not handle a ground ball to his left and two runs scored to tie the game at 2-2.

The Cougars got their turn to face bad defense and poor pitching in the bottom of the fourth inning. The big rally for the Cougars came with the help of a walk and two bunt singles.

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SMC Student Parties May Lead to Stricter Ordinance, But No Quick Fixes

By Jennifer Wake

The quiet tree-lined street on Thune Avenue in Moraga, dotted with well-kept ranch style homes and neighbors waving hello as they head out on errands, is far from the fraternity-style atmosphere depicted in movies like Animal House – or even of those homes on fraternity row in Berkeley. But for many Thune Avenue residents, the street has been transformed too often into a raucous party zone unsuitable for a family neighborhood.

Over the past year, Thune Avenue has become a regular stop for local police, who have been called out to quiet down large parties centered at three homes on the street which are rented to Saint Mary's College students.

The extra calls, coupled with the public outcry from Thune residents, prompted the Town Council to propose a revision to its existing noise ordinance to include stiffer fines (up to \$1,000 for a third warning within 90 days) and adding to the definition of a "loud and unruly party." The new definition would include those gatherings which cause "excessive traffic or obstruction of public streets due to crowds or vehicles, public drunkenness, or the service of alcohol to minors."

One Thune resident, who asked not to be named, agrees with the new ordinance. "There's no question that there have been really loud parties," he said. "It's too bad we have to do something like this, but the landlords are not taking responsibility."

Saint Mary's College senior and Thune Avenue resident Chris Burns is concerned that the ordinance will be used predominantly against student renters.

With the lack of nightlife in Moraga (a bar, late night cafes or bookstores that stay open past 8 p.m., or



This otherwise quiet street in Moraga has been the regular site of large parties at three rentals housed by Saint Mary's Students, sparking a stricter noise policy within the Town and a sharp divide between neighbors. SMC Student Parties May Lead to Stricter Ordinance, But no quick fixes

Photo Jennifer Wake

even the old bowling alley on Moraga Road), Burns says the Saint Mary's students who live in Moraga rentals will continue to end up gathering at private homes in residential areas.

While Saint Mary's College does offer occasional events on weekends, most activities sponsored

by the college center around lectures, cultural events, theatrical performances, and barbecues with music in the afternoons during the week. Live events outdoors and on weekends are infrequent.

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Park, Trails, Rec.	7pm
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Circulation	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, June 2	
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Mystery pipe, 5/15/08 A white male Suisun City resident left the Hungry Hunter restaurant on Mt. Diablo Boulevard without paying. While seated near some bushes close to the eatery he hid a glass pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. The dine-and-dash suspect told officers he simply found the pipe in the bushes and put it in his pocket.

Car theft, 5/14/08 An employee of the Lafayette Park Hotel parked and locked his car on Mt. Diablo Blvd. before his shift began. When he returned at 5:00, the car, a Chevy Tahoe, was gone.

Embezzlement, 5/13/08 A middle aged white female embezzled an unknown amount of money from her employer, Adoption Ark.

Burglary, 5/13/08 A Thompson Road homeowner came home in the middle of the afternoon and found the front door open. She had left in the morning around 8:30 and locked the door behind her. The neighbors didn't hear a peep from the stealthy burglar(s). Estimated cost of missing items \$5,320.

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Library Input Needed From Residents With Special Needs

By Cathy Tyson



Construction site on Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Photo Andy Scheck

As Lafayette residents watch the new Library and Learning Center take shape, planners are asking for input regarding the "construction" of special services the facility will offer. Identifying and providing appropriate services for patrons with disabilities and special

needs is the goal. They are seeking input from residents willing to take a few minutes to complete a survey to determine these service priorities. The wish list will be addressed as funding becomes available. "When you increase access to people with disabilities you in-

crease access for everyone. Think of curb cuts originally designed for people in wheelchairs, but they have made using sidewalks easier for people with strollers, wheeled luggage, and bike riders," said Susan Weaver, Senior Community Library Manager.

The six page survey includes questions about visual, physical, learning and speech and hearing assistance needs. It asks for suggestions of useful tools and specific books or periodicals that would be helpful, for example large type books, TTY or the Phonic Ear along with preferences in adaptive technology.

Paper copies of the survey are available at the Lafayette Library and at the Senior Services Office at 500 St. Mary's Road or online at ccc.lib.org/locations/Lafayette.html

Class is in Session for Seniors

By Cathy Tyson

Lafayette seniors have an embarrassment of riches available basically free of charge via Senior Services Center classes and workshops. "We want to give seniors an opportunity to feel that they are part of the community and a sense of belonging that contributes to their mental and physical well being," said Mei Sun Li, Senior Services Coordinator.

Li joined the Center in 2004 after retiring from Bank of America. Broadening the range of classes available, "reflects what our clientele want. We focus on programs that are intellectually stimulating in nature," she continued.

See the adjacent box for compete listing of summer session events. Some highlights include a lecture on Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" followed by a trip to a matinee CalShakes performance of this comedy, and the very timely Primaries, Caucuses, and Super Delegates. This class examines how a series of changes to make the presidential nominating process more democratic and transparent ended up producing one of the most controversial competitions in modern American history, according to the class description. Recently this reporter at-

tended a fascinating presentation on "Differentiating Normal Aging, Dementia and Alzheimer's. Learning about these topics in a friendly, comfortable setting was quite enjoyable. "Dementia is a normal part of the natural process of aging," said Caroline Allen, a medical social worker with Hospice of the East Bay and class presenter. By comparison, she noted that Alzheimer's disease is marked by decreasing blood flow to the brain due to the death of nerve cells, making it difficult for signals to transmit properly. What followed was in interesting hour and a half class that explored these diseases in depth, coupled with Allen's personal experiences and stories about patients and families at Hospice of the East Bay.

With just a couple of exceptions, all of the classes are free; for example Tea Dancing charges a \$2 fee to cover refreshments and the CalShakes lecture is free, but group discount matinee tickets are \$30 each.

These classes are the deal of the century; attendees are treated to an interesting event by an expert in the field, along with coffee and cookies, and an opportunity to socialize. An optional donation at the door to help sustain these programs is sincerely appreciated by the Senior Services Center. Stay tuned for "Managing and Exploring Your Sensual Self After Age 50" coming in November.

For more information, call the Senior Services Center at (925) 284-5050 or feel free to pick up a

class catalogue at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road or check online at www.lafayetterec.org. Space is limited, so be sure to call for a reservation.

Upcoming Summer Classes

- A Personal Quest in New Zealand - June 5
- Skin Care - the smart way to manage your looks and your well-being - June 18
- Reverse Mortgage - should you or should you not - June 26
- Computer Maintenance 101 - July 17
- Lecture on Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" followed by a group trip to Cal Shakes for an afternoon matinee - July 23
- Primaries, Caucuses and Super Delegates - by a UC Berkeley Political Science doctoral candidate - July 31
- Senior Identity Theft and You - with a panel of experts - August 8
- An Afternoon of Jazz Song and Piano - Libby McLaren and Maya Kronfeld - August 15
- Diablo Valley Happiness Club, Leader Dr. Bob Nozik (Dr. Happiness) - monthly starting June 8
- Bi-Monthly Caregiver Support Group - Mondays, 6/2, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 9/8
- Luk Tung Kwen - exercise class - every other Friday, starting 6/27
- Tea Dancing every Wednesday
- Art of Balance Workshop - June 27
- Preventing Falls Workshop - July 25
- Pain Management Workshop - August 22
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In Search of Art for the Art and Wine Festival

By Cathy Tyson

For the upcoming Lafayette Art and Wine Festival in September, the Chamber of Commerce is looking for a piece of artwork to advertise the event that expresses the look, taste, sound and feel of the Festival.

"This is the first time we've done this, to open it up to the community to get their impression of the Festival," said Tom Taneyhill, a local artist. He went on to explain that all work will be considered, encouraging everyone from fourth graders to professionals to retirees to enter.

There are no restrictions regarding size or media: draw-

ing, photography, painting or creative sculpture.

Artwork will be accepted at the Lafayette Chamber offices or online by May 30th at 5:00 p.m. Organizers are considering extending the cut off date. The winning entry may be used in TV ads and newspaper articles, or displayed at events promoting the festival. The winning piece will be on display at the Festival and will be auctioned off to raise money for the Lafayette Arts and Science Foundation. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 284-7404.

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City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo	
Wednesday, June 11	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, June 2	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, June 9	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Tuesday, June 17	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way	
Friday, June 13	
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Paperweight bomb, 5/17/08 A Hastings Court resident called police to report she had a paperweight that used to be a bomb that she wanted to turn in. Officers inspected the item and it appeared to be an old military artillery shell type of ordnance. The Walnut Creek bomb squad came out as well as Travis Air Force Base military personnel, which took possession of the paperweight. The Sanders Ranch security gate closed prematurely on the military Humvee, causing no damage to the vehicle, but breaking the gate arm.

Pot possession, 5/17/08 A concerned parent called the police to report that she found a small bag of marijuana in her 15-year-old son's room. The parent requested that her son be placed in the Juvenile Diversion Program.

Stalking, 5/16/08 An Ascot Drive resident called the police to report a sexually explicit and obscene cell phone message. The reporting person knows the caller as an acquaintance from a college class. Three days later she called police back, as there were four more voice mail messages from different phone numbers with increased hostility and sexual profanity. The final message contained a death threat. An Emergency Protective Order was served on the suspect at his residence.

D.U.I. 5/16/08 A black Mercedes Benz was stopped for speeding on Moraga Road at Alta Mesa for speeding. The female driver showed objective signs of alcohol intoxication.

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Profound Differences on Governance Principles Interfere with Town's Operations

By Sophie Braccini

Definition of "dysfunctional:"* 1) failing to perform the function that is normally expected; 2) unable to function emotionally as a social unit; 3) unable to function normally as a result of disease or impairment. The drama that took place at the May 21st Moraga City Council meeting, caused some to wonder if that term could be applied to this elected body.

It was clear from the onset that profound philosophical differences split the Council, as a mirror to the town's population where liberals are neighbors to libertarians. The clash of personalities is such on the Council that the members have become unable to create a positive work environment. The result is hours of Council and staff time lost in unproductive arguments.

The late night discussion was engaged on how to select the Mayor. Last January, during the election of Mayor Lynda Deschambault, Council Member Metcalf challenged the unwritten rule that automatically rotates the mayorship every year according to the number of votes received by each candidate.

Metcalf pleaded for electing the most qualified candidate. "One of the specific roles of the Mayor is to conduct meetings," said the former Mayor, "some are cut out for that job and some are not, there should not be anything automatic about this election and we should select the most qualified."

"This rotation has been working properly for over thirty years," responded former Council Member Dale Walwark. "Our town has what is called a 'weak mayor' system with a Town Manager. The automatic rotation eliminates partisan arguments in the selection of the Mayor."

If all agreed that Moraga has a "weak mayor," some felt that the position was special enough to require a different type of election. Council Member Rochelle Bird offered a radical proposal: "The Mayor sets the agenda and represents the whole Council for external communication... I propose that the Mayor be elected directly by the people." This modification would require an initiative to go to the ballot. ... continued on page 11

Moraga Ordinance to Enforce Development Impact Fee Moves Forward

By Sophie Braccini

It took twenty-eight months of work and discussion among the stakeholders for Moraga's Town staff to finalize an ordinance adding Development Impact Fees to the Municipal Code. The text would require developers to pay their share of additional costs to the Town generated by new residents.

The areas of impact defined by staff are: general government facilities (Town Hall, Public Works, Library), public safety, storm drainage, traffic and park development. For a single family detached home the total would amount to approximately \$24,500. In spite of the opposition of Moraga's largest property owner, the Bruzzone family, the text was moved forward.

Newcomers have impacts on roads, police, schools, library capacities, staff time etc. The task of staff, led by the Town's Public Works Director Jill Mercurio, was to calculate a dollar value per resident for all the

infrastructure, parks and services and collect it from developers to have the new residents pay "their fair share" of these services.

It was everyone's opinion that development impact fees are a normal occurrence for a jurisdiction. In her document, Mercurio included a comparison chart of our neighboring cities that all apply such a fee, ranging from \$11,600 in Pinole to \$43,500 in Pleasanton.

Dave Bruzzone, representing the Bruzzone family which owns most of the land left to develop in Moraga, concurred: "If there are impacts, any developer should contribute to mitigate it." However, his agreement stopped there, when he added, "there are major structural defects in this study." He illustrated his point by stating that he would admit that the report was reasonable "when the consultants can demonstrate that water can run uphill!" ... continued on page 12

Moraga's Town Manager Moves On

By Sophie Braccini

"This was one of the most difficult decisions of my professional life," said Philip Vince, who has been the Town Manager in Moraga for four and a half years. Vince recently accepted an offer from the city of Martinez to take the seat of the retiring City Manager.

In a town where the government organization is said to be a "weak mayor" structure, the Town Manager is viewed as the CEO of the town. "We will miss your expertise and your keen ability in choosing the right people for the Town," said Mayor Lynda De-

schambault during the May 21st Council meeting. "We've had our difficult times, but I will miss you." Council Member Bird congratulated Vince on a move that furthers his career. "Thank you for your contribution to the Town," she added. Mayor Deschambault indicated that two people have already expressed interest in the interim position.

Vince currently resides in Moraga and has no plans to move away.

(Editor's note: The Lamorinda Weekly wishes Phil Vince the best of luck in his new endeavor.)

First Friday at the Moraga Art Gallery May 21, 2008

By Donna Arganbright, Ceramic Artist and President of the Moraga Art Gallery

In an effort to reach out to interested people in the Lamorinda area, Moraga Art Gallery has started a series called First Friday which will be held as the name suggests, on the first Friday of each month at the Gallery from 7 to 9 p.m. The intent and emphasis of First Friday is to involve the public in our Gallery and to increase their knowledge of the Arts. We will offer informal talks and discussions about the various areas of art in which our talented artists or an-

invited artist, has expertise. Discussion and demonstration of the aesthetics and techniques involved in the disciplines of art ranging from painting, pottery and glass, to digital photography will be offered.

Our first two sessions in April and May focused on digital photography. They were given by Ken Young and John Diestler, both of whom are expert in digital photography and Photoshop.

On Friday, June 6th, local ceramic artist, Donna Arganbright,

will demonstrate through slides and actual working in clay, how she creates her mugs, plates, bowls, vases and platters. Using the potters wheel, slab roller and extruder, she will show how she combines all three of these techniques in a variety of ways to create new and exciting work. She works in high fire porcelain and enjoys making ceramic pieces that family, friends and customers can use in their homes. ... continued on page 6

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Planning Process Review	8:30am
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Monday, June 2	
Parks & Recreation Comm.	7pm
Orinda Community Center Room 7 28 Orinda Way Wednesday, June 11	
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Orinda Takes a Look at the Budget

By Andrea A. Firth

Orinda City Council, staff, and several committee members met last week to review the Capital Improvement Plan and draft Operational Budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year as the Council tries to manage the significant and immediate infrastructure needs of the City while planning and saving for the future.

Summarizing the status of the City's budget for the current year, Administrative Services Manager Beverly Marshall stated, "For the most part we will hit our mark on expenses." Due to some surplus attributable to positions that were not filled and some additional property tax revenue, she added, "We will have a surplus this year."

Marshall also explained that despite the budget woes at the State level, the impact of the State budget cuts on the City's operating budget would be minimal. The City would still receive gas tax credits from the State; however, payment would likely be delayed until September resulting in a loss of three months of interest revenue.

City Engineer Janice Carey reviewed an extensive list of infrastructure projects including work to the roads, drainage, bridges, slopes, bikeways and walkways throughout the city. The projected budget for Capital Improvement Plan for 2008-2009 as currently drafted is just over \$5.8 million with the Moraga Way Rehabilitation project representing over 40% of the total budget. In addition, over \$1.2 million will be spent as part of the Annual Pavement Management Program with similar appropriations planned for the next three years.

Regarding the City's projected revenues, Marshall noted that while many cities in the Bay Area have seen a decrease in real estate sales, Orinda has experienced an increase in property sales from March 2007 to March 2008. "Property tax revenue will continue to grow," stated Marshall. She also anticipates the same level of retail tax revenue from last year to this year despite some indicators of a slow down in retail sales elsewhere.

Marshall also reviewed several recommended changes included in the draft budget. One item that generated a fair amount of discussion was the proposal to fund a Police Services Study in conjunction with the cities of Danville and Lafayette to compare and analyze alternate law enforcement options to the current contract with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office.

Although Council members and staff were quick to note their current satisfaction with the quality and level of service provided through the Sheriff's Office, members of the City's Budget Committee explained that this area of the budget had increased the most on a percentage basis. With the rising costs of maintaining the contract, the Budget Committee recommended that issue be studied critically and alternatives evaluated. Council members Steve Glazer and Tom McCormick both noted that it would be valuable to examine the model for police services used in Moraga as well.



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Moraga Way Paving Gets Gritty

By Andrea A. Firth



Night work on Moraga Way

Photo Andy Scheck

While some people grind their teeth when they sleep, Orinda grinds its roads.

Bay Cities Paving & Grading, the City's contractor for the Moraga Way Pavement Rehabilitation Project, began pavement grinding during the nighttime hours last week to help to minimize daytime traffic delays and to reduce the length of the grinding phase of the project from 17 days (if done during the daytime) to 10 days. "The nighttime grinding looks to be on schedule for 10 nights from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am Monday through Thursday nights," states City Engineer Janice Carey.

