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Rehearsal at CAPA studio

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## CAPA Nutcracker – Lots of Work for a Great Show

By Sophie Braccini

Whether you love the Sugar Plum Fairy, the tin soldiers, the Nutcracker Prince or simply the magic of this holiday ballet, the California Academy of Performing Arts (CAPA) production of *The Nutcracker* this Friday, Saturday and Sunday is sure to

wow audience members as it has for the past 20 years. More than 100 girls from the local company, as well as parents and friends, participate in this classic. And it takes the whole CAPA-community to put the show together. For the 'CAPA-girls,' *The Nutcracker* represents a re-

curing dream as year after year dancers vie for one of the coveted leading roles. But according to parents, teachers and the girls themselves, they compete while keeping a spirit of cooperation and support for each other.

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"Either my high school has an unusually low number of LGBT students, or some are simply too afraid to let others know that they're homosexual." Read Letters to the Editor, page A8

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## Grandparent Scam Taking Advantage of Trusting Seniors

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

By Cathy Tyson

Scammers preying on elderly victims are at it again, according to Lafayette Chief of Police Eric Christensen. "We've seen a dramatic increase in the amount of email and telephone scams lately," said Christensen. The latest ruse involves a phone call allegedly from the consulate in Lima, Peru claiming a granddaughter or grandson is in danger or has been arrested and needs from \$1,000 to \$1,800 in order to pay a fine and be released from jail. Would-be criminals instruct potential victims to get cash out of their bank, then use Western Union to send the funds to Peru. Recently a quick-thinking clerk at a CVS store with a Western Union outlet was able to persuade a senior citizen that it

**City of Lafayette Police Department: Crime Bulletin**  
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**GRANDPARENT SCAM**

The City of Lafayette Police Department is alerting residents to a recent crime trend that is affecting our neighborhoods. The purpose of this bulletin is to prevent additional residents from falling victim to this type of crime.

was a scam. The chief offers this advice: if a mystery solicitor claims a grandchild or loved one is in trouble and needs money to resolve the situation, take a few minutes to attempt to contact that person to verify if they are indeed in trouble. Next, if you have any questions, call the police. "We're here to help," said Christensen. ... continued on page A12

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