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Campolindo Soccer Wins NCS Championship

Lamorinda soccer post-season results

Campolindo boys' soccer secured a number one seed in the NCS tournament and proved to be top dogs on Saturday, February 26 in the NCS championship game. The Cougars defeated local rival Acalanes, the number two seed, 3-2.

The Cougars got on the board first early in the match. Timmy Coleman headed in a goal just five minutes into play. The Dons responded quickly as Nick Pereira put in a loose ball in the 11th minute. The Dons' Dan Glascock scored again with minutes remaining in the half to give Acalanes a 2-1 lead at the break.

The Dons' lost a player to a red card and gave the Cougars a key penalty kick. In the 46th minute, Jaison Kimura scored on the penalty to tie the game at two each. The Cougars put the game away, 3-2, in the 77th minute off a header from Harlan Raine.

"The win feels incredible; it's all surreal. To come back to my alma mater and lead an amazing group of guys to every title we could win is a feeling that I'll never forget. The way the boys came together as a team, and more importantly as a family, has truly been something special, and the team deserves everything we've accomplished," Cougars' head coach Shane Carney said.

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Quote of the Week:

"When I use a word,
 Humpty Dumpty said, in a
 rather a scornful tone, 'it
 means just what I choose it
 to mean—neither more nor
 less.'"
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Lamorinda School Budgets—It's Another Roller Coaster Ride

With public school budgeting, it's often the cart before the horse. This year, like the past few years, school districts in Lamorinda are faced with developing the next year's school budgets without a clear picture of how much funding they will receive from the State.

The Governor has proposed flat funding for kindergarten through 12th grade schools, but the State's ability to provide this funding is contingent upon the extension of the current hike on income, sales, and vehicle taxes which are due to expire in June. Brown has proposed a June ballot measure to extend these taxes for an-

other five years. The tax extension will require 2/3 of the State legislators to approve placement on the ballot and a simple majority of the electorate for passage.

At press time, the battle to get the tax extension measure on the June ballot is being waged in Sacramento. In the meantime, local school districts are forced to plan for the worst case scenario. Districts must notify certificated staff, teachers and administrators, of potential lay-offs by March 15th.

A. Firth
 Read all about the our school districts' budgets on page A9

\$50K for Your Thoughts, Moraga?

By Sophie Braccini

The Moraga Town Council will pay consultants at least \$50,000 to find out if Moragans are willing to pay new taxes in order to address the Town's unfunded infrastructure needs.

The consultants, The Lew Edwards Group and Godbe Research, explained that \$50,000 would pay for the first phase of their work; when Council Member Ken Chew wondered aloud what the total cost of their services would be, up to the balloting, no estimate was provided.

The first phase of the consultants' work will include a survey of 300 scientifically-selected Moraga residents intended to es-

tablish the knowledge level of the population regarding the decay of the town's infrastructure and its willingness to pony up the funds needed to remedy the situation. The survey results will be presented to the Town Council in April and a game plan for the next phases of the project will be recommended.

In the meantime the civil engineering firm Leptien, Cronin, Cooper, Morris & Poore, Inc., also hired by the Town, will be developing tax formulas for pavement and storm drain maintenance, and generating totals by property designation.

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Saint Mary's Clinches WCC Conference Title, First Since 1997



By Bryant West

The Saint Mary's Gaels accomplished a goal 14 seasons in the making — a regular season crown. Reaching this end point was a roller coast ride, especially the last two weeks: Saint Mary's suffered a three game losing ... read on page S1

Life in Lamorinda L1-L10

MOFD's Rehab 41 Helps Keep Firefighters on the Job



By Lucy Amaral

This past February, Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) firefighters were at an accident scene for more than ten hours straight when a suspected car thief crashed a pick-up truck into an electrical pole on Camino Pablo ... read on page L2

Our Homes OH1-OH8

A Trio of Spanish Revival Jewels



By Sophie Braccini

It may not be obvious to today's readers, but the enormous popular success of the 1884 novel "Ramona," by Helen Hunt Jackson, is credited for the emergence of the Mission and Spanish colonial revival style ... read on page OH1