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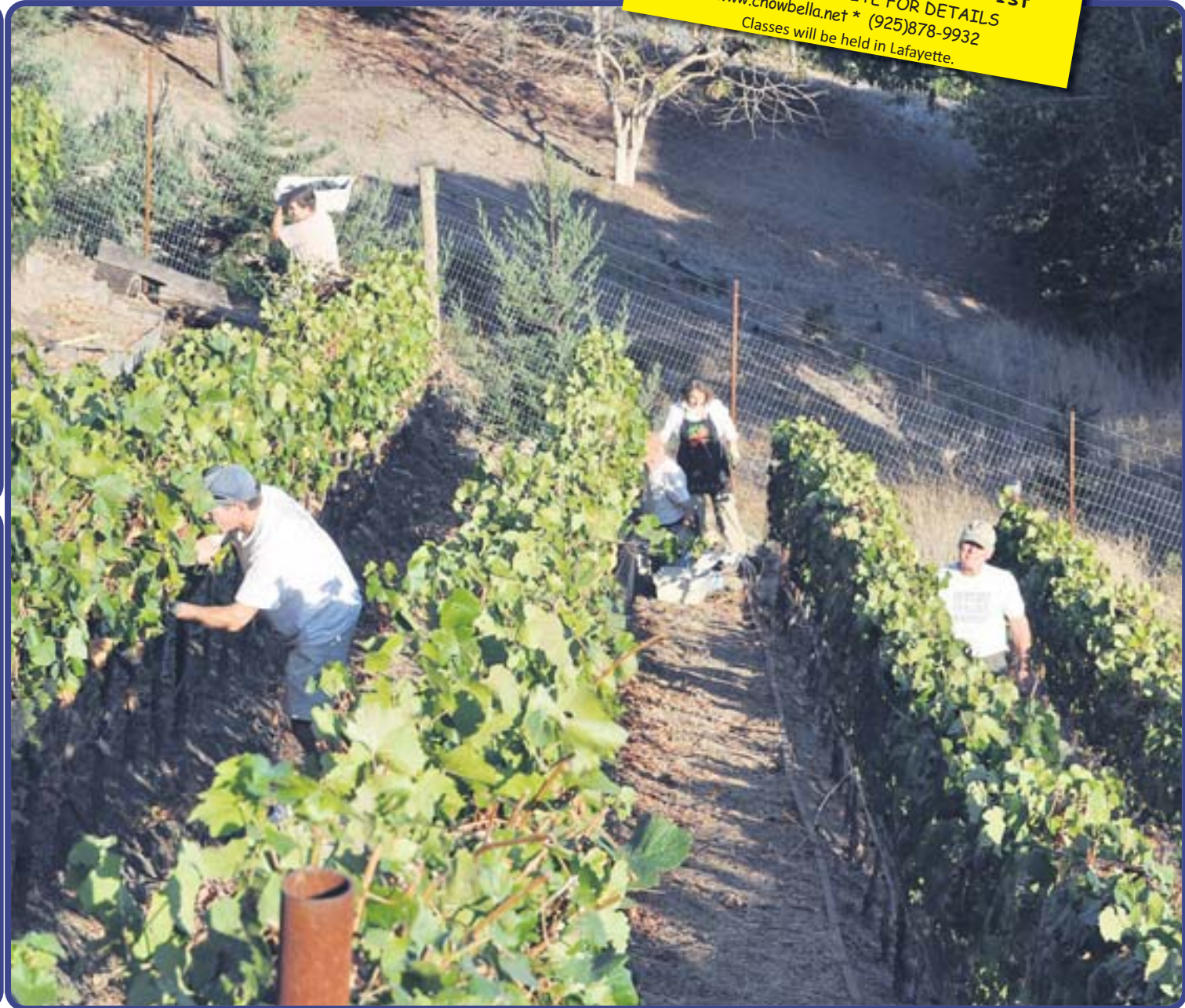
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Classes will be held in Lafayette.



