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These runners and hundreds more came from three counties to Acalanes High School to run, jump and throw at the Special Olympics' inaugural Bay Area Games. Acalanes coach in blue shirt with hat in the background. Photo Kevin Nguyen

## First-Ever Bay Area Games Competition a Winner at Acalanes

By Cathy Tyson

“Be sure to stay in your lane the whole way,” reminded the track starter as student-athletes giddy with excitement lined up on the Acalanes track to make a run for it.

Central casting could not have provided a better day. The brilliant blue sky and light breeze seemed to energize

the 330 student-athletes, roughly 65 Acalanes volunteers, cheerleaders, dignitaries and lots of law enforcement staff at the Special Olympics Bay Area Games held at Acalanes High School May 1. Supportive teammates and teachers lined the area to root them on. Nathan Roa, from the Bridge Transition Program, was “excited and nervous” at the same time.

The Special Olympics Schools Partnership Program enabled school districts and Special Olympics of Northern California to put together the day to celebrate accomplishments. It was funded through the generous support of Chevron.

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### Quote of the Week:

*"Some people may think the roads will be fixed even if they don't pay any money, but they are wrong!"*

Read one Boy Scout's Letter to the Editor, page A9

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## New Police Chief Seeks a Community Partnership

By Cathy Tyson



Police Chief Eric Christensen Photo Cathy Tyson

In office for about a month so far, Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen recently sat down for a wide-ranging interview about his new job. The friendly and engaging Christensen has ambitious plans for the department and is excited about serving the citizens of Lafayette. ... continued on page A8

## First Place for Lamorinda Weekly Photographer Doug Kohen



Congratulations to Lamorinda Weekly photographer Doug Kohen, who was honored last weekend by the California Newspaper Publishers Association at the conclusion of the 2012 Press Summit in San Jose. Kohen took first place in the 2011 Better Newspapers Contest, in the Sports



## State Champions!

Photo category among similar publications. The winning photo was published on the front page of our December 8, 2010 issue: State Champions! Campolindo Volleyball Takes the Title.

### Life in Lamorinda B1-B12

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## 50 Years of Baseball

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Sophie Braccini explores why creeks are a special joy, and a special challenge, for homeowners. D1