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Rescued Cats Seek Good Homes

Submitted by Michelle Wilson



Photos provided



hen Judy Michel received a call from a childhood friend in Texas asking for help when she could no longer care for the loving cats she had rescued - and their kittens - due to financial hardship, removal of the animals by authorities was imminent since local shelters were full. Michel's friend traveled for several days, bringing the 20 cats, from 10 months to 5 years old, on a non-stop trip from Texas to Moraga, since there was no lodging available for the cats along the way. Now Michel and Michelle Wilson – who are housing the kittens in a Moraga home and the adult cats in a backyard home in Alamo have the task of finding forever homes for these healthy and happy felines. You can see pictures of the cats at www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNe8XH 85Kw. If you are interested in adopting one of the cats, contact Michel at princessbunny@comcast.net or Wilson at mdw442@sbcglobal.net.

Moraga Lions Club Awards Students for Academic Effort

Submitted by Dan Hagan



From left: Dan Hagan, president Moraga Lions Club, Stanley Middle School student Drew Kuzmin-Batchelor and his mother Diane Batchelor. Not pictured, Gennifer Birkenfield-Malpass.

who has demonstrated perseverance, diligence, and aga Intermediate School sixth-graders Randall Gee the outcome of each student.

our Lamorinda students were recently awarded and Mateo Larson, and Gennifer Birkenfield-Malpass the Moraga Lions Club Pride Award for demon- from St. Perpetua School in Lafayette each received a strating outstanding academic effort. The award is plaque and a \$50 check as part of their award. Stupresented to a student between fifth and eighth grade dents were selected by their teachers for such things as improving their GPAs, serving as role models, teamwork in striving to overcome academic obstacles showing hard work and determination, going the extra to the best of their ability. Stanley Middle School mile, and showing insight and empathy. Teachers eighth-grader Drew Kuzmin-Batchelor, Joaquin Mor- were also recognized for their dedication to improve





Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School students Randall Gee and Mateo Larson (center) hold plaques presented by the Moraga Lion's Club. Photo Andy Scheck