"We have received a phone call from a resident regarding the project complaining about the noise generated by trucks idling along Moraga Way during the nighttime hours," notes City Manager Janet Keeter. "[The City Engineer] is working with our project manager to remedy this problem. As you can

appreciate, Moraga Way is such a constrained road that staging equipment and vehicles close to the area in which they are working is a challenge," Keeter adds.

What all this nighttime grinding translates to during the daytime hours when most residents are driving on Moraga Way is dust and grit. "It's like a dust bowl out there," comments an employee of McDonnell Nursery, which is located on Moraga Way in the heart of the paving project.

The second week of nighttime grinding started this week and will extend on Moraga Way from Hall Drive to Ivy Drive South. Further nighttime road works are planned. "Base failure repairs will be done following the grinding which is also scheduled for Monday through Wednesday nighttime work," says Carey. "The rubberized asphalt concrete paving is targeted to start June 9th depending upon evening temperatures," she adds.

Orinda Junior Garden Club



Orinda Junior Garden Club members Kim Larsen, Penny Veres, and Linda Cohen are shown alongside the Orinda Circle Garden across from Starbucks downtown. The Garden Club has used mostly native plants to beautify the Circle and conserve water.

Rocked, 5/21/08 A Loma Vista resident had a rude awakening, when she came out to her Honda CRV in the morning, she found an asphalt rock thrown through the left rear passenger window. Estimated damage, \$2,700.

Receiving stolen property, 5/21/08 Officers pulled over a car at St. Stephens at El Nido Ranch Road and found the driver, a 36-year-old white female, had stolen property in her vehicle. In addition to an outstanding warrant for her arrest, she violated her probation, had three stolen credit cards and a syringe.

Petty theft, 5/20/08 Someone forced entry into a locked Tahos Road mailbox and took the mail which included ten blank checks issued by Countrywide Bank. The homeowner wisely put a "stop payment" on the checks.

Stolen truck, 5/16/08 An unknown suspect entered the construction site at the Wilder development near Highway 24 and Gateway Boulevard and drove off with a 1991 white Ford F350.

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Life in LAMORINDA

EBMUD Imposes a Water Shortage Management Program

By Sophie Braccini



Gardening with native plants on a hillside in Orinda Photo Sophie Braccini

Last year, the East Bay Municipal Utility District asked its users for voluntary rationing. This year, after a second dry year, reduction in water use is mandatory to the tune of 19% for single family users and 12% for commercial users. Many residents and officials are taking steps to reduce their usage, while some question the fairness of the policy and even the management acumen of the agency.

A shortage of water is not new to California. Many battles have been fought over water, and some see potable water as the most precious and endangered resource of our planet. With rising consciousness about climate change and conservative use of our natural resources, when EBMUD declared a water shortage management program most users started brainstorming on how they could contribute. The financial consequence of not saving will certainly be an enticement. If water use does not decrease by 19% compared to the last 3-year average, residents will face a \$2 surcharge per unit (748 gallons) of

water used. All customers will see a 10% increase of their bill to cover operating and drought costs; read your EMBUD drought mailer carefully.

"We should all be concerned. There is not enough



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water in California," says Moraga resident Al Kyte, "but people in this country do not like to be told how to live, so nothing will

happen until it hurts." The biggest demand for water by homeowners is for outside watering; thirsty lawns are an easy target. Kyte is part of the "Bring Back the Natives" movement that advocates replacing water-demanding plants such as lawns with drought tolerant native plants. "We are just a few years behind Arizona where having lawns is prohibited," adds Kyte, "people here could keep their lawns on flat areas only and replace most of it with natives that are very attractive and do not require any water once established."

Gardening with drought resistant plants is only one of EBMUD's recommendations to help residents curtail their consumption. Orinda Council member Sue Severson is well aware of the requirements, "Our family is always conscientious about saving energy and water. Recently we added a water well on our property to use for landscape watering needs. Our family is also considering replacing the original toilet fixtures with the new low water ones," says Severson.

In Moraga, Council Member Ken Chew is confident that residents will conserve. "If the majority of the households in Moraga participate in taking water conservation steps, we can play a major part in helping to conserve one of our most precious resources - clean and drinkable water." Chew recommends using less than 100 gallons of water per day per household, stop washing cars, set water sprinklers to 3mm maximum and use it every other day, conserve water in toilets, hand wash dishes and take shorter showers, turning off the water as you soap.

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Life in LAMORINDA

Cal Shakes Volunteers Keep Popular Venue Running Smoothly

By Jennifer Wake

Each summer, as hundreds of theater lovers gather in eager anticipation for the opening of California Shakespeare Theater, behind the scenes a small army of dedicated individuals helps to put it all together. Celebrating its 34th season, Cal Shakes offers a unique interpretation of Shakespeare and the classics in its outdoor venue, and runs with clockwork precision thanks to its artists, actors, designers, and staff – and to its local volunteers.

When Bentley High School senior Mandy Goldstone-Dahlin began volunteering at Cal Shakes three years ago, she did so simply to get community service credit. She continues to volunteer at the Cal Shakes administrative offices (making copies, shrink wrap books and doing other administrative duties) because theater is her passion and she loves being immersed in all aspects of it. “Coming into contact with the professional world of theater in a new way has enriched my interest and love of theater all the more,” she said.

“Our volunteer corps represents a wide demographic,” said Cal Shakes Administrative Project Manager Elizabeth Schrey. “They are mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, friends, co-workers, book club members, young and old. There does not seem to be a limit to the diversity of our volunteers and it is amazing. Volunteers are an extension of our organization.”

This past year, Schrey said many volunteers were new to the



A Cal Shakes actor performs at Theater Square last year

Photo Tod Fierner

theater. “Many of the new volunteers had never been to a production before,” she said. “It’s an introduction to theater for some, a love of theater for others, and others just come because of a love for their community.”

Cal Shakes needs associates to help run the Theater Store, selling merchandise and doing product research, and needs 10 to 15 volunteer ushers at each of its 96 performances over the summer. This year’s playbill includes: Pericles, An Ideal Husband, Uncle Vanya, and Twelfth Night.

One of the biggest benefits for volunteer ushers, says Schrey, is the opportunity to see the shows for free on the nights they usher. Normally, tickets for Cal Shakes range from

\$32 to \$62, depending upon the day of the week and availability, so this benefits people who have a love of theater but cannot afford a chance to see great theater.

Administrative volunteers work in the Berkeley office, which is located in the same building as the rehearsal hall. They can occasionally sneak into watch a rehearsal when possible. And for those interested in helping out, but who don’t want to work outdoors, there are myriad volunteer opportunities at the Cal Shakes Annual Gala event – a black tie affair that raised more than \$300,000 for the organization last year through its live auction, silent auction and donations.

Goldstone-Dahlin recommends volunteering at Cal Shakes

without hesitation. “I love the people; everyone is friendly and warm, and they all share my passion for theater. Getting to chat with the actors has also been a mind-blowing experience – I have seen firsthand what thriving, professional actors are truly like,” she said. “If you have any interest in theater, I guarantee that the people you will meet and the activities you will do will inspire you and brighten your day.”

For more information about volunteer opportunities, or to learn more about California Shakespeare’s Season, Education Program and New Works/New Communities Program, please visit the Cal Shakes Web site at www.calshakes.org.

SMC Student Parties May Lead to Stricter Ordinance...

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The college plans to increase the number of events having to do with the freshman experience in August, but has no plans to increase the number of events like Gaelstock – one of the largest student events on campus that features live music,

a barbecue, and outdoor activities.

Burns thinks that if they had more frequent events like Gaelstock, students “wouldn’t go so crazy and over intoxicate themselves when those events come around.” The college, however, must take many things into consideration when planning these events.

“It’s a balancing act,” Holtz said. Saint Mary’s is considering developing a newsletter for homes built close to the campus, which would list cultural events open to the public and alert neighbors of upcoming events that might be loud. The newsletter may also include contact numbers which neighbors could call if there was a problem.

Community and Government Relations Director Tim Farley has been working closely with Town of Moraga Planning Director Lori Salamack to discuss the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP), which proposes increased student housing in Moraga as well as the redevelopment of the Moraga Center and the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. New amenities proposed include a sports bar, late night bookstore, cafes, a bed and breakfast, and a community center.

Salamack has given the college a preliminary overview of the plan, and is scheduled to meet with Saint Mary’s representatives next month to further review it, said Farley.

In an assessment commissioned by the Town of Moraga regarding the MCSP, Economic & Planning Systems (EPS) –

which specializes in land use policy – stated the need for more amenities geared toward college students.

“Unlike most college towns, Moraga has not identified with the needs of the Saint Mary’s College student population and incorporated uses that would encourage students to live in the town as well as spend time there on weekends,” the EPS report stated. “With no bars, dance clubs, or live music venues in town, students have to leave town for similar gathering places.”

Through the revitalization, the Town of Moraga hopes to provide reasons for Saint Mary’s students and Moraga residents to spend more time (and more money) in the town they call home.

The process, however, takes time.

“I think what people in Moraga have to realize is that without more on-campus housing, they are going to have more and more kids in the community,” Burns said. “They have to wake up and figure this out. Current amenities on campus are nowhere to be found. We have nothing to do. They need to realize it before no one wants to come here anymore.”

“We have continued for the past three years to increase college campus events,” said Saint Mary’s College spokesperson Debra Holtz. “We think they are positive, and many are open to the public. We want to be a resource to the community and want to create a vibrant campus community for students.”

First Friday at the Moraga Art Gallery ...

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She has worked, exhibited and sold her pottery for many years and was a Middle School and High School Art Teacher in area schools. She will follow her demonstration by a hands-on session for those participants who wish to do so. Older children who have an interest in clay are welcome.

Following the demonstration, wine and light refreshments will be served.

Since the first Friday in July falls on the Fourth, we will not meet then. On the First Friday in August, which happens to be August 1st, Natalia Udaltsova will discuss her work as a painter. Painting and drawing have always been fun for her.

They have been relaxing and therapeutic given all the possibilities of self-expression offered through line, color and images. She will give a slide-show presentation and do a short live portrait sketch.

The Moraga Art Gallery is located in the Rheem Shopping Center next to Longs. We are open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. As a cooperative of nineteen artists, we work in a range of mediums including painting, drawing, pottery, photography, glass, and jewelry.



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Lamorinda Toastmasters Club Builds Communication Competence

By Jean Follmer



Lamorinda Toastmasters President Mike Martin addresses the group Photo Jean Follmer

On Tuesday nights, members of the Lamorinda Toastmasters Club gather at Veteran's Memorial Hall in Lafayette. As a local chapter of Toastmasters International, the Lamorinda Toastmasters Club seeks to provide a supportive, positive environment for members "to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth." Every week, members take turns giving and evaluating both prepared and impromptu speeches. Many people have a great fear of public speaking and Toastmasters offers a safe place to practice the skill and become a more effective communicator. Chris Young has been a member of the Lamorinda Toastmasters Club for over a year. He says "It's a good group. It's definitely been helpful because I had a lot of anxiety about public speaking." Vice President of Public Relations Patrick Schwerdtfeger said when it comes to public speaking people either "like it and want to do it more often or hate it and want to hate it less."

The meetings follow a specific format and members are assigned duties. Some duties include (Inspirational) Thought for the Day, Humorist, Word for the Day/Grammarian and Ah Counter. The meet-

ing opened with President Mike Martin reading the Mission Statement and introducing the Toastmaster of the evening. Toastmaster Thomas Cloney began the meeting by asking Bronwyn Burman to stand and present the Thought for the Day. Burman was leaving for vacation soon, so suggested "start on your vacation a little early" by slowing down phone calls a few days before starting a vacation in order to feel more relaxed once the vacation started. Cloney then introduced Scott Lambert as the Humorist. It's the job of the Humorist to deliver a joke to the crowd. President Mike Martin was assigned Word for the Day/Grammarian. Each speaker needs to try to incorporate the Word for the Day into their speech and Mike kept a tally of those who did. As Grammarian, Mike said his role was to "listen to language used and comment on particularly wonderful construction." Ah Counter Grace Castro was "looking for fillers, crutches, etc...anything you use to give you time for the next speech or thought."

It was a big night for prepared speeches with Betsy Maness delivering her seventh speech and Josh Sauberman delivering his tenth speech titled "Pride (in the Name of

Friends)". The 10th speech is a milestone in Toastmasters because its completion designates the speaker a Competent Communicator. The first 10 speeches are contained within the Competent Communication manual and all have different goals. Scott Lambert said there are fifteen other manuals which focus on specialties and are geared to various careers and special occasions. In addition to developing their communication skills, members can also choose to further their leadership skills by taking on leadership roles. Lambert has always worked for himself, so says "I never was a leader, so I'm learning how to lead; I'm learning to listen and facilitate." Patrick Schwerdtfeger said "Toastmasters changed my life. I know how to run meetings now."

An evaluator is assigned for each speech and the evaluator is required to present an oral evaluation to the group. The evaluator offers both accolades and suggestions and comments on whether or not the speaker achieved the goals they set for their speech. Some of the evening's goals included not referring to notes, not standing behind the podium, not using crutches, etc.

After speeches come Table Topics. Table Topics are short impromptu speeches that members and guests are invited to give. The speaker draws a card, reads the question and begins giving a speech on the topic. The Table Topics

Master Nancy Procnier kindly invited this Lamorinda Weekly reporter to give a Table Topics speech (after a jarring performance, I will stick to writing). Member Chris Young fared much better on his Table Topic saying "I do it every week." That old adage, "practice makes perfect" clearly has some merit when it comes to public speaking as does "I feel your pain".

If you're looking to improve your communication and/or leadership skills in a positive environment, consider visiting the Lamorinda Toastmasters Club. They are an extremely welcoming, professional and fun group of people. They range from college students to working professionals to senior citizens and their levels of communication confidence and competence vary widely. No matter where you are in life, effective communication is the key to success.

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EBMUD Imposes a Water Shortage Management Program

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City governments are making efforts as well. Orinda Mayor Victoria Smith is proud to point out, "Some might say that the City of Orinda was prescient in designing the City Hall. The Orinda City Hall toilets use dual flush technology reducing water use in bathrooms that provide substantial water saving. All City Hall bathroom sinks utilize automatic low flow hand faucets that also contribute to the building's water efficiency and conservation. Overall, the anticipated water usage is 30% below traditional office building use of the same size," said the Mayor, adding that water conservation will be increased in other public facilities.

Despite this general willingness to save water, some residents question EBMUD management. "We heard about residents who said they saved as much as they could when our warning was issued last year and that they don't see how they could reduce by another 19%," said Charles Hardy, spokesperson for EBMUD. Since it sounded a bit too much like punishing the virtuous, the agency is considering taking into account usage reduction that was made last year and averaging those users' consumption starting before the date last April when the first recommendation was issued. The Board will decide on this measure in July.

Some residents go further and question the long-term management strategy of the agency. "Our major tool in time of drought is the Freeport Regional Water Project," responds Hardy, "after years of legal battle we won the right to use water from the Sacramento River in times of drought. The agreement will be in effect by the end of 2009."

Whatever your opinion about EBMUD management wisdom is, this is a good time to take advantage of the agency's rebate on appliances that will save water and energy. Currently \$150 rebates are available to replace toilets and washing machines. The agency's web site

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ART

The Moraga Art Gallery presents



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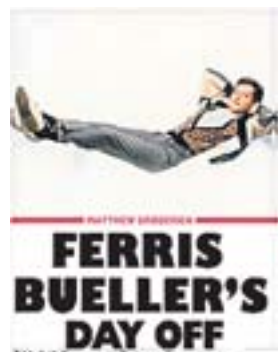
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historic sites. Experience the ecosystem walking through the beautiful, shady paths of the Redwood Regional Park, led by a naturalist from the East Bay Regional Park District. \$5 plus General Admission to Chabot Space & Science Center. To register call 510.336.7373. 9- 11am (8 years & up) 1:30pm - 2:30pm (5 years & up) Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer Walk in Memory of Julie Olson on Sunday, June 8th at the Lafayette Community Park, 480 St. Mary's Rd. Sign in at 7:30 am and the walk begins at 8:30 am. Registration forms available online at www.ovarian.org/upcomingevents. For more information call 925-284-4720

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East Bay Mountain Bike Ride Day - Sat. June 14th at - Lake Chabot Regional Park. Casual, social group ride. No one is every left behind and includes most levels for both men and women. Rides last 2-3 hours. See details and meeting location at www.btceb.org.

In honor of the high school seniors who received Diablo Valley Alumnae Panhellenic awards this year, the association invites sorority alumnae to a Greek Garden Party in Lafayette on Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. Call Marci Adams, 925-254-6088, for directions and details.

All Lafayette residents are invited to participate in the Lafayette Library Special Services Survey, which will run from through June 30, 2008. Information gathered through this survey will assist library planners to identify appropriate services for customers with disabilities and special needs in the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center, opening in Fall 2009. The survey may be completed online at cclib.org/locations/lafayette.html and will also be available at the Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, or the Senior Services Office, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette.