Ted Kizor



George Denney (front) and Scott Clifton



Sara Captain

## A Perfect Pairing with the Community

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The Captain's backyard was buzzing with activity on a warm Friday morning in September as a crew of 15 people picked pinot noir grapes and hauled overflowing bins of the ripened fruit up the steps of the hillside vineyard. The grape pickers included vineyard owners Susan and Sal Captain and a collection of family, friends, and recent acquaintances who came together for the harvest. "It went so fast. We

By Andrea A. Firth

were done in about an hour," states Susan, pleasantly surprised by the speedy work of her volunteers. "Friends were still arriving to help, and there were no more grapes left to pick."

Community involvement in the Captain's vineyard was always part of the plan according to Susan, a warm and intellectually curious woman, who has cultivated an extended and diverse network after living in

Moraga for 20 years. "The idea was always to share [the vineyard] with the community," says Susan. "I can only drink so much wine by myself," she adds with a laugh.

Captain Vineyards, the largest vineyard in Lamorinda's rapidly-growing winegrowing community, was Susan's brainchild. She wanted to find something that would keep her and her husband Sal physically, intellectually, and socially active in their "retirement."

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### Moraga Town Council Denounces Hate Crimes

By Sophie Braccini

**WHEREAS**, on September 7, 2009, evidence that a hate crime had been committed was discovered in Moraga; and

**WHEREAS**, the crime was motivated by race and has caused great emotional distress and fear for the victims and our entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, such crimes and incidents are an affront to community values and can damage the fabric of our society, if concerted and firm action is not taken to address and remedy such incidents whenever they occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Moraga supports and places a high value on the diversity and inclusiveness of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, all victims of hate crimes, their families, friends and supporters are deserving of full and complete support, sympathy and encouragement from all members of the Moraga community and the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council condemns in the strongest terms such criminal conduct, encourages all citizens to immediately report hate crimes, and asks that persons with information about hate crimes contact law enforcement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council that the Town of Moraga will continue to bring all of its resources to bear to prevent, and when necessary investigate and prosecute, any unlawful action or harassment of any person or persons, based on the victim's actual or perceived race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender.

It was a moment of community bonding at the Moraga Town Council meeting on September 23rd when Chief of Police Robert Priebe presented the above resolution denouncing hate crimes. ... continued on page 3

### Birds Attracts Crowd

By Andrea A. Firth



Tippi Hedren in the original sea blue/green Astin Martin used in *The Birds* Photo Ohlen Alexander

**B**irds can attract a crowd in Orinda. Almost every one of the 750 seats in the Orinda Theater was filled on Friday, September 18th for the screening of the Alfred Hitchcock thriller, *The Birds*. ... continued on page 4

Whether your dancing shoes are waiting longingly for you by the door or need to be dug out and dusted off, put 'em on because it's time again for the **Big Band Ball Room Dance!** The Big Band of Rossmoor will be in the main

theater at Moraga's Art Deco **Rheem Theatre on Friday, October 2.** Doors open at 7:00p.m.; kick up your heels from 7:30 -10:00 or lounge in one of the 300 seats that are ideal for music fans who just want to listen and watch.

**Tickets are \$10/person** and are available at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Rheem Theatre; call 284-7404 for reservations. For more information go to [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org).

### Battle of the Bands



By Guy Dotan

LaBORinda; BORaga; BORinda. Lamorinda teenagers have long bemoaned the lack of nearby entertainment and recreational opportunities. Here is where Lamorinda Teen Center Inc. comes in. This organization puts on events for locals to attend and enjoy, especially the teenagers. ... read on page 5

### Lamorinda Reads *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*



By Sophie Braccini

There are many ways to enter the Emerald City: The Hollywood way; the Wicked way; and the original 1900 Baum way, by picking up a copy of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. This year, for the third annual "Lamorinda Reads" program, the three local librarians have chosen to revisit the original novel written by L. Frank Baum, and reflect on the different interpretations ... Read on page 9

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