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Orinda Parties with Cars

And raises money for several worthy causes

By Lou Fancher

The sixth annual Orinda Classic Car Show started off with diamonds, dancing and 170 car lovers determined to celebrate classic cars and motorcycles. The opening night auction party, held under tents on Avenida de Orinda on September 24th, set the stage for the free, community car show the next day.

On Saturday, 152 shining examples of motor vehicle history provided plenty of excitement for the crowds. Between the oohs and aahs, people of all ages shared their knowledge and fascination with cars:

"I like this Lamborghini, because they competed with Ferrari. Lamborghini was tired of hearing Ferrari say no one could beat their cars, so he built these. I like them because you don't see them very often and,

well, they're just a beautiful car." -- Kyle Koeger (age 16), Orinda

"It's cool because it's big. It's called an Aero Racer, but they don't really know what it is. I'd like to drive it on the highway so I could show it off." -- Molly Stuart (10), Walnut Creek

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John Fiero in his 1988 Pontiac Fiero



Photos Ohlen Alexander

Orinda Triathlon for Fun and Health

By Lou Fancher

The second annual NorCal Kids Triathlon, Tri 4 Health, was a sweaty affair. With temperatures on September 25th soaring into the high 80's, participants were wet from start to finish.

The triathlon, organized to benefit the Orinda Community Foundation's youth programs, offers a safe, positive atmosphere for elementary-through-high school age athletes. For many of the kids, this was their first triathlon.

The competition is structured to encourage young children to participate; allowing training wheels, flotation devices and the option to form a relay team composed of three same-age children.

At the same time, the triathlon offered middle and high school athletes a serious challenge. A quick look at the stats – swim 200-300 yards, bike 3.4-4.6 miles, and run 1.25-2 miles – leaves no doubt the event was rigorous.

Sue Severson, a coordinator of this year's race, emphasizes the triathlon's dual goals: structured fun, and lifelong health. Teams of volunteers worked as course marshals along the bike route and a medical team was on hand

in case of an emergency. The NorCal website for the event includes ample information about nutrition, physical preparation and safety regulations for the race.

On Saturday, participants, families, and spectators cheered the young athletes. The Lamorinda Weekly asked the kids about their experience, what they did to prepare, and what they might change or repeat the next time they enter a triathlon. Here is what they had to say:

"It was tiring. I swam two laps, rode my bike, and I ran. And then, my dad poured water on my head. And then, I went to get ice cream."

Kathryn Park, 7, San Ramon

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Dollar Tree Going to Town Council

By Sophie Braccini



This photo, taken 9/24/10, shows Tuesday Morning's windows piled high with boxes and merchandise. Moraga planning staff indicated that this store had conditions placed on its permit requiring it to maintain a showroom-quality display; enforcement appears difficult.

Photo Wendy Scheck

Moraga's Town Council may have been hoping against hope that it would not have to deal with the Dollar Tree dilemma in an election year, but the dominoes are all lined up and toppling rapidly in that direction.

On September 20th the Planning Commission approved the application of

Dollar Tree Inc. to operate a retail store in the Rheem Center. The resolution included a set of conditions about the visual appearance of the store and its operations in order to mitigate potentially adverse impacts on neighboring businesses.

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Election 2010: Get Informed, Lamorinda!

The 2010 General Election is coming up on November 2; the majority of Lamorinda voters will use absentee ballots to vote by mail. You may want to hold on to that ballot until you've had a chance to hear the local candidates address the important issues facing our communities – several opportunities are coming up soon:

Lafayette City Council and School Board Candidate Forum, Thursday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. in the Sequoia Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road. Sponsored by the Lafayette Homeowners Council.

Moraga Town Council Candidate Forum, Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 1700 School Street. Sponsored by the Moraga Citizens Network with support from the Moraga Movers.

Orinda School Board Candidates Forum, Thursday, October 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room at Glorietta Elementary School, 15 Martha Road. Sponsored by The League of Woman Voters of Diablo Valley, the Orinda Education Association, and the Orinda Association.

Orinda City Council Candidate Forum, Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way. Sponsored by the Orinda Association.

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