Moraga Movers Monthly Dinner, Monday, June 9. Enjoy a delicious pasta bar meal at St. Mary's Soda Center and listen to great barbershop melodies provided by the "Sweet Adelines." Social hour begins at 4 with dinner to follow at 5. Reservations must be made no later than 5 PM Wednesday, June 4 by calling 376-6622. Moraga Movers is open to all Lamorinda area residents age 55 plus.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Saint Mary's College Campus Happenings



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Lecture:

"Graduate Kinesiology Colloquium: Improving Human Sport Performance" The Saint Mary's College Graduate Program in Kinesiology's annual Summer Colloquium features experts on "Improving Human Sport Performance": Robert Weinberg of Miami University discusses "The Psychology of Excellence in Human Performance" on Monday, June 9; Dr. Marialice Kern of San Francisco State University discusses "Optimizing Athletic Performance: Are Ergogenic Aids the Only Way?" on Tuesday, June 10; Dr. Andy Miah of University of the West Scotland discusses "Bioethics" on Wednesday, June 11; Mark Gilleran, commissioner of the West Coast Conference, Mark Fairru-Wada of ESPN and Derek Marks, Saint Mary's College professor, discuss "Performance En-

hancement and the College Athlete" on Thursday, June 12. Monday, June 9 through Thursday, June 12, Galileo Hall 201 For info, contact: Kinesiology Program (925) 631-4377

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Beautiful Music Rocks Baby, Be Mine

By Cathy Tyson and Jennifer Wake



From left, Katie Pelensky, Meghann May and Sean Griffin in "Baby, Be Mine" Photo Stu Stellant
Writer and Director Kevin Morales' original and final production for the Town Hall Theatre (THT) *Baby, Be Mine* debuted last Friday.

Morales deftly weaves the story of a chorus girl pitching an idea to her producer while two characters act out her pitch against a backdrop of New York in the 1930's. The layers of storytelling coupled with excellent song choices added a unique dimension to the production. The period music and the cast's melodious singing voices help flesh out the sparse set with great music from a great time.

"Don't Get Around Much Anymore" and "Putting on the Ritz" were accompanied by lots of audience toe tapping, and served double duty moving the plot forward. A duet between Nephi Speer, who plays "The Composer" and Meghann May, "The Muse" on "Happy Days are Here Again," showcased these actor's substantial vocal talents. Fans of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin won't be disappointed.

Speer and May give convincing performances as the 1930's characters act out their love story. There's a

funny scene set in the present day between Katie Pelensky "The Actress" and Sean Robert Griffin "The Producer" as they collaborate on picking names for the 30's actors. The small cast, just four people, do a good job with the underlying themes of adultery and lost love. Underscoring the simple unadorned style was a single piano player who hit all the right notes.

"I wanted to create something more traditional, but I still can't help throwing in a twist, structuring the show in a way that doesn't make it a typical revue. It's a sexy fun show that I think lots of people will enjoy," said Morales.

For Griffin, May, and Playwrite and Director Morales this will be their last show at Town Hall Theatre. They all will be departing for the bright lights of Broadway after *Baby, Be Mine* wraps.

Performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings through June 28 at 8:00, call or check the web for dates of Sunday matinees and evening shows (925) 283-6673 or www.thtc.org. Not for children under 12.

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Life in LAMORINDA

Two Women Making a Difference

By Cathy Tyson



From left, Caroline Lovell and Mary Tuchscherer Photo Cathy Tyson

They met through the School of Holistic Studies at John F. Kennedy University, connecting through their use of story via the written word for Mary Tuchscherer and photographs for Caroline Lovell. "I think we are perfect examples of women over a certain age finding our passions and having a lot of energy at this stage of our lives," said Tuchscherer.

Tuchscherer, an Adjunct Faculty member at JFK, founded

Voice Flame Writers in 2003 to support and instruct women to value their experience through legacy and story. She just finished teaching a writing retreat for women in Lafayette, entitled Your Story: Your Legacy. "If you write about a loss or a fear and you've held it so tight, writing allows for the space to really think about it," she reflected. The goal of her workshop is self-exploration to open and heal the heart and celebrate the wisdom

of one's life experience.

Travelling through Malawi with friend and fellow JFK faculty member Masankho Banda in 2007, Tuchscherer felt a distinct chemistry with the local women. "As it turned out, my second day there a group of women and I found an immediate connection through books - Eat, Pray, Love, Three Cups of Tea. They have access to amazon.com."

After finding out that there were no books published by Malawian women, she realized, "it was one of those moment in life where I just knew that I was called to do this, that I could serve."

In 2009 Tuchscherer and Lovell are going back Malawi to host writers' workshops and write a book encapsulating their experiences with Lovell providing the photographs, and produce a video documentary. "I see groups of women in Malawi getting together to tell their stories for future generations," said Tuchscherer. Lovell has a vision for the finished photographs as part of a multi-media exhibit, "large portraits of the storytellers; within the images are em-

bedded parts of their stories, along with a button to hear their voices, and take home story cards for viewers." She feels that stories need to be released back into the world again where they have the possibility of affecting new people.

"I want to invite the people of Lamorinda to get involved - fundraising, grant writing, through workshops here. We are sponsoring a book drive to raise books to ship to Malawi. What we want to do is invite people to donate books and particularly because this is all about women, to bring in a book by their favorite female author, so that we can expose the women of Malawi to other cultures and what's possible," said Tuchscherer.

Book donations can be dropped off at Orinda Books or Canetti's Book Shop, also in Orinda, as well as the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. The next local writers' workshop will be held on July 12 in Lafayette, contact Mary Tuchscherer at www.voiceflamewriters.com for more information.

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Lamorinda AAUW Branch Celebrates and Renews

By Sophie Braccini



AAUW May luncheon at the Orinda Country Club Photo Sophie Braccini

As the Lamorinda branch of the American Association of University Women got together to celebrate Maryann Zivic, the Distinguished Woman of the Year, members were reminded of the important role their association has played in the life of many

young women around the world, and here in Lamorinda, thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers and the generous donations of members.

Marie Bonilla was re-elected President of the branch. An engineer by training, the

young woman likes to present figure-based facts. A series of mysterious figures were listed on the back of the agenda. 128 + 52 to represent the 128 years AAUW has been advancing equity for women and girls, and 52 years for the Lamorinda branch. 201 + 21 = 3%, is the increase in branch membership this year. 1885 to 2008, the years the organization has sponsored 100 research programs.

Bonilla reminded the audience that the first research the association conducted was intended to demonstrate that education doesn't hurt women's health. "We have come a long way since then," said Bonilla, "but plenty is still to be done." The association acts all over the world and this year granted 257 young women \$4,000,000 for their education.

Closer to home, 795 Lamorinda middle schools girls have participated in the Sister to Sister program, while 280 high school students were trained to mentor them.

The second part of the luncheon held in the Orinda Country Club was a very emotional celebration of Maryann Zivic. Most of her 6 children, some of her grand-children and great grand-children were present. Zivic has had a life long involvement with volunteer groups, noticeably with AAUW and Saint Perpetua Church in Lafayette. As friends and family succeeded each other to recount their life with Zivic, she emerged as an extraordinarily strong, brilliant and fun woman, whose faith and sense of service to the community have guided her all her life.

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Moraga Women's Society 40 years dedicated to community service... and fun!

By Sophie Braccini



Moraga women celebrate 40 years of community service Photo Sophie Braccini

The energy level of the Moraga Women's Society has not diminished over their forty years of existence. The association assembled on May 18th to celebrate 40 years of community service and plan for the 40 years to come. "Our town wants to officially recognize service groups like yours," said Mayor Lynda Deschambault, as she presented a Town Proclamation to the assembly, "I am pleased to honor this group, the first women's service society founded in Moraga."

"We opened our first bank account in 1968 with \$54," remembers past treasurer Jean Farnsworth, "membership was \$3 and members had to be active or they'd be kicked out." The club first operated in a town that was unincorporated, that had no library or parks and recreation department. The first actions and fundraisers aimed at providing after-school care, creating a charter library and developing summer programs for children.

Listening to Sue Holmes retrace the history of the group was like a trip back in time when Moraga argued against a bus service to go to BART. "We had many ways for raising funds," remembered Holmes, "one of our most popular was the Honorary Mayors race.

Candidates created events to raise money for the group and the one who raised the most was proclaimed 'Honorary Mayor.'" Holmes took the assembly back to a time when there was a party every night in Moraga. "Then we incorporated and all that fun ended," added Holmes.

Now the main fundraiser for the group is the Christmas Home Tour that raised more than \$16,000 in 2007, and the inflatable bouncers for children at the annual Pear Festival. All that money is redistributed to local institutions. Over the years, the Society has donated more than \$300,000. The biggest recipient is Moraga Parks and Recreation, which has received more than \$80,000, closely followed by the Moraga School District with almost \$80,000., then the Moraga Library, the Acalanes High School District and the Senior Helpline, among others.

"In the 70's when you turned thirty-six you were kicked out of the Moraga Juniors and joined the Women Society," remembers outgoing president Colleen Lund. That's not the case anymore and the group has had difficulty attracting younger members. This will be one of the challenges of new President Roberta Klapproth.

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Dear Editor:
 I would like to thank Lamorinda Weekly and especially contributing writer Jean Follmer for the "Got Lice, Get Educated" article. Head lice has been an "active" problem in every elementary school in Lafayette since the start of 2007-08 school year. This year, nothing seems to stop the spread of lice and their nits. Jean Follmer gave great background information on lice, where the problem lies, the unnecessary stigmas, and what could be done to prevent the spread of lice. Unfortunately, regarding the parent volunteer program at Burton Valley Elementary, the article stated it was discontinued because of privacy concerns, specifically: "many parents didn't want other parents checking their child's hair for lice". The opposite was actually the case: only a FEW parents had privacy concerns. The School District Governing Board has recently approved the revised lice policy. School staff, teachers, students and parents will start receiving more and better information regarding head lice. Also, Parent Clubs will be able to organize and train parent volunteers who will be able to perform school-wide head lice checks several times a year as a major method of prevention of the spread of lice. Because of this, I thought it would be important to clarify that the vast majority of the parents in Lafayette are in favor school-wide lice checks being run by parents. Let's be realistic, who else is going to do it? We all know the current state of the school budget... With the help of our incredible parents, we will hopefully follow Piedmont School District's success in combating lice... and win this fight too!

Anouschka Wardy, Lafayette
 Editor:
 A recent letter to the editor stated that the 2001 Orinda Library parcel tax was for "start-up costs" for the library. Perhaps the writer does not remember that the tax, Measure H, was aimed primarily toward library hours (H for Hours! was the slogan), since

the county only funded 35 hours a week of library services. Because the library has been open 60 hours a week since 2001, we know that the money was actually spent on those open hours. That is accountability! The writer also stated that "a partnership of private fund-raising is conspicuously absent." If he were a member of the Friends of the Orinda Library, a volunteer non-profit organization, he would know that the Friends and the City of Orinda indeed had such a partnership from 1994 through 2001, when each of them funded half of the cost to keep the library open 40 hours a week. (At that time, the county only funded 28 hours a week.) The Friends had an Adopt-an-Hour campaign. A \$90 donation paid for one hour. That fundraising was replaced by Measure H, so now the Friends can focus on buying new library books. Also, from 1997 through 2001, the Friends raised \$5,000,000 in donations to pay half the cost of the new library building. This was the largest fundraising campaign ever undertaken in Orinda. The other half of the building cost came from developer fees which Gateway/Wilder paid to the city for public facilities. Certainly that is a public-private partnership! Apparently some people write letters to the editor without finding out the facts. The facts are clear to me. Orindans love their library, and will pass Measure E on June 3.
 Jim Landau, Orinda

Dear Editor,
 "A library is like a giant magic shop with transformations in every aisle. I see them as monuments to curiosity and the imagination in the human soul that needs to ask why, again and again."
 With these words, Jon Carroll opened our new library on October 7, 2001. He painted a picture that our library, along with the staff and volunteers that support it, has delivered to our community from the moment its

doors opened.
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 Sandy Gross and Paula Reinman
 Orinda

Editor,
 A new Orinda Library Tax increase will be on the June 2008 Orinda ballot. This new tax of \$39 per year and will have no sunset or ending. It will go on forever. The only way of ending it would be an initiative requiring signatures of 10% of all Orinda voters to place it on the ballot - a virtually impossible task. There is no justification for such a tax increase. The existing Orinda Library Tax income for fiscal 2006-2007 was \$213,346, which is 29 thousand dollars more than the cost of keeping the library open 60 hours per week. The Library Tax reserve is 187 thousand dollars. Obviously, no tax increase is needed. The proposed Tax Increase is 44%. There is no exception in this Tax Increase for seniors or low-income residents. Not only are we in a major recession, but inflation is rampant, especially in food and gasoline costs. Investment income is approaching zero. Recently the garbage collection tax increased 14.7%. The City Council should be cutting expenses. They have not done so. Instead, the Council has spent 42 thousand dollars on a poll and the cost of this election. If we pass this unnecessary tax it will encourage the Council to raise other taxes instead of cutting expenses.

This tax will not be the end of the demand for more taxes for the new library; it is only the beginning. If this tax increase passes, look forward to a series of future library tax increases as the City Council tries to shift more and more of the library building utility costs onto the Orinda taxpayers. This wasteful tax illustrates the tendency to never be satisfied but to always demand more. Please send a message to the City Council: No more unnecessary taxes. Please Vote NO on the Library Tax Increase, Measure E.
 Clyde Vaughn, Orinda

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Dear Editor,
 I am sorry that Mr. Lagache is misinformed (May 14 Letters). The parcel tax that the generous citizens of Orinda passed was never intended for start-up funds but always to keep the library open more than the County budget would allow. For many years Friends' volunteers approached Orinda residents to see who might be willing to adopt an hour - and the old library was kept open beyond the allotted hours by private citizens underwriting each of those hours so that the rest of us could have more access. When the new library was built the Friends decided to ask that the expense of the additional hours be shared by the community, and the community overwhelmingly agreed to do so by voting for Measure H. A YES vote on Measure E will continue having the library open for sixty hours a week rather than just the County-provided 35 hours a week. Many volunteers contribute thousands of hours annually to the Orinda Library. They do so with high standards of public service and with great affection for the library and the community. Working with these volunteers is the perfect antidote to cynicism.
 Sincerely, Carol W. Brown
 Measure H Committee, Measure E Committee. Volunteer researcher of donated books for FOL
 Orinda Library Commissioner

Dear Editor,
 As an Orinda resident for over 53-years, I am once again amazed at the recent Measure and Bond- happy Orinda City Council! To put Measure E on the Ballot for June, I understand it has cost Orinda citizens \$42,000! This Measure E, increases our library tax by 44%. In addition, this open end measure has no sunset! It is permanent! Why keep open for 60 hours a week? What is wrong with 35 hours? Library users should schedule their time to suit. How many hours a week is the Post Office, your bank, and the DMV, etc, open per week? We never received an accounting of the tax money we paid for the last 7 years, on the library. Aren't there any volunteers to work in the library?
 The forthcoming increase in our Orinda tax base, by the addition of new homes at both Wilder, (formerly Gateway), and high density Pine Grove, will significantly assist the library cause. Our new Mayor, the Honorable Victoria Smith, I am confident, brings both innovation and expertise, to our City Council, instead of just more costly ballot measures and propositions.
 Vote NO on Measure E.
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Life in LAMORINDA

Saint Mary's Students Collect Heaps of Dorm Leftovers

By Cathy Tyson



From left, Sierra Timmer, Ashley Dernbach, Kat Delpit, Megan Burton and Keenan Flynn Photo Cathy Tyson

Although the campus was nearly deserted, five hardworking Saint Mary's students volunteered to sort through the debris left behind by departing residents so that salvageable clothing and dorm room items could be recycled.

"You wouldn't believe how much stuff gets thrown out and left behind when students leave for summer!" said Ashley Dernbach of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. "We started out with the goal of collecting all of the clothes that students living in the residence halls don't want to take home for sum-

mer. Because so many students leave non-clothing items in our collection boxes we have expanded our operations a bit and will be collecting anything worth saving."

All of the clothes will be donated to the Larkin Street Youth Services in San Francisco, an organ-

ization that helps homeless youth, everything else goes to Goodwill. Juicy Couture jeans, UGG boots, t-shirts, purses and desk lamps were just a few of the items left behind. While the students were loading up a van, two young ladies rolled up in a Mercedes to drop off more gently used clothing.

Just who are these community service minded kids? Organizer and soccer player Ashley Dernbach of Richland, Washington is an economics major who will be volunteering in Brazil this summer. Megan Burton from Honolulu, Hawaii is a business administration major who will be going home for two short weeks, then its back to Moraga for summer volleyball. Keenan Flynn, a kinesiology major from Sacramento will be playing soccer in Spokane with Gonzaga students this summer. Sierra Timmer of tiny North Fork, California will be rowing in San Diego this summer with the crew team. Finally softball player Kat Delpit, a business major from Palos Verdes, California will start her summer off with a vacation to Loreda, Mexico.

Family Focus:

How to Help Your Child Develop a Healthy Body Image (Part 1)

By Margie Ryerson, MFT

In my last column we looked at how a child's distorted body image can have serious consequences. As with so many issues, the earlier we can help instill certain values and perceptions, the more our children are likely to benefit. By the time many teens and adults come in for therapy, they report having struggled with their feelings ever since they were children. (There are increasing numbers of boys with distorted body images, but for our purposes we will use the pronoun "she.")

