



1460 Moraga Road Suite F, Moraga, 925-376-7500

LOSE INCHES? STAR PILATES.

Acalanes Don Recalls the Early Days

By Cathy Dausman



Bud Moulthrop

Photo Cathy Dausman

Bud Moulthrop is an original, at least where Acalanes High School is concerned. A member of the class of 1944, he was in the first graduating class to complete all four years on campus. Moulthrop's family lived in Orinda on acreage at the end of Dias Dorados overlooking Miner Road.

Franklin Roosevelt declared war on Japan when Moulthrop was a freshman. His school bus route ran by Orinda Country Club. He says locals nicknamed the school "The Watch Factory" because of its flat building profile. Its parking lot was unpaved.

Lamorinda was "big time horse country," says Moulthrop. "Half the roads in Lafayette were paved; the other half were sand." The boys wore Levis or khaki slacks, collared shirts and tennis shoes or cowboy boots to school. The girls wore skirts and sweaters. Student population was a modest 300; "we just about knew everybody," Moulthrop says, and "everybody got along really well." Students danced to Glen Miller music before class.

During the 1940's in Lamorinda "nobody thought about money," Moulthrop recalls. Gas was plentiful, even during ra-

tioning, because the area was agriculturally based and eligible for generous "C" ration stickers. Teens earned their drivers license at age 14 or 15. Moulthrop got a car at 16 when he paid a friend \$50 for half-ownership in a 1929 Model A. He'd get picked up at home, and the two would swap driving chores halfway to school. During lunch or breaks, those that dared would quietly push their cars off the school's gravel lot so the noise of the oversized engines starting up wouldn't give them away.

In sports, Moulthrop recalls the Acalanes High School (AHS) swimming pool was built without copper or brass because those metals went to the war effort. The St. Mary's College men's basketball team played at the AHS' then-new gym, and the football field had lights. Moulthrop lettered in sports. He ran cross country, jumped hurdles and boxed. He had very little free time after school: "We tended Victory Gardens, kept bees and sold the combs," he says.

Pinning down Moulthrop about class work proves difficult. He remembers taking penmanship ("we had no computers"), and recalls a teacher named Joan

Orr. "I don't know what she taught," he says "but she was good looking!"

Thoughts of impending high school graduation brought a dose of reality. Moulthrop remembers thinking "I gotta go to work?" And work he did - as a Navy Petty Officer late in WW II and an Army Supply Officer during the Korean conflict. He graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1950 and married in 1951. He'll celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary this year. After a work stint in Southern California in the early 1950's, Moulthrop returned to the East Bay, and has settled less than

two miles from his alma mater.

Moulthrop hasn't attended a class reunion since 1984 but says

his classmates had "lots of pride" in Acalanes High School. It's apparent that he still does.

Classical Ballet

With Susan Edgren Williams

Training: SFB, Oakland Ballet, Danilova, RAD London, Europe.

Sign up now for Spring/Summer classes

Moraga Parks & Recreation 925-888-7045 Register online www.moraga.ca.us



Why buy a new car?



\$44,950 +

Higher Insurance Costs \$

Higher Financing Fees \$\$

Higher DMV Fees \$\$\$

Does your current vehicle fit your needs?



Do you really need a new car?

Orinda Motors

Will keep your vehicle on the road for a fraction of the cost of a new one
Full Service Maintenance & Repairs

"The expertise of a dealership with the feel of a small town garage."

Join us on facebook for monthly specials!

visit us on-line at www.orindamotors.com (925)254-2012

sign up for our "Free Car Care Clinic for Women" on May 14th!

Business Service Directory

Underpinning

Bay Area UNDERPINNING
GENERAL CONTRACTOR LIC. 047103
BUILDING FOUNDATIONS • LIFTING
LEVELING • STABILIZING
707 310-0602
www.bayareaunderpinning.org

Tutoring

SAT WRITING TUTORING

RAISE YOUR SCORE WITH A UNIQUE AND PROVEN PROGRAM. FLEXIBLE HOURS TO FIT YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE. INDIVIDUAL OR PAIRED TUTORING AND FUN WORKSHOPS.

MAUREEN GREEN
JD, Certified Member
Nat'l Tutoring Association
925-299-8735
mypreptutor@live.com
www.mypreptutor.com

Construction

Give your kitchen a facelift!

Limitless options on sizes, style, colors. Save time and money by re-facing instead of remodeling. Fine custom cabinets. No middleman.

C.P. Smith Construction
Lafayette, Phone: 925-283-6484
Email: kustomkitchens1@yahoo.com

Construction

GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Jacob Spilsbury - General Contractor
American owned and operated

**Renovation • Remodeling
Home Repair
Big & Small Jobs**

Bonded & Insured. Lic # 898775
925-825-5201

Pet sitting

LOVABLE PET-SITTING

Cats, Dogs, Birds, Fish **one FREE visit***

Play-Time - Walks - Feeding - Tender-Care - House-Sitting - References
15 Years Experience
Lamorinda

Linda Kucma (925) 746-4649

Pet sitting

READY TO GO Dog Walking

Pet Care Services

Call for more information & rates
925-457-5889

Certified Pet CPR
Bonded and Insured

- Thoughtful, sensitive attention to you and your pets needs
- Dog walking - your pet(s) only. No large groups! Off-leash hikes available
- Dogs to Horses and any pet in between

www.readygopetservices.com
No advertising on my vehicle insures your home's safety!

Gardening

J. Limon Gardening

Maintenance/Clean-up
Monthly Service
Sprinkler System Repair

Call Jose (925) 787-5743
License #: 018287

25 yrs. experience in Lamorinda

Advertise

Offer your Services here
Standard Rates (printed and online):

	1x	6x	12x	26x
Blk&white:	\$48	\$43	\$40	\$36
One color:	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$41
Full color:	\$60	\$54	\$49	\$44

design included, restrictions may apply
Call 925-377-0977