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The 11th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show Weekend
 Friday Night Pre-Party, September 11th, 6:00pm
"DANCING WITH THE CARS"
FUN FUN FUN (till her daddy takes the T-Bird away)
 This all-inclusive event will feature a totally awesome exhibit of Shelby Cobras, along with other primo classic cars of the era. Tropical cocktails, a luscious menu, silent and live auctions, and dancing to the surf-inspired songs of the Beach Boys and Jan and Dean.
 Space is limited so don't wait. NO WALK-INS WILL BE ALLOWED.
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Row With Champions – a Beautiful Regatta for a Cause

By Sophie Braccini

With temperatures in the 70s and a light breeze, it looked like it was going to be a perfect day for the first all-level rowing regatta sponsored by Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary and Oakland Strokes last Saturday, Aug. 22 at San Pablo Reservoir in Orinda. According to Daniel

Herbert, who is a member of both groups, it had never been done before: putting people who have never rowed through a 15-minute crash training course and sending them onto the water to compete.

The music, the food and the location made for a fun event,

all in support of four good causes. But even the most organized event can be undone by bad weather. At the end of the meet, as the wind picked up, the last race had to be canceled, leaving a few teams disappointed.

Twenty-eight teams registered a boat in the race.

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Creek Culverts: The Weakest Links of the Moraga Storm Drain System

By Sophie Braccini



Las Trampas Creek crossing at Bollinger Canyon Road

Photo provided

After reviewing the storm drain pipes for corrosion and damage at the beginning of the year, the town of Moraga worked with consulting civil engineers Schaaf and Wheeler to study the ca-

capacity of the drainage system to handle a 10-year storm without overflow and property damage. The combined outcome of the studies resulted in the Storm Drain Master Plan that was adopted by the

council this summer. The plan highlights the weaknesses of the system: narrow, obstructed or damaged pipes and under-capacity culverts. The plan does not say, however, how the town will finance the \$8.9 million of high priority work, let alone the \$26 million to completely address the issues.

At the beginning of the year, Schaaf and Wheeler conducted a televised study of drains to assess possible corrosion and wear. The study determined that \$363,000 out of \$513,000 worth of work was high priority repair and recommended including it as part of the pavement project. The highest of all priorities as far as repairs are concerned is the large 8-foot diameter Rheem Center culvert that conveys water from Laguna Creek. It runs under a privately owned parcel, and it is unclear if a public drainage easement exists.

Schaaf and Wheeler's recent study focused on the capacity of the drainage system – gutters, inlets, pipes, culverts, and creeks – to handle a 10-year flood. A 10-year flood has a 10 percent probability of happening every year.

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