Here are a few brief suggestions for helping your child develop a healthy body image:

Provide unconditional love and acceptance: As parents, we know it is important to provide unconditional love and acceptance for our children. One of my patients, "Cara," remarked how her parents seemed to care more about what others thought than what she thought and felt. Her parents wanted her to always look her best, to achieve her best, and to make her family proud. Cara did not feel that she could be herself and still receive her family's approval. Her feelings of resentment, anger, guilt, and self-disgust provided fertile ground for Cara to develop both a dislike of her body and an eating disorder.

Offer encouragement instead of criticism: Of course our kids are going to make mistakes and act up at times. It is our challenge to figure out ways to help them through these tough times by providing positive caring and encouragement rather than blame and criticism. Even if they don't admit it, they are probably already feeling bad about themselves when they mess up, so

it is important not to add to their burden. It may not seem likely at times, but our children are highly responsive to our opinions, words, and actions.

Help your child develop reasonable expectations of herself: Some children are so ambitious or eager to please that they begin to expect too much from themselves. They may compare themselves too much to others in our highly accomplished community and become dissatisfied with themselves. Again, when children are self-critical, they often transfer these feelings to their perception of their body.

Parents need to be able to walk the fine line between having certain expectations of their child and being flexible and realistic. For example, if your child is used to excelling in school, but suddenly finds the workload overwhelming and difficult, you need to help her adjust her expectations, and also modify yours as well. This does not mean that you won't try to find ways to help her continue to excel; only that you will prepare for and accept the possibility, calmly and lovingly, that her grades may fluctuate. Your attitude of acceptance and encouragement will help influence how your child is able to handle challenging situations.

In the next Family Focus column we will discuss more ideas for helping your child form a healthy body image.

Margie Ryerson, MFT, is a marriage and family therapist in Orinda and Walnut Creek. Contact her at 925-376-9323 or www.margieryersson.com

Profound Differences ...

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Vice Mayor Dave Trotter and Deschambault both agreed to leave the rule unwritten so each Council could adapt to circumstances; they were supported by Council Member Ken Chew. The vote was 3 to 2, Bird and Metcalf opposed.

The drama went up a notch when the next issue on the agenda was reached, by midnight a letter by Town Manager Vince to address rumors about the Mayor manipulating staff reports.

Prior to the April 30th joint meeting between Planning and Council, Bird had witnessed an incident in the Town office during which Planning Director Lori Salamack noticed that one of her reports had been modified without her knowledge.

When Bird questioned Town Manager Phil Vince, he confirmed that changes had been made according to requests by the Mayor. In a public statement, Vince explained that the modifications were only formal and that Mayors have reviewed documents at his request in the past. "These allegations of manipulations are nonsense," stated Vince.

"What is happening here is a disgrace," said the Mayor, referring to emails that had been circulated in town, "it is negatively affecting our community. We are spending time on non-issues when there is so much to do."

Metcalf didn't consider the issue trivial. "It is true," he confirmed, "that (as immediate past Mayor) I reviewed documents at the request of staff. But I do not think it is a good idea. It can lead to a perception of manipulation that's damaging to the trust the people need to have in their elected officials."

Council member Bird reiterated that she finds it unacceptable for a Mayor to see a report before the other members of the Council.

Bird added that the Mayor also should not be solely responsible for setting the Council's agenda with the Town Manager.

This concern was echoed by property owner Dave Bruzzone, in reference to the 'Moraga Initiative Expanding Open Space and Residential Land Use Designations and adopting a Development Agreement,' the open space initiative favored by the Bruzzone family, "I now understand why our initiative was not put on the agenda in a timely manner." Bruzzone further questioned whether the staff report on his initiative had been modified.

"We need to get this out in the open," said Trotter, "this is therapy and things will get better."

"You need to govern yourself," urged the Town Manager, "adopt rules and regulations."

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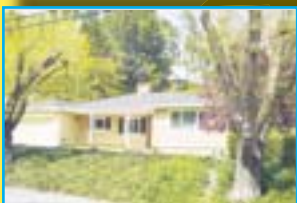
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Moraga Ordinance to Enforce Development Impact Fee Moves Forward

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The Moraga resident couldn't agree that the development of a 20-acre parcel belonging to the family, located behind the Moraga Center, should include a drainage fee to fix inadequate drainage at the Rheem Center.

Mercurio replied by explaining that drainage fee apply to the whole watershed: "We apply the drainage fee to all the lots in a given watershed. It is the same fee whether they are located in the middle, the top or at the bottom of the watershed. The improvements serve all the constituents."

Bruzzone reminded staff of a State law that requires all developers to mitigate their drainage impact on site, making it unfair to charge newcomers with problems they are not responsible for.

Jill Mercurio concluded by commenting, "Differences of opinion between a town and a developer are normal. After our discussions and compromises, we are left with some technical professional differences of opinion."

An attorney for the Bruzzone family had sent a letter to the Council listing all the issues that they felt had never been responded to. Drainage was one area of concern, and others included possible redundancy in calculating the size of public parks (which is used to calculate the general government facility fee).

Vice-Mayor Dave Trotter noted the risk of litigation against the Town by the Bruzzone family based on their letter and called on the Town's consultants to address the arguments that the fees were unreasonable.

Other Council members also asked staff to respond to the Property owner's allegations. Town

Manager Phil Vince, Mercurio, the Town's attorney and the consultants all stood by the text.

"There is no such thing as a bullet-proof text, but this is a very good document," said Vince. Vice-Mayor Trotter insisted that language should be added to the text to explicitly exclude residential remodels and additions from imposition of the new impact fees. Mayor Deschambault would have liked to see

exemptions added for developers who would include green building, shuttles, water recycling or any elements that would reduce the impact on the Town. Mercurio reminded the Council that impact fees could be waived when specific development agreements are negotiated.

The Council unanimously approved the first reading of the ordinance. The second reading of the text should occur on May 28th.

Lamorinda Home Sales continued

LAFAYETTE	Last reported:	6
LOWEST AMOUNT:		\$730,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:		\$1,999,000
MORAGA	Last reported:	9
LOWEST AMOUNT:		\$312,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT:		\$1,490,000
ORINDA	Last reported:	6
LOWEST AMOUNT:		\$1,200,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:		\$1,670,000

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LAFAYETTE	902 Carl Road, \$1,275,000, 5 Bdrms, 2236 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 4-25-08
	28 Diablo Circle, \$830,000, 3 Bdrms, 1381 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 5-2-08
	3537 East View Drive, \$1,075,000, 5 Bdrms, 2286 SqFt, 1923 YrBlt, 4-25-08
	8 Quail Run, \$1,999,000, 5 Bdrms, 4203 SqFt, 1999 YrBlt, 5-1-08
	1450 Rancho View Drive, \$1,251,000, 4 Bdrms, 4105 SqFt, 1946 YrBlt, 4-30-08
	1213 Vacation Drive, \$730,000, 3 Bdrms, 1138 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 4-23-08
MORAGA	501 Augusta Drive, \$960,000, 3 Bdrms, 1716 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 5-1-08
	441 Chalda Way, \$530,000, 3 Bdrms, 1322 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 4-25-08
	145 Danefield Place, \$1,490,000, 4 Bdrms, 2953 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 4-30-08
	8 Kimberly Drive, \$629,000, 4-22-08
	651 Moraga Road #20, \$312,500, 2 Bdrms, 1144 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 4-22-08
	1573 Moraga Way, \$470,000, 2 Bdrms, 1635 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 4-23-08
	1151 Rimer Drive, \$1,125,000, 3 Bdrms, 2067 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 5-1-08
	1056 Sanders Drive, \$1,000,000, 4 Bdrms, 2067 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 4-22-08
	1831 St. Andrews Drive, \$879,000, 2 Bdrms, 1987 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 4-23-08
ORINDA	378 Camino Sobrante, \$1,670,000, 4 Bdrms, 1763 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 4-23-08
	110 Coral Drive, \$1,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 2533 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 5-1-08
	36 Linda Vista, \$1,430,000, 4 Bdrms, 1292 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 5-2-08
	14 Sleepy Hollow Lane, \$1,400,000, 3 Bdrms, 2120 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 4-30-08
	24 Sleepy Hollow Lane, \$1,137,500, 4 Bdrms, 3151 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 4-23-08
	34 Van Ripper Lane, \$1,325,000, 3 Bdrms, 1882 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 4-23-08

Lynn's Top Five Creating Investment Portfolios Tailored to You

By Lynn Ballou, EA, CFP

If I could create a basket of diversified investments, shake it up, and then toss it on the table, and say to you "Pick your investments!" How would you know what to choose? Would you grab natural resources investments? Long-term international value investments? A couple of preferred stocks? A muni bond or two? Maybe some CDs?

There is no perfect answer. But nonetheless every day we are all making decisions about what to put into our portfolios, whether they are at work in our 401(k)s, at a brokerage in our self-managed accounts, or in accounts that we have with our investment advisor representatives. These decisions have important short and long-term ramifications, and so deserve an appropriate amount of attention.

In my experience there are a few caveats that may allow us to create portfolios that can pass the "sleep at night" test...in other words, even though we don't have a crystal ball, portfolios that have been thoughtfully crafted to work towards meeting expectations in appropriate time frames without keeping us awake at night tossing and turning with worry. Here are a few of the more important ones to think about.

1) PLAN MACRO, CHOSE MICRO - Your portfolio concept is basically going to start out like a big lump of clay. How you style and whittle will be based on your vision of what the portfolio's job is --- yes, it's job! For example, if your 401(k)'s job is to

feed you when you retire, and you aren't retiring for many years, then you can take the long-term view and focus on growth, if you can handle the volatility. Conversely, if you are retiring soon, then you'll need to design a portfolio that can begin feeding you while still providing growth as a hedge against taxes and inflation. So, knowing this, you can begin the micro construction of what goes into the portfolio: in the first case probably not much in the way of fixed income investments whereas in the latter case, a much bigger weighting would be more appropriate. Continue to go micro: which invest-

cles are the most appropriate.

2) UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU OWN, OR DON'T OWN IT! - . Everywhere we turn, someone is advertising or presenting what they hope are persuasive arguments as to why their "deal" is good for you! Assuming that the investment appears to fit your needs (see above) and your risk tolerance levels, then have those folks who manage the asset explain it to you until you understand it so well that you could explain it to someone else if you

vestment in the first place, you will feel very victimized and betrayed if the investment under-performs your expectations. If you did understand it, and the investment underperforms, you are less likely to be surprised, certainly not shocked, and not so emotionally charged as to be unable to make an appropriate decision about what to do next.

3) IF YOU DELEGATE, STAY INVOLVED. Very few of us have a background in finance or investment management, so we often chose an investment advisor to guide us with regard to portfolio management de-

How frequently will you have an in-person meeting with your investment team leader? Who will sit down with you and how often to review performance reports, diversification analysis and comparison to market benchmarks? And most importantly, find out who will be responsible for reviewing your investment policy for each account to be sure that your needs and your portfolio's make-up are still properly aligned. Make sure your advisor has a proactive system to be sure you stay in touch with each other and on top of all these issues.

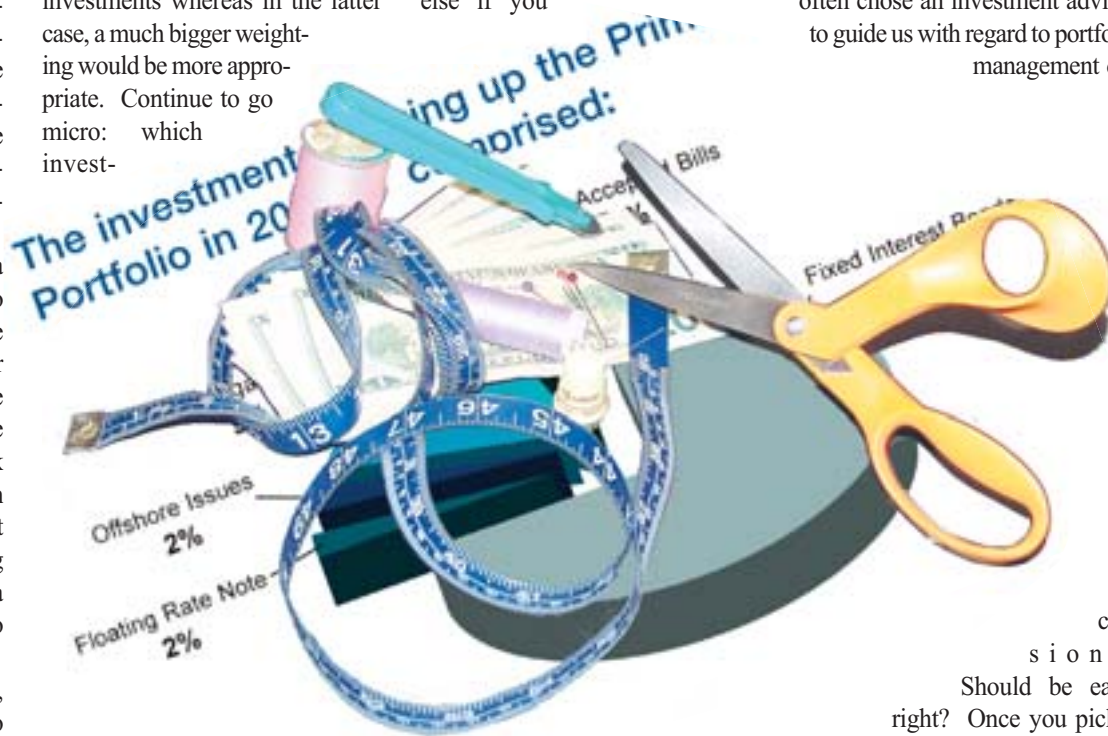
4) TAXES: IMPORTANT BUT CONGRESS CAN CHANGE THE LAWS, SO...if you design your portfolio solely based on today's tax laws, you are setting yourself up for problems. When you pick an investment, do an analysis that involves stripping away all the tax benefits. See if that investment still makes sense and would be a good investment without the tax incentives. If not, you should probably take a pass on it. Remember that by and large, tax benefits exist at the whim of Congress. Need I say more?

5) DON'T PANIC! INVEST INTELLIGENTLY AND REGULARLY. For some reason it's so easy to talk ourselves into buying that dress or electronic toy on sale. Why is it so hard to talk ourselves into buying high quality growth stocks when the market is

down? One loses most of its value the instant we walk out the door. The other (though always subject to risks such as loss of principal) may likely appreciate nicely and contribute in spades to our happiness later in life. Stay focused on your long-term goals and although you should intelligently filter the short term noise, don't let it knock you off your path. Stay calm, using the process described above, making subtle and timely course revisions.

When markets are struggling there's a lot of talk, focus and scrutiny that's put on portfolios. When markets are thriving, not so much. Remember that your portfolio needs your consistent attention and care in ALL markets. I really hope this will help you kick start that commitment and process.

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business briefs

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The Moraga branch, in the Moraga Center, had its ceremony last week in the presence of Masaaki Tanaka, CEO of the bank. The event attracted almost 100 people. Chamber President Edy Schwartz extended a warm welcome to the bank and thanked them for their early involvement with the community, while Mayor Lynda Deschambault highlighted the importance of a vibrant business community for the town. Debra Taylor, one of the bank's executives who had made the trip to Moraga thanked the community and the landlord, "We are here to stay," she added, "and to make things happen in the community." Branch Dimitry Bokman can be reached at 631-1800.



Union bank ribbon cutting: (right to left) CEO Masaaki Tanaka cuts the ribbon with Mayor Lynda Deschambault, Branch Manager Dimitry Bokman and Chamber of Commerce President Edy Schwartz

Photo Sophie Braccini

Diablo Foods is 40 Years Old, 3615 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, 283-0737



3 generations of the Diablo Foods family at work (from left to right): Ed Stokes, daughter Connie Collier, son Dan and grandson Daniel

Photo Sophie Braccini

Diablo Foods, our local independent grocery, celebrates a 40 year history that was honored at Lafayette City Council meeting on May 13th. Founder Ed Stokes has received many distinctions both personally as an active contributor to the community and as a businessman. According to him, five elements have been key to the success of the business: the quality of the products they sell and that are a big draw in surrounding areas, the service to customers that only a structure with dedicated employees can offer, the competitiveness of the prices that the family keeps in check, the perfect cleanliness of the store and the great diversity of merchandise that is made possible by being in tune with their customers and being able to adapt quickly to their demands. Three generations now work in the store, each of them in charge of different aspects of the business and always getting together to solve problems. "We are a Lafayette family, belonging and returning to the community," says Connie Collier, Ed's daughter, "and our employees are part of that family too." Some of them are 3 generations as well; Mel Nicholson was Stokes' first hire, now his son is store manager and grand-son works in the store as well. "Our customers know us, that we are always available and ready to make decisions quickly," says Dan, Stokes' son, "if they say 'I bought this wonderful jelly in New York City, can you get it for me?' we will." Daniel, the grandson, keeps an eye on the future, "this is a tough business and we manage it day by day, constantly adapting and creating something new." The young man sees traffic on Mount Diablo as one of the main challenges the town will have to solve to support business development in downtown Lafayette.

