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Children rush to gather colored eggs tucked in the grass at Moraga Commons Park.

Photo Andy Schreck

## Smiles Abound at 'Egg-citing' Spring Egg Hunt

By Cathy Dausman

It was a BYOB (bring your own basket) event Saturday at Moraga Commons Park during the 33rd annual Spring Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Moraga Junior Women's Club. "Members used to hard-boil eggs and hand dye them for the event," said JWC member

Debbie Purcell. She said the club produced 1,200 eggs its first year. On the sun-dappled day this past weekend in Moraga, the hillsides at the Commons were covered with colorfully-clad children, 8 and under, searching for toy- and sticker-filled eggs and enjoying games, face painting,

crafts and bounce houses.

Families arrived with cameras in hand to catch the action. If you missed the excitement, or if your kids crave a double dose, several Lamorinda events are scheduled the day before Easter. ...continued on page A11



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## Possible Closure of Del Valle Campus

What about expensive improvements funded by voter-approved Measure E?

By Cathy Tyson



Photo Cathy Tyson

The recent class brochure that Lamorinda households received may be the last one they'll ever get from Acalanes Adult Education with class listings for the spring quarter at Del Valle Education Center. Due to a substantial deficit at Acalanes Union High School District caused by implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula and changes due to AB 86 – a statewide program to grant funds to regional consortia to create and implement a plan to better provide for adult workforce development, not

enrichment programs – the doors may have to close at Del Valle.

Unfortunately the first step in the process is the layoff of a number of full-time staffers at the recently renovated Tice Valley campus, including popular Del Valle Education Center Director Frank Acojido, who has been in charge for 14 years. His last day will be June 30.

The deficit at AUHSD is almost \$2 million, despite taking into account cost savings where possible, some retirements, narrowing of elective choices for high school students and more. Administrators with the district had long characterized the base level funding provided through the new funding formula as "inadequate." School districts with a higher percentage of English language learner students, foster youth and lower income students receive additional funding. AUHSD has few students who fall into those categories.

The intent of AB 86 is to improve the delivery of adult education, focusing on skills required to obtain a high school diploma or equivalency, classes for citizenship and English as a second

language, education programs for adults with disabilities, and short-term career-oriented technical education programs.

Classes offered at Del Valle reflect the interests of older students from the Lamorinda area, Rossmoor and Walnut Creek: art, film, quilting, money management, foreign languages, and fitness classes. Although career technical classes and English as a second language are offered, the majority of classes are enrichment oriented.

Caught between substantial deficit spending as the district grapples with new local control funding formula and restrictions tied to AB 86, Acojido calls the situation frustrating. He described this segment of the population as not being served by the state. He points out that enrichment options help keep those 55 and over engaged and active in the community, and it helps them maintain mental acuity. Current Del Valle students have been vocal about the unfortunate situation and have started a Moveon.org petition. Proponents are also encouraged to write their legislators to increase funding geared toward lifelong learning for older adults. ... continued on page A11

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