



Photos Andy Scheck

War Breaks Out in Moraga



Roger Boling loads the cannon

By Cathy Dausman

War broke out on the grounds of St. Mary's College March 19, but it was a brief and bloodless event. One hundred re-enactors, members of the California Historical Artillery Society, brought Civil War history to life on the college grounds. Soldiers, signalmen, sharpshooters, surgeons, nurses, and others explained their Civil War roles to the visiting public.

The four hour encampment highlighted the conclusion of the Hearst Art Gallery's "Lee and Grant" exhibition, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Poor weather cancelled outside skirmishes and

a Fife and Drum performance, and moved the cannons and drills to the Soda Center plaza.

"It would have been impossible for the [St Mary's] Lacrosse team to follow the Army of Northern Virginia onto the field if the planned battle had taken place," said organizer Heidi Donner. Still, Donner estimated the event drew a crowd of over 1,000.

Cannon shots fired on the hour echoed through the hillside and set off a few car alarms. But in the end, neither Blue nor Gray triumphed; the victor was most likely the rain.

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Quick Change at the Orinda Theater

By Andrea A. Firth

The sight of the blank marquee over the Orinda Theater puzzled residents who ventured by Theater Square on Friday, and speculation that the theater was closing fueled local rumor mills. The statement "closed pending new ownership" posted on the theater's website seemed to seal the movie house's fate. But by 7:00 p.m., the Orinda marquee was burning brightly, the movie Sucker Punch was playing on the main screen, and business appeared back to usual.

"It all happened very quickly," says Derek Zemrak, President and founder of the California Independent Film Festival (CAIFF). The non-profit CAIFF Association took over operation of the New Rheem Theater in Moraga in June of last year, and these same operators will now

manage the Orinda Theater under a different for-profit entity. "Basically we will run it as a seven-

Rheem and three at Orinda.) "You

won't necessarily see the same

movies running in both locations." ... continued on page A6



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5th Annual AUHSD Film Festival Coming Soon

By Rebecca Eckland

On April 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., students from Campolindo, Miramonte, Acalanes and JM Intermediate schools will be featured on "the red carpet" of the Fifth Annual Lamorinda Acalanes Union Film Festival ...read on page C9



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Klippert to Speak at Moraga Library



By Sophie Braccini

Zoë Klippert has lived in Moraga for close to 40 years. She was an original member of the prestigious San Francisco Chamber Singers (now Volti San Francisco), and among other jobs was a contract editor for the ... read on page L2

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Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

Monet's Masterpiece Makeover



In my youth, when I still considered myself a farmer as opposed to a gardener, I viewed the magnificent oil, "The Artist's Garden in Giverny" painted in 1900 by Claude Monet, now hanging in the Musee d'Orsay in Paris. It was love at first sight, partly because ... read on page D4