Pinnacle Business Services, 346 Rheem Blvd., Suite 107, Moraga, CA 94556, P: 925-377-0470

Pinnacle Business Services in Moraga is growing and recently moved into a new office space. The company is having an open house June 5th from 4PM to 6PM and invites current and prospective customers to stop by. Pinnacle provides bookkeeping services to small businesses. It has been in business for five years and has been growing through great word of mouth. The owner of the company is the mother of two girls at Campolindo; with her daughter soon to be leaving the nest, the mother wants to develop her business further. Pinnacle serves all kind of different small businesses from hairdressers to lawyers. The bookkeeping is done in the Moraga office, it is electronically filed and all the back-ups are made available on CD. Most of Pinnacle clients are local businesses, but some come from out of state.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce:

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, 100 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, www.lafayettechamber.org:

- Wednesday June 11th Chamber Mixer at the Lafayette Gallery at 5:30 pm - 50 Lafayette Circle.
- Friday June 13th: Coffee With The Mayor - 8:00 am - Lafayette Chamber Conference Room.

Moraga Chamber of Commerce, www.moragachamber.org:

- Friday May 30th, general meeting in the fireside room at the Hacienda de las Flores, 7:45 am to 9:30 pm. Warm muffins and hot coffee at 7:45 AM offered by Roos Pal, with the meeting starting at 8:00 AM. Judy Dinkle, Chair of the Hacienda Foundation, will be the speaker.
- Tuesday, June 17th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Chamber Mixer at the Moraga Country Club for members of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce. Spouses are invited. Appetizers and wine provided by the Club, RSVP before June 10th to edy321@comcast.net.

Orinda Chamber of Commerce, 24 Orinda Way, Orinda, www.orindachamber.org:

- Tuesday, June 17th: Chamber Luncheon Noon - 1:30 p.m. Orinda Country Club 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda. Speaker will be Dr. Joel Parrott, Executive Director of the Oakland Zoo. Cost: \$30.00 per person. Call 925-254-3909 for your reservation



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Lafayette Chamber is 60 Years Old

By Sophie Braccini

"What you do is essential," opened Mayor Mike Anderson as he proclaimed the sixtieth anniversary of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. "Sixty more years, even 120 more years would be too short. We need a big vision for the economic development of our town and you definitely have it."

The celebration of the anniversary during the May 12th Lafayette City Council meeting was held in the spirit of cooperation and partnership.

Council member Carol Federighi added, "The partnership you have with the city has made us what we are."

Larry Duson, the present President of the Chamber and Director of Bank of the West's Lafayette office couldn't agree more. "The history of the relationship between the city and the chamber goes way back, to the early days of incorporation," said

Duson, who speaks from experience as a repeat President. He remembered some of the most notable Presidents who did much for the Chamber: John Coleman, Dan Kelly, Anne Grodin, Scotty Loucks, Stacy Spell and Dennis Garrison among many others.

Steve Falk, Lafayette City Manager, is conscious as well of the key role played by

the Chamber in the success of the city. "The Chamber is responsible for so much of the progress we have made in the last fifteen years," he says. He highlighted the important role that the Executive Directors have played. "The Chamber has been blessed by a string of great, visionary executive di-

made me look good!"

To most residents and businesses, the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce has long been known as one of the driving forces behind improvements in the quality of their community and for being a "cheerleader" for the city.

"Sixty years serving Lafayette is a measurable milestone," adds Lifson. "After all, who is the keeper of the maps, directories and information about Lafayette? The list of services and programs the chamber provides to help the community is extensive. We are happy to be here, assisting and representing business, promoting the

community, and helping create a strong local economy. We are known as the 'friendly chamber.' We are always ready to help you." Lifson is proud of the achievements of the Chamber that has

grown by over 150 new members in the past two years. The Lafayette Chamber is now the "biggest Chamber in a little city," within the Bay Area.

"When things go wrong in Lafayette, it's usually the City's fault," humorously concludes Falk, "But when things go right, it's usually due to the hard work of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce."



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Mayor Mike Anderson (right) gives the proclamation to Chamber President Larry Duson (left)

Photo Sophie Braccini

rectors. The organization simply wouldn't be where it is today without Jay Lifson or Ann Denny."

Jay Lifson has been the Executive Director for many years, and recognizes what he owes to his predecessor. "Ann Denny, who was the Executive Director for nearly 15 years, gave this organization leadership and direction. I was lucky enough to follow Ann. She

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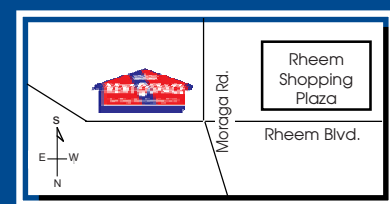
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Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 pm

Lafayette School District
LAFSD Office
3477 School Street, Lafayette
Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 pm

Moraga School District
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate
School Auditorium
1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga
Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 pm

Orinda Union School District
OUSD Office
8 Altarinda Road, Orinda
Monday, June 2 at 6:00 pm

School/Community Events

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Trip to Costa Rica. Sixth-grade JM students interested in going on the 2009 Costa Rica trip must sign up by June 1st to guarantee the 2008 prices. Students can get a packet in their Science class if they still need one. Contact Ms. Lockett with any questions at klockett@moraga.k12.ca.us or 377-4249.

The Pirates of Penzance will be performed on June 4th & 5th at 1pm and 7pm in Lafayette School's multi-purpose room (950 Moraga Road). Tickets are \$5.00/adult and \$2.00/child.

Snoopy!!! Wagner Ranch Elementary School students will perform this Charles M. Schulz's musical comedy on June 6th at 4 pm and 7 pm and again on June 7th at 3 pm and 7 pm in the school multi-purpose room located at 350 Camino Pablo in Orinda. For ticket information go to <http://www.orindaschools.org/wagnerranch/site/default.asp>

Enthusiastic Summer Reading Teen Volunteers Wanted. The Lafayette Library is looking for enthusiastic and energetic teens to help with the Summer Reading Program, *Catch the Reading Bug*. Teens must be entering 7th grade or above in the Fall and available to work one or two 2-hour shifts per week from June 9 through August 18. Interested volunteers should visit the Library and complete an application. For more information please contact Rebekah Brainich at 925-283-3872.

May Revise Softens the Blow to School Budgets—Just a Bit

By Andrea A. Firth



Teresa Gerringer

Photo Andrea A. Firth

The usual crowd of school administrators, teacher and classified employee representatives, school board members, and concerned parents gathered in the blistering heat on May 15th to listen to statements by several members of the Contra Costa County school system and their reaction to the Governor's May Revise to the state budget.

"The work that has been done in the community letting the legislature know of our dissatisfaction needs to continue," stated Joseph Owick, Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools. "The Governor's May Revise is moving in the right direction but it has a long way to go," he added.

Teresa Gerringer, a member of the Lafayette School District Governing Board, concurred. "While the May Revise is an improvement over the January budget, we can not become complacent," she stated. "We need to continue to write letters, send emails, make phone calls, and stand together to protect education funding," she implored.

In a subsequent communication to stakeholders of the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) about the impact of the May Revise on public school fund-

ing, Superintendent Jim Negri acknowledged that the Governor's decision to fully fund Proposition 98 is an improvement over the state's January budget. However, Negri noted that California public schools would receive \$4.2 billion less in state funds next year with no cost-of living-adjustment for employees and in the face of increased operating costs. Funding for categorical programs, such as class size reduction and counseling services, would be cut by 10%, although AUHSD would be able to absorb some of these cuts through parent club and foundation donations.

Negri found the Governor's plan to borrow against future lottery earnings troubling due to the proposed cap to the lottery revenues contributed to schools and due to the potential risk to education funding should lottery revenues be insufficient to repay the proposed loan. Negri also noted that the impact of the need for voter approval in November for the lottery proposal to be viable on the passage of the state budget this summer was unclear.

What seems to be clear is that more will transpire over the next several weeks as budget deliberations continue.

Sue Rusk To Lead Burton Valley Elementary

By Andrea A. Firth

Sue Rusk is looking forward to "going back home" when she takes on her new role as Principal of Burton Valley Elementary School in Lafayette the summer. Raised in the Burton Valley neighborhood where she attended St. Perpetua School, Rusk worked as a third grade teacher at Burton Valley Elementary for seven years and as Assistant Principal at the site for another nine years. Now after four years as the Assistant Principal at Stanley Middle School, Rusk will return to lead the elementary school of over 700 students.

"I'm really looking forward to reconnecting with everyone there," says Rusk.

Rusk's appointment as Burton Valley's Principal was greeted with a round of applause from the room full of supporters who gathered at the recent Lafayette School District Governing Board meeting in anticipation of the announcement. "We feel like we selected the

The First Interview

By Jean Follmer



Fall 2008 Kindergarteners Caroline Sween (Lafayette), Mac Follmer (Springhill) and Peter Husch (Lafayette)

Photo Jean Follmer

Interviews start early around here! No longer reserved for the private schools, some of our Lamorinda public schools have begun offering an optional Early Kindergarten Interview to their incoming students. Jeannie Pitney, a Springhill Reading Specialist, said "The purpose of the interview is to gather a very beginning sense of how we can group our new kindergarteners into balanced classes."

The Early Kindergarten Interview process was established last year at Springhill and "the feedback about the interview process from the kindergarten teaching team this year has been very positive." The interview lasts approximately 10-15 minutes and allows the kindergarten team to get a snapshot of each child in a classroom setting. The children "have the opportunity to draw a picture and write his/her name." There are also "a few activities that relate to early literacy and math." The interview "is not a readiness screening." Readiness and development questions should be addressed with your child's preschool teacher and/or pediatrician.

Lafayette Elementary began offering the interview this year and parent Lisa Sween said her daughter Caroline "was really eager to go through the process and seemed happy when she came out of the room." Lafayette parent Karin Husch said her son Peter "told me the

teachers asked him to draw a picture of himself and write his name. Then I believe they asked him some questions about the alphabet and numbers." Incoming Springhill kindergartener Mac Follmer reflected on his interview saying "I like it that they do ABC's and stuff and I know that stuff. Miss Leona's been getting us ready for kindergarten." Miss Leona is Caroline, Peter and Mac's pre-K teacher at Joyful Beginnings Preschool in Lafayette.

Balanced classes benefit the teachers and students in many ways and kindergarten is the only grade in which this isn't easily accomplished. After kindergarten, balanced classrooms can be more easily achieved simply because the teachers and administrators already have some information about the students. They've seen them perform academically, they know their respective personalities and where their strengths and weaknesses lie. Having a balance of academic aptitude, personalities, gender and number of students helps the teachers know what to expect in the classroom and saves them some time in the beginning of the year. Jeannie Pitney said, "We had great participation for the 2008 Early Kindergarten Interviews. The parent support validated our efforts in building a foundation for balanced classes."



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Sue Rusk at her desk

Photo Andrea A. Firth

best candidate," stated School Board President Stephenie Teichman. "She was just the right fit."

When asked about managing a school in the turmoil of today's school budget crisis, Rusk notes that good communication is essential. "Our parent community is great, and these partnerships are crucial," she explains. "We have to partner with the community, and let people know why the decisions are being made," she adds.

A self-described multi-tasker, Rusk plans to bring her organiza-

tional and listening skills to her new position. She smiles broadly when asked about returning to her old school and the elementary-age setting. "I love working with kids. Elementary school is such an exciting time for kids. They are learning to read. Everything is fresh and new."



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'Lost and Found' Bins Recurrent Problem for Schools

By Chris Lavin



Lost and Found at Del Rey

Sweetie, where's your jacket?

It's a question that has been asked in hundreds of Lamorinda households in the morning before school throughout the school year, and the sad reality is, simply, that there is no jacket. It has been lost.

As the weather changes, it's natural for students to go to school

with multiple layers of clothing, and just as natural for them to begin to shed those layers as the day gets warmer. On a recent afternoon, the wall by the recreation area at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School in Orinda stretched for yards – and yards – and yards, covered with "lost" items waiting to be spotted by their owners after

school. Jackets, hats, sweatshirts, T-shirts and scarves draped the wall.

Carolyn Orlick, a parent volunteer at Stanley Middle School, alternates lost-and-found duty with fellow volunteer Farrel Vance. "Every other month, I would say I take away about two full, large garbage bags. Let me give you the size," she said, pausing to think, and laughed. "You know those giant 45-gallon Kirkland lawn and garden bags? That's what we use."

While every school encourages parents to put their child's name and even phone number inside each article of clothing, most don't.

"I would say 85 percent of the clothing we get doesn't have a name," said Cheryl Collins, a kindergarten teacher at Del Rey School in Orinda, who coordinates the lost-and-found efforts with fellow teacher Sandy Buskirk and the student council. "I think parents clubs should sell those iron-on labels to use."

A person answering the phone at Del Rey described the lost and found bin as "impressive in volume as it is in variety." Usually it is kept well supplied by "Mr.

Steve" Edyman, who sweeps across the fields on a daily basis.

Found throughout the year at area schools: Baseball gloves, pirate hats, lunch boxes, chairs (yes, chairs, left behind by parents after sporting events), sunglasses, scooters, single shoes and pairs of shoes – just about everything.

"You name it, it's been in our lost and found," Collins said.

All schools attempt to find the owner if the item is labeled. At Wagner Ranch Elementary in Orinda, the problem is exacerbated.

"We have many, many students from other schools who use our fields," said Debbie Wong, school secretary. "We always ask that the name is on everything, and sometimes I will find a name from a student from another school, and we do our best to get it back to them. But if I can't find the owner, I can't find the owner."

Depending on the school, unclaimed items end up at a variety of places. At Burton Valley Elementary School, school personnel spread lost items out on tables, said Kathleen Comstock, office manager. After that, it goes to a homeless outreach center in Concord.

picked up in the neighborhood for clothing.

By far the most popular item cramming the lost bins are sweatshirts, with jackets being a close second. And are girls or boys the most likely culprits to leave something behind?

"I would think it's mostly boys," said Wong. "Yes, boys."

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Rheem School Kindergarteners on Stage



Sixty kindergarteners sang, danced and smiled their way through Rheem School's Spring Fling coordinated by longtime music teacher Alberta Svensen

Photo Andy Scheck

Wagner Ranch and Glorietta Choirs Go to Disney

Submitted by Clare McDonald



The Wagner Ranch and Glorietta Elementary Schools combined choir ensemble was selected as one of only three school groups out of a field of 74 applicants to perform at the California Distinguished School Award Ceremony held in Disneyland last week.

Wagner Ranch and Glorietta Schools administrators were on hand to accept the award, which recognizes the state's most exemplary and inspiring public schools. "We were all very scared to go up on a stage and sing in front of many people in the Grand Ballroom of the

Disneyland Hotel," said Wagner Ranch 4th grader Katharine McDonald. "When we entered we didn't feel scared anymore, we felt proud and we sang our first song... it was a great experience for our schools and for our voices."

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Orinda Academy Spring Arts Festival

By Andrea A. Firth



Students from Orinda Academy dance during the Spring Arts Festival.

About 50 students from Orinda Academy sang, danced, acted, and played as part of Orinda Academy's first-ever Spring Arts Festival. Over the course of two evening performances, the Academy's high schoolers kept their cool during the first major heat-wave of the year, as they displayed their artistic and creative talents. The Festival provided audience goers with a variety of art to explore and enjoy including a short play, a hip hop dance production, solo and group musical performances, and an art exhibit.

Orinda Academy's international students, who come from countries including China, Thailand, South Korea, and Viet Nam, created and shared a multimedia presentation highlighting art from their native cultures and discussed their transition to living in the United States. Each year, The Academy's student population of 120 includes about six international students. These students are offered a supplemental English (as a second language) class, although they must take all their other classes in English and meet the same academic requirements.

Orinda Academy's interna-

Dramatic Dynamo! Karen Noel Directs 20th Performance at Lafayette School

By Trina Audley



Karen Noel at work directing

Photo Trina Audley

This June marks the 20th year that second grade teacher, Mrs. Karen Noel, has directed the school play at Lafayette Elementary. That may not seem very interesting...until you see one of her productions.

"It is astounding what she can do with 4th and 5th graders to create semi-professional, fun musical productions each year," reports one parent. "Her enthusiasm for music and the stage becomes a part of each child, from the lead performer to the stage hand."

As a result, many Lafayette Elementary School students go on to pursue musical theatre. Mrs. Noel's own children are no exception. Once Lafayette Elementary play participants themselves, Leslie and Adam Noel both enjoy careers in music today. Adam Noel directs music at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, and Leslie runs the Peter Pan Foundation, a non-profit company that promotes causes through musical productions.

Mrs. Noel is revered by

20 years of Lafayette Elementary School students and families for her dedication. This is perhaps best demonstrated each year when Mrs. Noel turns the spotlight on veteran performers. "She invites any audience member who has ever participated in a Lafayette School production to line up and speak about the role they played," says third time parent producer, Barbara Vogel. "As you listen to the 'kids' (sometimes they're in college), Karen Noel's influence is revealed. It can take a while to hear from everyone, but it's worth it!"

Although Mrs. Noel reports that "this year's script is a bit of a stretch," she's unafraid. "The Pirates of Penzance offers British humor. The cast may not get it all at first, but they're learning a lot and having a great time!"

