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From left, Mayor Don Tatzin, Carol Federighi, Mike Anderson, Carl Anduri, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Russell and Vice Mayor Brandt Andersson. Photo Doug Kohlen

Playtime for City Council at Unveiling

By Cathy Tyson

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Glenn Nosse's
STREET DAWG
see page 14

Beneath a dazzling blue sky, Lafayette Mayor Don Tatzin dedicated a new high-tech playground at the south end of the Community Park, near the baseball fields. Supporters and the balance of the City Council were there to cheer him on. It's not every day you get to see the Mayor take an inaugural slide.

Clearly playgrounds have come a long way from the monkey bars of yesteryear. "Our objective was to create a playground with a unique identity that will draw kids out to play in Lafayette Community Park. This universally accessible playground is visually stimulating and offers different

types of challenges and experiences," said Karen McArdle, Landscape Architect of Lafayette-based Hansen McArdle Inc. "Climbing, sliding, cooperative and creative play activities are encouraged under, around and on the treehouse-like tot structure. A xylophone, gong and auditory surprises are incorporated. The tot play area has an attractive fabric shade canopy and is enclosed by a fence. Older kids are invited to experiment with movement and will be challenged by the climbing rock and a sculptural assemblage of dynamic equipment." ... continued on page 12

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Camaraderie Cleans Up at OMPA Championships

Individuals Overwhelmed by Team Support

By Lou Fancher



Ranch fans cheer

Photo Jordan Fong

The nine teams competing in the Orinda Moraga Pool Association (OMPA) championship swim meet, held this year August 7-9 at Campolindo High School, know that winning doesn't happen in just three days. Winning is in the kids' camaraderie, inspiration comes from the coaches, dedication is supplied by the parents, and that is how champions are made for life, not just for water.

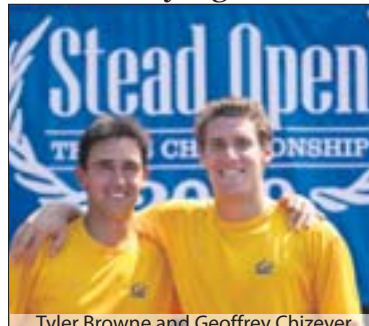
Even so, the 53rd annual OMPA, held August 7-9, offered no shortage of stellar accomplishments. ... continued on page 21

Combined Team Scores Place Team Points

- 1 Orinda Country Club OCC 4,013
- 2 Sleepy Hollow Swim & Tennis SH 3,162 .50
- 3 Moraga Country Club MCC 2,752
- 4 Meadow Swim & Tennis Club MEAD 2,656 .50
- 5 Campolindo Cabana Club CCC 2,107
- 6 Moraga Ranch Swim Club MRSC 2,033
- 7 Moraga Valley Pool Swim Team MVP 1,918 .50
- 8 Orinda Park Pool Swim Team PARK 1,805
- 9 Miramonte Swim Club MIRA 1,276 .50

Locals Rally Against Competition at Stead Open

By Guy Dotan



Tyler Browne and Geoffrey Chizever

For 26 years the Moraga Country Club (MCC) has hosted a tennis tournament and over that time the event has grown in prestige. The tournament began in 1983 with \$2000 in prize money. Three years later Stead Motors became the major sponsor and the prize money increased to \$25,000. With acknowledgement from major tennis magazines, the Stead Open... Read on page 23

A Vision for Downtown Orinda



By Andrea A. Firth

"There could be some really exciting things going on in downtown Orinda," states Peter Hasselman, an architect and urban designer who has lived in Orinda for over thirty years. "You need a vision," adds his friend Bill Simpson, also a longtime resident and a local architect, ... Read on page 4

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