The Pirates of Penzance will be performed on June 4th & 5th at 1pm and 7pm in Lafayette School's multi-purpose room (950 Moraga Road). Tickets are \$5.00/adult and \$2.00/child

Orinda Eagle Scouts Honored

Submitted by Aileen Schier



(left to right) Jarred Burrows, Michael Schier, David Kawasaki, and Nick Hooks

Four Miramonte High School seniors gathered Eagle Scout honors at a ceremony held Sunday, April 27, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church. The new Eagle Scouts are Jarred Burrows, Nicholas Hooks, David Kawasaki, and Michael Schier, all members of Orinda Boy Scout Troop 303. About 150 community members and guests watched as the young men received their highest rank in Scouting and then in turn spoke about their experiences as Boy Scouts.

Each boy achieved Eagle rank by completing a rigorous com-

munity service project of his own design, the capper on years of skill building, hiking, camping, and service as Boy Scouts. In all, the four projects involved over 740 hours of labor, contributed by the boys and by fellow troop members and other volunteers they supervised. In addition, each Scout was required to fund his project entirely through contributions by local organizations and businesses. The boys all reported that the warm generosity of their donors and supporters was among the most deeply affecting aspects of their Eagle experience.

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Wagner Ranch Elementary School Presents, SNOOPY!!!

Submitted by Debbie Mckeen



It's remarkable! Fantastic! Entertaining! Snoopy!!!—the musical sequel to *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*—deserves each of its three exclamation points. Students from Wagner Ranch Elementary School will delight the audience as they play the beloved characters from Charles M. Schulz's comic strip, Peanuts, in this musical comedy. Performances will be held on June 6th (at 4 pm and 7pm) and 7th (at 3pm and 7pm) in the school multi-purpose room (350 Camino Pablo in Orinda). Ticket information is available at <http://www.orindaschools.org/wagnerranch/site/default.asp>

win the most points, but the general spirit is about having a fun time with your friends while doing your best. "We had 172 students competing in this year's Moraga Rotary Field Day," said Al Simonsen, the Field Day Chairman, "it's a fun event for the children, Rotarians, teachers and parents. We look forward to next year's 18th Field Day." The organizers awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals for the top three in each event plus participant ribbons for everyone else. The girls' High Point winner this year was Bridget Coleman, a 5th grade student at Camino Pablo. Bridget has won this award for three consecutive years. The only other girl to achieve this performance was Tracy Hamm. "Tracy excelled at soccer at Campolindo and earned a soccer scholarship to Cal," says Simonsen, "I expect Bridget will also be a great high school and college athlete." According to her family, Bridget's favorite sports are soccer and swimming. The boys' High Point winner was Michael Hooper, a 3rd grade student at Rheem, the High Point class award was won by Mrs. Ralph's 5th grade class at Rheem, and that school also won the awards for most participation and overall High Point school.

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Lafayette Eagle Scouts Honored



Boy Scout Troop 243 in Lafayette announces that five outstanding young men received their Eagle Awards at the Troop's National Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday May 31st at the Lafayette

Christian Church. Left to Right: Harrison Geron (Campolindo), Joshua Moldoff (Campolindo), Tyler Wandesforde (Campolindo), Stefan Mottram (Campolindo), Ryan Troxel (Acalanes).

Moraga Eagle Scouts Honored

Submitted by Fran Miller



New Eagle Scouts, back left to right: Sam Gamsky, Philip Walker, Will Eddy, Nick Piatt, Thomas Walker front left to right: Matt Osterman, Jacob DiMartino, Andrew Gabrielson, Dustin Smith, Ben Togneri

Ten outstanding young men from Boy Scout Troop 212 received their Eagle Awards at the Troop's National Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. The Eagle Award is Scouting's highest rank. Nationally, about two percent of all boys who enter the Scouting program earn the prestigious Eagle Scout Award.

The Troop has an active program of campouts, summer camps, and high adventure activities, such

as backpacking in the western United States, Canada and Alaska, bike treks in Oregon, Canada, and Germany, canoe treks and white water kayaking. Troop 212 currently has 80 active youth involved in its programs, and is proudly sponsored by Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church (MVPC).

Nearly 20,000 youth are involved in scouting programs in Contra Costa County. Nationally, over five million youth are involved.

Lafayette School District Goes Solar

By Andrea A. Firth

Lafayette School District will be creating some of its own energy, electrical energy that is, by the end of the year. The District will be installing solar panels on the rooftops of four of its five schools: Burton Valley, Springhill, and Lafayette Elementary Schools and Stanley Middle School. Lafayette's cost-saving solar venture was initiated through a grass-roots effort by parents and followed by over a year of investigative work evaluating solar energy providers.

The agreement established with the solar energy system contractor, Solar Monkey, will allow the provider access to the school rooftops and in return the School District will be able to purchase electricity at a cost that is less than their current PG&E electricity costs. The anticipated energy savings are estimated to be 10% to 30% of the District's current energy costs, which equates to approximately \$2.3 million over the life of the 25-year contract.

"The real savings come when

you own the equipment outright," notes Lafayette School Board President Stephenie Teichman. The District will have the option to purchase the solar panels at fair market value six years into the contract and at two-year intervals thereafter. According to Teichman, whether the District will be in the position to purchase the equipment or whether it will make economic sense will have been determined at that point in time.

The solar panels will be able to produce energy to cover about two thirds of the District's current electricity needs. "We are limited in the number of panels that we can have due to the shade at Happy Valley and some weight load restrictions at Stanley," notes Teichman. The project has also been kept to a scope that can be completed by the end of December 2008 when the federal tax credits that benefit the contractor are slated to expire. Both Moraga and Orinda Union School Districts are exploring the use of solar energy in their schools as well.

Elementary School Student Gets an Award for his Anime

By Sophie Braccini

The Parent Teacher Association 2007-2008 Reflections program inspired children in the Las Trampas Creek Council to create to illustrate the theme "I can make a difference by..." 421 students from Lafayette, Moraga and Walnut Creek participated in the contest. Of those, only ten reached the State level, where three got an Award of Merit: Two Las Lomas high school students and 5th grade student Michael Huang, for his animation video.

"I didn't expect to win anything," says the Camino Pablo Elementary student, "during the previous years my entries didn't go very far." His family has put his movie on Youtube, it can be seen at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZRmHFwP3C0>

Michael created his characters long ago, in the first grade. He started drawing them and making cartoons. There is eight year old Jack Frew, his brother Jeffrey who is five, his friend Tim Smith and the twins May and Ron who are eight as well. "I guess Jack represents my more optimistic side," explains Huang, "Jeff is my silly side and Tim represent my wiser self." Huang drew many adventures for his characters, but when his mother, Teresa Chow, took a class in "Adobe Flash," the idea formed to animate the gang.

Chow taught her sons the basics of Flash, and Huang got a book to start learning more. "Flash is a good program for animations," says the young stu-



Michael Huang at his computer

Photo Teresa Chow

dent, "you can draw each body part and Flash helps putting them together." Huang goes on explaining that Flash helps for simple movements, motions and transitions but for other elements each frame has to be done individually. "Puffs of smoke, flames take a really long time to make."

The 2½-minute movie Huang created for the Reflections program took him 3 ½ months to develop, working almost every day for 1½ hours. "I started working on the film in July," says Wang, "the idea came to me as the right thing to do." Huang says that he started with the animating right away, he didn't write the story, just jot-

ted down some ideas. The family helped by creating the voices of the characters. "I want to thank my family," says Huang, "everybody helped with the voices. My dad had a line he loved: 'Do you need help cleaning up?' Of course it doesn't sound like him because I distorted his voice to make it sound like a child's." His twin brother Cary helped with the music.

Michael is now getting ready to go to middle school and has started working on his next year's Reflections entry. The theme is "Wow!" No doubt it will inspire him and many other students to design interesting projects

MORAGA 'SWINGS' INTO ACTION

Inaugural Fore Our Schools Golf Tournament Raises \$20k

Submitted by Patrick Artiaga



Committee Member Dave Miller in appropriate golf attire. Photo Diane Thomas

On Monday, May 12, 144 golfers participated in an inaugural Moraga Elementary Schools Golf Tournament held at the Moraga Country Club to benefit the PTA organizations of Camino Pablo, Los Perales, and Rheem elementary schools. Through golf registration, raffle tickets and silent auction items, the tournament raised over \$20,000 which was divided evenly among the three schools. The tournament represented the largest golf tournament held at Moraga Country Club.

This tournament represented several months of planning from representatives of Moraga's elementary schools. The committee volunteers stressed that the success of our schools is a key ingredient in the success of our community, and with the state budget crisis, they wanted to gather as a community to support our schools.

Through the success of this tournament and the very positive feedback from the players and volunteers, we look forward to planning next year's tournament. If interested, we welcome additional sponsors; please contact Patrick Artiaga at foreourschools@mindspring.com.

Sponsors and volunteers included Moraga Safeway, Peet's of Orinda, Nike, participating PTAs and the Moraga Junior Women's Club.

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ORINDA

Plays & Concerts in the Park



Orinda Starlight Village Players 2008 Season— A Summer Full of Laughs

By Andrea A. Firth

“I like to make people laugh,” says Geotty Chapple, President of the Orinda Starlight Village Players as he describes his attraction to the farcical comedy, *Bedfull of Foreigners*, that he will direct at the outdoor theater in the Orinda Community Center Park later this summer. “We do a lot of British comedy,” adds Starlight Village Players Director Suzan Lorraine, “We all like to laugh.”

The Orinda Starlight Village Players will launch their summer season in late May with the play *Murder on the Nile*. “The first play of our season is traditionally an Agatha Christie murder mystery,” notes Lorraine, who will direct. “I think this is the only place in the Bay Area where she gets produced.”

“This place” is the outdoor theater tucked in the back corner of the Orinda Community Center Park, home to the Starlight Village players for over 25 years. The charming outdoor amphitheater seats about 100. Redwood benches line the first five rows, and audience goes in the latter rows sit upon pads that are provided to soften the terraced stones. And as is often the case in Orinda in the summer, “If the fog comes in, it can get a little chilly, so it is important to layer,” notes Lorraine.

The second play of the three to be offered by the Starlight Village Players, *I Hate Hamlet* by Paul Rudnick, puts a twist on Cal Shakes’ approach to summer theater. “This is one of my favorite plays,” explains Lorraine. “There are so many moods in it. It moves from absolutely hilarious to very serious.” Based in part on the life of John Barrymore (grandfather to one of the contemporary Charlie’s Angels—Drew), the play features a Hollywood soapstar who moves to New York City to play the part of Hamlet in a theater in the park. Presciently, the ghost of John Barrymore surfaces to teach the young actor how best to play the part of the also haunted Hamlet.

“This is quintessential community theater,” states Lorraine.

The Orinda Starlight Village Players will perform three plays throughout the summer months on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the Outdoor Theater in Orinda Community Center Park, 26 Orinda Way (across the street from Rite Aid and the Orinda Post Office). See sidebar for plays, dates, and ticket information.

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Orinda Starlight Village Players’ 2008 Outdoor Theater, Orinda Community Center Park

Regular admission: \$15; seniors/students—\$7.50

All 3 shows: \$35; seniors/students—\$21

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Murder on the Nile by Agatha Christie
May 30th thru June 28th

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 pm

Sunday, June 22nd at 4 pm

Thursday, June 26th at 8 pm

Bedfull of Foreigners by David Freeman
September 5th thru the 27th

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 pm

Sunday, September 21st at 4 pm

Thursday, September 25th at 8 pm

I Hate Hamlet by Paul Rudnick
July 18th thru August 16th

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 pm

Sunday, August 10th at 4 pm

Thursday, August 14th at 8 pm



Orinda Starlight Village Players rehearse for the opening play “Murder on the Nile” Photo Andrea A. Firth



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June
 24 Dave Rocha Jazz Band (Jazz)

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 8 Pladdohg (Celtic Rock & Funk)
 15 The Crisis (Rock and Blues)
 22 Stone Soup (Oldies rock)
 29 Juke Joint (Rhythm and Blues)

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- August**
 7 littledog2 Rock and Roll
 14 Madison Blues Band Blues
 21 La Ventana Latin

Rossmoor Big Band and Generations in Jazz open Moraga Concert Series

Break out your dancing shoes!
 By Sophie Braccini

There is no better term than “Generations in Jazz” to portray the mix of musicians involved in the Rossmoor Big Band. For 10 years now, the Rossmoor players, some in their 80’s, have invited middle and high school students to join them on stage. The result is the only Stage Big Band in California (a Big Band plus strings, clarinets and flutes) with the energy and creativity to attract people from the whole Bay Area and beyond.

On May 23rd, it was this band that got couples of all ages up off their feet, to dance the night away at the Lafayette Veterans’ Hall. On June 6th, they open the Moraga Summer Concert series and even if the dance floor is not as good at the Commons, there’s no doubt many will dance that night, too.

“It is very difficult to source a big band/stage band with all the instruments including vocals,” says Maurice “Mo” Levich, the band director (also of Lafayette’s Generations in Jazz Foundation), “so ten years ago we contacted Bob Athayde, director of music education at Stanley Middle School, and tried to incorporate our first young musicians.” Mo remembers that there were many questions at the time; would older musicians be flexible enough to accept the young

ones, would the students be interested in Big Band music, could they work together?

It was an immediate success. “Bob send us 8th grader Jeff Kolhede, with his tenor sax,” remembers Mo, “he is humble and was accepted immediately by the seniors.” Kolhede is now a student at Cal State Northridge majoring in Music industry, “I remember not knowing much about the music of the 40s and 50s when I started with them. Now those tunes are engraved in my head,” remembers the student. “I had so much fun playing with them, they were so nice to me.” The young man was a WWII buff, and he enjoyed hearing the stories of the veterans from that area that are playing in the band. “I have a tremendous respect for everyone,” remembers Kolhede.

Over the years, the band has greeted many young musicians. At this time, seven of the band’s forty one musicians are students. “There is no place I’d rather be on Wednesday evening than at the rehearsal,” says Campolindo Sophomore Sammy Barton. “It’s fun to work with the older musicians, they are the original jazzers, they know how it should be played; it’s very inspiring.” The young alto saxophone player feels that the musicians are extremely encouraging and not too

demanding. He believes that he will transmit what he is receiving from the band and will teach music later in life.

What is the secret of getting a level of music technicality that will fit the younger students, the more experienced ones and create a harmony that sounds so darn good? That secret is the big band’s covert weapon: Frank Como, a Rossmoor resident who was the top arranger for Lionel Hampton for twenty years in New York City.

“We are so fortunate that Frank writes for us,” says Levich, “he orchestrates and arranges our pieces with fitness, creating specific pieces to get every musician to shine.” Como, who plays with the Bay Area Big Band as well, gets a lot of satisfaction working with the younger musicians. “I get a big kick out of this,” says the older professional, “I am retired and this is a great musical outlet for me. I wanted to pass on that wonderful music to the next generation, and the kids are so enthusiastic and they work so hard! The band gives them an opportunity to be featured and it’s a pleasure to write specific pieces to highlight their specific talents.”

Dining • Dining • Dining • Dining • Dining

Dijon Dill Shrimp ~Ari's Shrimp, but Carol's Excellent Recipe~

By Susie Iventosch

The Lombardy Branch is one of 28 fundraising organizations for Children's Hospital of Oakland. Charged with devising creative ideas to raise money, the group tried a variety of fundraising projects over the years, before settling on the annual cocktail party theme.

Thirteen years ago, this group, comprised of 30 or so women from Piedmont, Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga and Alamo organized the first of what would become a very popular and successful annual summer cocktail party to benefit various programs affiliated with the hospital.

My good friend, Carol McDonald was the chairperson for the inaugural event.

"We really had no idea what we were doing, but we prepared all of the food ourselves and it was a huge success," McDonald said. "We raised \$8,000, which, at the time, we thought was pretty good. Now the group hires caterers and the annual event has raised as much as \$70K in recent years."

This recipe is one that

"Auntie Carol" made for that first event and when she brought the leftover shrimp to our house, my son thought he had died and gone to

seafood heaven. She must have brought at least 100 of these tasty little guys to our house, and I am pretty sure that Ari ate at least half of them! Ever since, we have called this treasured dish 'Ari's Shrimp, but Carol's Excellent Recipe.'

"It's definitely a crowd-pleaser," McDonald said. "I've made it many times for fundraisers for hundreds of people."

Catherine Dieterich, President of the Lombardy Branch, says all of the Children's Hospital branches agreed to coordinate fundraising efforts from 2007 through 2009 to benefit the Children's Hospital building campaign.

According to Dieterich,

(Makes approximately 50)

Alameda County floated a bond measure to fund the new building, but it failed. The measure, if passed, would have cost each household \$24 annually. The Children's Hospital branches hope to fill that void with their building campaign.

"These fundraising efforts will benefit both a new state-of-the-art building and an upgrade to the existing Children's Hospital building," she said.

For more information on The Lombardy Branch, please visit: <http://www.childrenshospitalbranches.org/ind-branches.asp>

Ingredients
2 pounds shrimp (pre-cooked, tail-on, 21-25 per pound size)
1 box of decorative toothpicks
1 recipe Dijon Dill Dressing

Dijon-Dill Dressing
½ cup olive oil
3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon chopped shallots
1 teaspoon fresh ginger root, minced
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon fresh dill, chopped
pinch of sugar
salt and pepper to taste

Mix all of the marinade ingredients in a bowl. Add shrimp and marinate for several hours, or overnight. When ready to serve, remove from dressing, drain in a colander and serve on platter with toothpicks for a cocktail party, or in martini glasses with fresh dill garnish for a sit-down affair.

BBQ Time! But Do You Need a Smoker, Too?

By Chef Dan Leff

Like most guys, I like new kitchen toys ... but only if it's something I'm going to use on a regular basis. This is what has kept me, for years now, from buying a smoker. I've used a big old Weber kettle grill for years with some success, as a smoker.

Improvised smokers are not hyper-efficient - part of the fun is the messy involvement of stoking the coals and tending the meat. Here's my method for doing just that ...

1. Start by soaking the wood chips. I prefer apple-wood or hickory. Alder wood is good too, but is most often used with salmon. Soak the chips in water with some apple juice mixed in for a sweeter finish, or some soy sauce for a slightly darker glaze.

2. For the coals, use real mesquite wood charcoal, preferably by Lazzari. A friend of mine once told me that "regular" charcoal briquettes use pulped bits of rubber tires and other junk. After having inhaled plenty of toxic smoke while tending various BBQ pits where nobody ever heard of Lazzari, I can tell you ... this is true.

3. While the chips soak, start the coals. Some people love tons of lighter fluid, others use the "chimney-starter" method. I am quickly becoming more fond of the chimney method, as it means fewer chemicals in with the smoke. Let the lit coals ash over almost 100% - they will need to burn for several hours so don't let them burn too fast!

4. Just before the coals are ready, get the drip pan ready. An aluminum half-roasting pan filled with liquid must be placed under the meat as it smokes to prevent flare-ups, if the meat is going directly onto the grill (more on this later). For the liquid, use the wood-chip soaking liquid. Get two large stainless steel bowls + a colander ready. Pour the wood chips into the colander set over one of the bowls. Set the colander with chips into the other bowl to let the chips keep draining off liquid. Don't worry about having too much liquid. If the meat will be smoking for a while, you'll likely need to refill the drip pan to keep it from scorching.

5. A certain amount of flavor and aroma can be obtained just based on what's in the drip-pan liquid. Don't hesitate to put in fresh herbs and garlic, dried chilies (especially chipotles), dried citrus rinds, or even star anise (this last one work well with a little soy sauce in the pan, for a touch of Asian flavor).

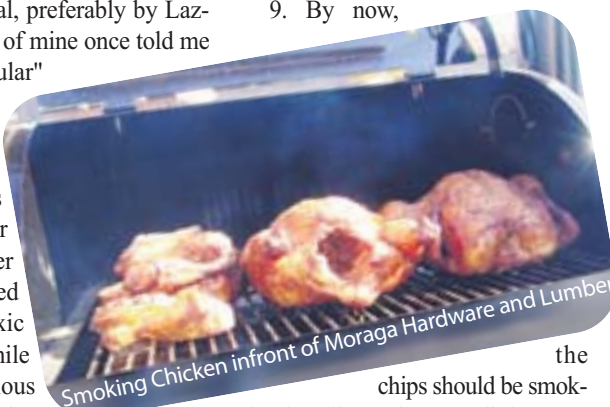
6. With meat ready, coals nearly white-hot, wood chips pre-soaked and drained, drip pan + liquid standing by, get ready to go to work. Grab a pair of long metal tongs and a long, grill-sturdy spatula and be ready to work carefully during the next steps ...

7. Using the long spatula, divide

the pile of coals into two equal mounds, moved to the sides of the kettle grill. Drop the aluminum drip pan into the space between the piles of hot coals and quickly fill it with the soaking liquid, as full as you can (but try not to spill any water onto the coals!). The drip pan will often wind up sitting on top of some of the coals - these coals will stay active longest, and will ensure that some of the liquid in the drip pan boils away - thus the need for extra liquid.

8. Get ready to work very quickly now. Have the chips, wire grill cover, and meat readily at hand. Sprinkle the soaked chips onto the hot coals. Place the grill cover the top, and place the meat onto the grill, directly over the drip pan.

9. By now,



chips should be smoking heavily. Make sure all the vents on the kettle (and the kettle cover) are open all the way. The smoke will quickly inhibit the coals if there's not lots of circulation (don't worry, the meat will pick up plenty of smoky flavor - the smoke won't be "lost"). Cover the grill and let the meat cook - resist the urge to lift the lid often.

10. It will probably be necessary to uncover the grill every 30-45 minutes to get the coals to revive a bit. After 1-2 hours, it will likely be necessary to poke the coals to keep them lively. Not all of the chips will be smoking, it will be necessary to move the "dead" chips onto live coals to keep the smoke going.

11. For poultry - Chicken can take up to 1-2 hours for breasts and thighs, 3 hours or so for a whole bird. Turkey parts take somewhat longer. Whole turkeys may require an infusion of fresh coals and chips and will likely take at least 4 hours.

12. For red meats - Pork ribs and loins take about 2 hours. Ribs can get dried out and must be marinated thoroughly ahead of time. Lamb is excellent when smoked - a whole leg of lamb will go for about 3-4 hours, individual lamb chops for about an hour. Beef is not often smoked, except for brisket (which takes a VERY long time).

13. For seafood - scallops and shrimp will smoke quickly, in about 30-45 minutes. Fish can smoke for about 45-60 minutes.

14. Please remember that all times are APPROXIMATE and will vary greatly with your product - both the coals and the meat!

On "In-Pan" Smoking This is a method I use when the meat can run the risk of drying out. Pork ribs (which can become tough and chewy) and whole chickens (which can sometimes suffer from dried-out

white meat) do well with this technique, as will turkey breasts.

For ribs, have them in a sturdy pan that's deep enough for the ribs to rest almost completely covered in marinade. Rather than establishing a drip pan, place the pan right onto the coals at the bottom of the grill. It's important that liquid the ribs are in gets hot enough to come to a boil, for safety reasons. Heating the liquid is needed to kill any residual pathogens that might be found in the raw meat. The best way is to work in thirds -

- For the first third of the cooking time, the pork should sit in it's pan, covered, right on the coals.
- For the next third, remove the pan from the coals (use a pair of long tongs, a sturdy spatula, and have a couple of oven mitts on), and place the grill rack back on the kettle. Place the pan of ribs back on the rack and let cook uncovered - this is needed to get the smoky flavor in.
- For the final third, cover the pan of ribs again. Much of the liquid will be gone, so this allows the ribs to finish in the now-thickened marinade. This will ensure the tenderness of the ribs, and intensify the flavor.

For chicken, the pan should always rest on the grill rack and should always be uncovered. The beautifully-bronzed birds turn out via this method. In the pan, place a little liquid, preferably a mixture of chicken stock and citrus juices. Fresh herbs and garlic can be placed in the pan, this will lend an extra note of flavor. This added liquid will keep the bird from drying out.

An easy side dish - Two-way Potato Salad with Champagne Mayonnaise

If you're working on the grill, this recipe uses a little of the grill space to cook half the potatoes.

- Ingredients:**
- 1# Yukon gold potatoes, preferably small
 - 1# Red potatoes, preferably small
 - Mayonnaise or Aioli
 - About ¼ cup champagne vinegar
 - Chopped green onions (optional)
 - Salt, pepper, and olive oil

Directions:

1. Cut the red potatoes in half (quarters, if large) and toss with oil, salt and pepper. Roast on the grill until tender and well-browned.
2. Meanwhile, poach the Yukon gold potatoes in salted water, in their skins. When tender (test with a knife), drain and allow to cool slightly. Cut the pieces in half (or quarters, if larger - try to make them the same size as the Red potatoes).
3. Whisk some champagne vinegar into the mayonnaise or Aioli. Mix into the cooked potatoes - this recipe works best if the potatoes are still somewhat warm, as they absorb the flavors better. Season with salt and pepper as needed - if desired, mix in some chopped green onions for color and texture.

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Campolindo, Miramonte Golf Teams Finish 9, 10 in NCS Finals

By Jack Fernbacher



Jack Middlebrook

Photo Jack Fernbacher

The Campolindo golf team edged out its cross-town rival Miramonte by one stroke to place ninth at the NCS/TOC championships. Campolindo fired a five-man score of 402 at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, which is the home course for the Alhambra Bulldogs. The top 20 teams from the NCS south and north qualifiers competed for three spots to advance to the NorCal Tournament.

Senior phenom Jack Middlebrook led the Cougars posting a 5-over 77. The Monday before at the NCS qualifying round Middlebrook tore up the course and shot a 75.

cal 402 and easily qualified at Monarch Bay Golf Course. Miramonte made it a little more difficult and barely squeaked by to qualify for NCS.

The top ten teams from the qualifying round the week before got the bid for the TOC tournament, and Miramonte tied for tenth place. In an event of a tie, the winner goes to the team with the lower six-man score and Miramonte's sixth man Cole Speers shot an 88 to edge out California's 89.

Miramonte proved that they should be at the TOC by firing up a score of 403 and placing tenth. Miramonte's low scorer was senior Scotty Williams who shot a 76. Junior Cole Speers came through in the clutch and shot a 77, an 11-stroke improvement from the previous week at NCS qualifying.

"It hurt to lose to Campo by one stroke," Williams said. "We have been fighting against them all year and can't stand losing to them."

Other teams from the DFAL who played in the TOC were Acalanes and Alhambra. Alhambra placed 15th with a score of 420 and Acalanes placed 20th with a score of 434.

Cardinal Newman High School from Santa Rosa took first place with a score of 376, San Ramon Valley placed second shooting 387, and Monte Vista took the last qualifying spot with a 389.

Local individual qualifier John Hasse from Berkeley High School was the number one NorCal qualifier with his score of 71. Justin Gabbert from Foothill also qualified for NorCal with a score of 72. Foothill didn't qualify as a team this season after coming off last year's win at the State championship. Along with Foothill, powerhouse De La Salle didn't qualify for NorCal, missing the cut by one stroke.

"I got into a groove late in the season and started swinging well," Middlebrook said. "I practiced really hard and got my game going. I wanted to help our team do as well as we could, and beating Miramonte at the end felt really good."

Campolindo's Sophomore Bjorn Kallerud, the Co-MVP of the DFAL, and senior Ben Alexander shot a pair of 79s. Senior Alex Berber started his round off strong with a 1-under front nine, but couldn't keep his score in the red, and finished with an 83.

At NCS qualifying the week before, Campolindo shot an identi-

Miramonte Lacrosse Teams Fall in Third Round of NCS

By Jack Fernbacher



Photo Gavin Schlissel



Alex Seclow (41)

Photo Gavin Schlissel

After defeating Foothill 12-5, the boy's Miramonte Lacrosse team moved on to the semi-finals to face the number-one overall seed in San Ramon Valley. The Mats put up a good fight in the first half and only trailed 6-4 going into the locker room. Junior Harry Foreman scored two goals for Miramonte and seniors Will Sheehan and John Hofinga both scored one goal in their final Miramonte game.

In the second half against San Ramon, Miramonte had good opportunities to score, but couldn't convert their shots into goals. The team took a blow right before halftime when senior defenseman Frankie Cuneo got injured. Cuneo, who was named MVP of the DFAL, broke both his tibia and fibula. San Ramon went on a 4-0 run during Cuneo's absence.

Miramonte was seeded fourth in NCS and came into the tournament 17-3 (12-0 DFAL). The Mats rolled into NCS with a 12-game winning streak and brought the momentum into the Foothill game. Miramonte got a bye in the first round of NCS, so the team was well rested for Foothill, who had a game the day before.

The girl's Miramonte lacrosse team won the DFAL with a 9-1 record and received the number-two seed in NCS. The Mats got a bye in the first round, and then faced off against Redwood High School in the quarterfinals.

The Mats took a commanding lead at halftime going in front 7-2. In the end, the Mats strolled to an 11-5 victory. Senior attackers Emma Gibson and Emily Myers both had four goals, and senior goalie Favienne Howsepian

stopped the Redwood attack with 12 saves.

In the semi-final round, the Mats went up against number-six seeded Monte Vista. Monte Vista's defense shut the Mats down, only giving up nine shots on goal en route to a 9-3 victory. Monte Vista

led 5-2 in the first half and only allowed one goal in the second half. For the Mats, seniors Lauren Fischer, Mara Ludmer, and Myers each had one goal and the DFAL MVP Howsepian snagged eleven saves.



Photo Gavin Schlissel

Former Lamorinda Rugby Club Players Continue Success at Cal, SMC



(left to right) Rober Sullivan, Drew Hyjer, Connor Ring, Phillip Burrows, Lucas Watson and Andrew Ritelli.

Six former Lamorinda Rugby Club teammates played for Cal's national championship rugby team this year, which recently won its 24th national title after overtaking BYU, 59-7, at the men's Division I national championship at Stanford. Cal senior (Scott Kidd, who also played for Lamorinda, was unable to participate this season due to an injury.) In addition to these six

players, two of their former Lamorinda teammates, Kyle Batten and Andrew Cook, (from the 2005 & 2006 teams) started for the Saint Mary's rugby team this season and played against Cal in the national semi final, where they fell to the Bears 41-31. The Gaels performance earned them No. 2 in the final national rankings.

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St. Monica's CYO Track Team Brings Home 20 Medals

Submitted by Laura Foxworthy, Head STMO Track and Field Coach and Athletic director



(left to right) Zach Foxworthy, Philip Rei, Tim Duckworth, Alex Sheiman, Kieran Fara, Kristen Chan Photo submitted

The St. Monica's CYO Track Team (STMO) is coming down to the end of their season, and they are still tearing up the track. Twenty-six athletes qualified for the Sectional meet this year by placing in the top three in their events at the qualifying meet on April 26 at Freedom High School in Brentwood.

At the Sectional meet held in Livermore on Saturday, May 3, 17 track teams from Contra Costa County were all competing for the top three spots in each event.

Amazingly, 11 of the 26 St. Monica's athletes accomplished this feat bringing home 20 medals. These 11 runners, jumpers and throwers moved onto the Diocesan Championship meet on May 10, again, in Livermore.

The Diocesan Championship meet included 36 CYO teams from Contra Costa and Alameda coun-

ties.

First year participant Arden Creson, a third grader from Orinda, was the youngest qualifying Athlete this year. She qualified as an alternate in both the 50m and the 100m. Two fourth grade boys, who are known to frequently run side by side in their races, are Matthew Kline from Rheem and Kieran Fara from Los Perales. Matthew qualified in the 800m while Kieran qualified in the Long Jump and in the 1600m.

Claire Manrique and Sophie Settle, two more fourth graders who have been on the team for 2 years, both qualified in the 1600m this year.

A brand new fifth grader on STMO who has been has been a great addition to the team in many ways is Jake Buchanan, who qualified in the 1600m. Kristen Chan, who has been on the team for three

years, keeps getting faster and faster each year. This year she qualified in the 50m.

The sixth grade boys had quite a day at sectionals not only qualifying by taking first in both the 4x100 relay and the Sprint medley relay, but also breaking two STMO records in both events.

These four blazing fast boys are Tim Duckworth (from OIS) and Zach Foxworthy, Philip Rei and Alex Shieman (all from JM). Alex Shieman also qualified in the softball throw and the 800m, his second year running the 800m at Diocesan. Tim Duckworth, who will be missed next year when he moves to Arizona over the summer, qualified in the 100m, 400m and Long jump. Phillip Rei qualified for the fourth year in a row in the 400m and also qualified in the 100m. Zach Foxworthy qualified for the 1600m for the fourth time.

And last, but definitely not least, Leland Wong, the resident veteran and role model for STMO's younger athletes, will be running his last race on the STMO CYO track team in the 400m and the long jump. He will continue his running and jumping career as a Campolindo freshman next year.

All 50 athletes worked very hard this year and a lot of personal records were broken. The STMO track athletes celebrated their achievements at their end of the year Track Party at St. Monica Church's gathering room on May 18 with pizza, soda and awards.

Moraga Resident Wins Bronze at International Karate Championships

Submitted by Thomas Westernoff



After long hours of training and success at State and Regional tournaments, Chris Wellbrook qualified for the 2007 National Karate Championships held in Winston-Salem, N.C. and placed third in the nation.

Based on his performance, he was invited to the AAU-USA National Team trials in hopes of making the world team.

In August, he was told he would represent the 13-year-old black belt division for the National Team at the International Karate-Do Championships, held in Osaka, Japan on March 23, 2008.

After 16 hours of travel, he arrived at the competition. With more than 700 competitors at the event, including 29 in Chris's single elimination sparring division, he successfully powered his way through his first four fights, making it to the final four. He fought hard in his next round, but was defeated. The next fight was for third place. He came out very aggressive, and was able to overpower his competitor, winning the Bronze medal for the U.S., and having the experience of a lifetime.

Other Karate News

A Total of 17 Karate & Fitness Place USA Team Members, lead by Sensei Thomas Westernoff, returned home from the AAU 1st Round Qualifier held in Chico, Calif., with 29 Medals: 9 Gold, 11 Silver, 9 Bronze.

Team Members Results

Name	KATA	KUMITE	KOBUDO
Brandon Tokuyama	Gold	Gold	
John Krakowski	Silver	Bronze	
Michael Doucet	Silver	Silver	
Chris Wellbrook	Gold	Gold	Silver
Mykaela Lewis	Silver	Bronze	
Cole Jeter	Gold		
Ryan Jeter	Bronze	Silver	
Edward Chen	Silver	Bronze	
Victor Chen	Silver	Silver	
JD McPhee	Gold	Bronze	
Jospeh Tsuboi			
Nick Luckenbach	Bronze	Bronze	
Haze Mach	Bronze	Bronze	
Jacob Plutt	Gold	Gold	
Omid Boozarpour	Gold		
Nate Oto	Silver		
Morgan Langstaff	Silver		

(Jacob, Edward and Ryan swept the Kata division by taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd - a great team showing. Congratulations to our Team, first timers and some of our youngsters who have been training with us for nearly 2 to 4 months and came back home victorious!)

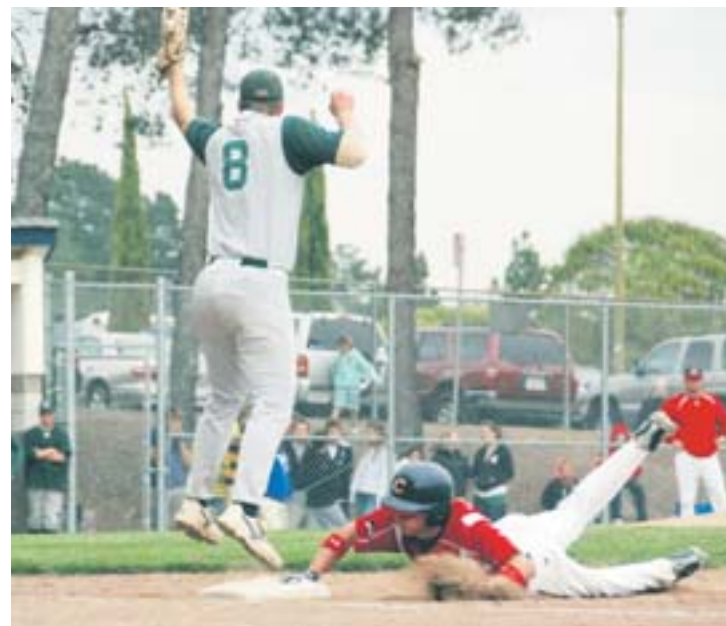
Cougars Head to Third Round Following Victory Over Mats

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Coleman was forced into a full count but was able to draw the walk to reach first base. Stephens then laid down a bunt, but the third baseman inexplicably let the ball stop, allowing Stephens to reach safely. Wirth then tried to sacrifice the runners over but the third baseman could not throw to first in time and Wirth reached.

Gregory came up with another key hit in the game with the bases loaded. With one strike on him, Gregory drove a deep fly ball into the right-center gap over the heads of the Miramonte outfielders. Gregory raced around the bases for a stand-up triple. Gregory was then driven in on a single by Fadelli.

The Matadors tried to make a comeback in the seventh, but the Cougars were able to hold on. After giving up a single and two walks, junior Jeff Gold gave up a



Anthony Fadelli safe Photo Gavin Schlissel

short fly ball to right field. Sophomore Corbin Chase sprinted in and made a terrific diving catch to save the game.

This victory has sent the Cougars into the third round to face the Cinderella of the playoffs: the Piedmont Highlanders.

Miramonte rallies to beat Campolindo

By Jack Fernbacher

The Miramonte Baseball team finished up the regular season on May 15 by making a tremendous comeback to defeat Campolindo 13-7. The Mats were down 5-0 after four innings, but then the Mats started teeing off of Campolindo's pitchers.

Juniors Joey Epperson and John Vacarro started the pounding in the fifth inning by hitting back-to-back home runs and pulled the Mats within two runs. Then in the top of the sixth inning the Mats made a remarkable 1-out rally.

The Mats scored seven runs on seven consecutive hits in the top of the sixth inning to take a 10-6 lead. The batter who finished the rally was junior Matt Lloyd, who went 4-5 in the game with two RBIs.

The Mats continued the rally into the seventh inning and scored three more runs with the scorching hot bats of Epperson, Lloyd, and Vacarro.

Out on the mound for the Mats, junior pitcher Andrew Kjar got rattled early on in the game allowing four runs in the second inning, but settled down later in the game and got the job done to win the game. Kjar pitched a complete

game, allowing seven runs and striking out three batters.

The win meant a lot for the Miramonte program as the Mats have not been very successful against the Cougars in the past couple of years. Miramonte had been 0-7 in the last four years, with three of the losses having been decided by only one run.

"It felt awesome to beat Campolindo," said senior pitcher Tim Fong, who has never seen Miramonte's varsity team beat Campolindo during his career at Miramonte. "Our program has been good the last couple of years, but we were not able to play well against Campo. I think it shows how good our team is this year that we were able to come back and beat Campo."

For Campolindo, junior shortstop Anthony Fadelli had another great game at the plate as he went 3-3 with one home run and four RBIs. Senior pitcher David Wirth started the game for the Cougars and was lined up for the win when he left the game. Wirth pitched 4 2/3 inning and only gave up three earned runs as he struck out 12 batters.

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A's Head into Playoffs Undefeated

By Frank Tse



Charlie Mollahan scores the go-ahead run in A's come-from-behind victory Photo Ron Garcia

After losing an early 10-0 lead, and trailing by a run in the top of the fifth, the Orinda Pinto A's could feel their dream of a 12-0 season slip through their mitts.

A's Manager Steve Cassriel called a quick team huddle to calm the nerves of his young players.

The Piedmont Cubs had scored four runs to take the lead in the fourth, and matched that effort with excellent defense, shutting down the top of the A's line-up 1-2-3 for the first time all season.

While Cassriel reminded the players to have fun, Coach Scott Mollahan pulled out a stratagem not found in any playbook as he lifted every player's spirits with a Starburst candy.

Whether inspired by Cassriel's words or by Mollahan's Starbursts, the A's limited the Cubs to one run in the last two innings, and knocked in four runs of their own to seal a thrilling 16-14 victory.

Asim Khan started the A's fifth inning rally with a double into the outfield. Next, speedy Derrick Garcia beat out an infield single to set the table for Charlie Mollahan's clutch 2 RBI double. After Mason Zimmerman's single, and a pop fly by Zacary Weiner, Paul Bakshi hit a double into the outfield to give

the A's back their lead.

Cassriel praised the improvement of the first-year players as a key to the A's success. "Every team in this league has improved its defense since the season began in March," said Cassriel. "Derrick Garcia, Tommy Brovelli, Zac Weiner, and Charlie Mollahan have significantly raised their batting average in the second half of the season despite the tougher defense."

But improving defense by the A's was also a key. Second baseman Ben Mollahan almost single-handed shut down the Cubs in the last inning by fielding two grounders for outs, and catching an infield fly. In the fourth inning, third baseman Stephen Tse knocked down a grounder and alertly chased down Cub Harry Kohr as he tried to return to second. Will Cassriel caught two liners for outs in the Pitcher's Assistant position, while Henry Connor anchored down first base duties with skilled efficiency.

After a week off, the A's and the nine other teams will begin the round-robin, double elimination play-offs, which may be decided once again by timely hitting, defense, and timely Starburst boosters.

Swim Meet Hailed Fastest in NCS History

By Garrett Ley

Schools from throughout Northern California participated in the North Coast Section (NCS) swimming championships on Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24. The meet was hailed as one of the fastest in NCS history, with nearly every event more competitive than previous years.

"It was really tough to final this weekend, times that would have easily been top eight finishes hardly made it into the top sixteen," Miramonte sprinter Grant Harrison explains. "But that's what makes this meet so exciting."

The meet came down to the wire between Las Lomas and Campolindo, but the Knights edged out their DFAL counterpart by 20 points to be crowned NCS champions. Other Lamorinda teams had solid showings; Miramonte finished seventh with 195.5 points and the Acalanes Dons finished 14th with 121 points.

Men's

The Cougars dominated the men's side for the fourth year in a row, racking up 262 team points, 71 points better than second-place De La Salle. Campolindo had a solid showing in the relays, coming in second place in the 200-yard medley relay, the 200-yard freestyle relay, and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Individually, the Cougars were led by senior Dana Foster, who finished fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle. Shane Tutass improved .45 seconds from his preliminary time to place fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 51.29, and also finished fifth in the 500-yard freestyle.

Other individuals from Campolindo included senior backstroke Nate Erickson, who clocked a 52.02 in the 100-yard backstroke in the preliminaries, but finished seventh in the finals. Junior Tommy Dowley was third in the 200-yard freestyle, earning his first Junior National time.

For Miramonte, it was Sean Haufler who stepped up, placing third in two individual events. He started his day with a time of 1:55.42 in the 200-yard IM, and



Women's Relay: (L to R) Alva, Olivia JR; Holt, Kelley SR; Cleak, Rachel SO; Luchini, Shelbi JR Photo Doug Kohen



Men's Relay: (L to R) Foster, Dana SR; Melton, Andrew JR; Ward, Roger SR; Dowley, Tommy JR Photo Doug Kohen

later clocked a 52.17 in the Men's 100-yard backstroke to finish behind Jordan Lager (51.64) of San Marin and Matt Boone (51.98) of Acalanes.

Miramonte captain Zak Dychtwald calls Haufler "the backbone of this team, both in times and rugged good looks."

Haufler's teammate, freshman phenom Nick Deaver was a couple body lengths behind Haufler in the 100-yard backstroke, placing eighth with a time of 53.84. That was after his seventh-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly. Deaver was also known as the pioneer of the new Blueseventy racing suit, which became popular for the first time at this year's meet. The new suit is made out of neoprene, making the swimmer feel as if he or she is floating higher in the water. "It just feels fast, as if I'm swimming right along the surface of the water" Deaver says.

Haufler and Deaver joined teammates Adam Schaffer and Grant Harrison in the final event of the day, the 400-yard freestyle relay. The race came down to the final leg, with Las Lomas's Greg Harper touching out Campo's Nate Erickson by a mere .07. After an extraordinary anchor leg from sophomore Grant Harrison, the Mats finished fourth, a mere .98 behind the lead.

Despite the disappointing defeat, Erickson was "proud of his team and happy to be part of such a great race."

Women's Though overshadowed by Las Lomas for much of the day, Campolindo and Miramonte swam well and finished fourth and twelfth respectively.

The Cougars had three top-five finishes in the relays, highlighted by a third-place finish by the 200-yard freestyle relay team, which consists of sophomore Rachel Cleak, junior Olivia Alva, senior Kelley Holt and junior Shelbi Luchini. The Cougars placed

fifth in two other relays—the 200-yard medley and the 400-yard freestyle.

Caroline Lukins' time of 56.96 in the 100-yard butterfly earned her sixth place in the event. Luchini improved more than four seconds in the 500-yard freestyle and placed seventh overall. Both girls have battled injuries throughout their high school careers, yet still continue to dominate their respective events.

Miramonte's top relay performance was a fifth-place finish by

recording a 58.29 in the 100-yard butterfly to finish tenth overall. Robbins was the only freshman to final in the very competitive 50-yard freestyle, finishing fourteenth.

"It was tough coming back and topping our DFAL performance from two weeks prior, but everyone swam really well and we were able to compete with some of the fastest swimmers in the nation," Bilotti said.

The Acalanes women's team accrued 29 points to place 20th. Their highlight was an eleventh-



Shane Tutass

Doug Kohen

their 200-yard freestyle relay team composed of Sierra Robbins, Meredith White, Christina Vidal and Kimberly Sanguinetti. The 200-yard medley relay team, consisting of seniors Katie Bilotti, Claire Ivry, Kendall Weikert and Lindsey Jackson motored to a ninth-place finish with a time of 1:50.92.

Individually, Bilotti had the highest team finish of any Matador,

place showing by their 200-yard freestyle relay team.

Las Lomas's Kasey Carlson continued her dominance of the 100-yard breaststroke from the DFAL meet two weeks earlier, becoming the first girl in North Coast history to go under a minute. This summer, she will compete at the US Olympic Trials in Omaha for a spot on the Olympic team.

Moraga Baseball Association

Submitted by Vince Caro

MBA Box Scores for May 13, 14, 17, 18, 2008

Moraga Baseball Association Pinto Division May 13, 2008

Cardinals 13, Cubs 12

Cub Highlights: Conor O'Brien 2-for-3, 1RS; Nick Morgan 2-for-3, 3RS, 2RBI; Nicky Kronenberg 3-for-3, 1RS; Tommy Raftis 3-for-3, 3RS.

Cardinal Highlights: Erik Wenning 4-for-4, HR, 4RS, 3RBI; Quinn Lyon 4 for 4, HR, 3B, 2B, 1B - (hit for the cycle), 3RS, 3RBIs; Erin Neustrom 3-for-3, 2RBI; Paddo Buckley 2-for-4, 2RS.

Moraga Baseball Association Pinto Division May 14, 2008

Marlins 14, Giants 11

Marlins Highlights: Lauren Kozicki 4-for-4, HR, 4RBI, 3RS; Luke Jeffrey 3-for-3, 2-3B, 1RS; Russell Alger 3-for-4, 2B, RS.

Giants Highlights: Connor Peterson 3-for-3, 2RBI, 3RS; Chad Sonnenschein 3-for-3, RBI, 2RS; Quinn Finnane 3-for-3, 1RS.

Moraga Baseball Association Pony Division May 17, 2008

Rodeo 12, Tigers 9

Tiger Highlights: John Eriksen 3-for-4, 2B, 3B, 2RS; Tyler Garrison HR, 1RBI.

Moraga Baseball Association Bronco Division May 17, 2008

Orinda Blue Flames 7, Moraga Brooklyn Dodgers 3

Dodger Highlights: Zach Cole 5 IP, 8K's, 2-for-4, 1B, 2B, 1RBI, 1RS, 1SB; Nick Fadelli 2-for-3, 2-1B, 1

BB, 2RS, 2SB; Bryan Pfaff 2IP, 6K's, 1-for-3, 2B, 2RBIs

Moraga Baseball Association Mustang Division May 17, 2008

White Sox 5, Red Sox 2

White Sox Highlights: Jack Gordon 2-for-3, 2B, 2IP, 3K's; Nicky Fafoutis 2-for-3, 3B, 2IP, 3K's; Sam O'Donnell 1B, 2IP, 5K's.

Red Sox Highlights: Sam Larson 2B, 2IP, 3K's; Brendan Gordon 2B, 2IP, 3K's; Jason Rodriguez 1IP, 2K's.

Indians 12, Orioles 4

Indians Highlights: Oliver Ousterman 2-for-4, 2RBI, 2RS; Tommie Vega 1-for-2, 2RBI, 1RS; Alex Gannett 5-for-5, 3RBI, 3RS; Jake Rolfe 1-for-4, 2RBI, 2RS

Orioles highlights: Ryan Rossi 2-for-3, HR, 2RS, 2RBI; Eli Kir-mayer 1RS; Andrew Holloway 1RS.

Mariners 8, A's 7

A's Highlights: Griffin Whiting 1-for-1, 2RS, 3IP, 7K's; Patrick Duryea 2-for-3, 2RS; Perry Walker 3-for-3, 2IP, 1K.

Mariner Highlights: Jackson Reneau 1-for-2, 2B, 1RS; Kevin Shaffer 2-for-3, 1RS, 1IP 3K's; Kyle Hinds 1-for-3, Game Winning Hit.

Moraga Baseball Association Pinto Division May 17, 2008

Padres 13, Cubs 10

Padres Highlights: William Fauro 3-for-4, 3RS; Harry Curtiss 3-for-4, 4RBI, 2RS; Bryson Lothamer 3-for-3, 1RS, 1RBI; Jake Chan 3-for-3, 1RS

Cubs Highlights: Ryan McNally 4-

for-4, 1RBI, 3RS; Jeremy Gunder-son 2-for-3, 3RBI, 1RS; Justin Feldman 2-for-3, 1RS

Moraga Baseball Association Bronco Division May 18, 2008

Moraga Mariners 12, Orinda Crushers 2

Mariners Highlights: Kevin Lyle 3-for-3, 2-2B, 3RS, 2RBI, SB; Matthew Gong 2-for-3, 2RS, 1RBI, 2SB; Caleb Whalen 3IP, 1ER, 3K; Matthew Tuan 1-for-3, BB, 1RS, SB, 2IP, 1H, 0ER, 3K's; Moses Havel 1-for-2, 1BB, 2RS, 2SB.

Piedmont Scots 21, Giants 4

Giants Highlights: Troy Westernoff 1-for-1, 1RS; Jason Hofmann 1-for-3, 1RBI; Eric Baldwin 1RBI; Matt Lemelin 1-for-2.

Orinda Rebels 12, Moraga Brooklyn Dodgers 11

Dodger Highlights: Austin Chau 1-for-2, 1B, 1RBI, Great Catch in RF; Manny Manzone 2-for-5, 2-2B, 2RS; Bryan Pfaff 1-for-1, 2B, 2RBI, 1SB; Tristan Caro, 2RBI hit, Excellent Defense - 5 Put-Outs.

Moraga Baseball Association Mustang Division May 18, 2008

Orioles 13, Yankees 8

Orioles Highlights: Andrew Armen 2-for-4, 2-1B, 1BB, 3RBIs; Ryan Geisreiter 3-for-4, 2-1B, 2B, 2RBIs; Ryan Rossi 2-for-5, 2-1B, 2-BB; Wyatt McNeil 1-for-4, 1B, 3BB, 2IP, 4K's.

Yankees Highlights: Parker Duncan 3-for-4, 3-1B, 2RBIs, (Great defensive play with unassisted DP); Scott Zumacian 3-for-4, 3-1B, 2RBIs; Dylan Caro 2-for-3, 2-1B, 1RBI; Pat Ratchford 2-for-4, 1B, 2B, BB.

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By Cathy Tyson

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