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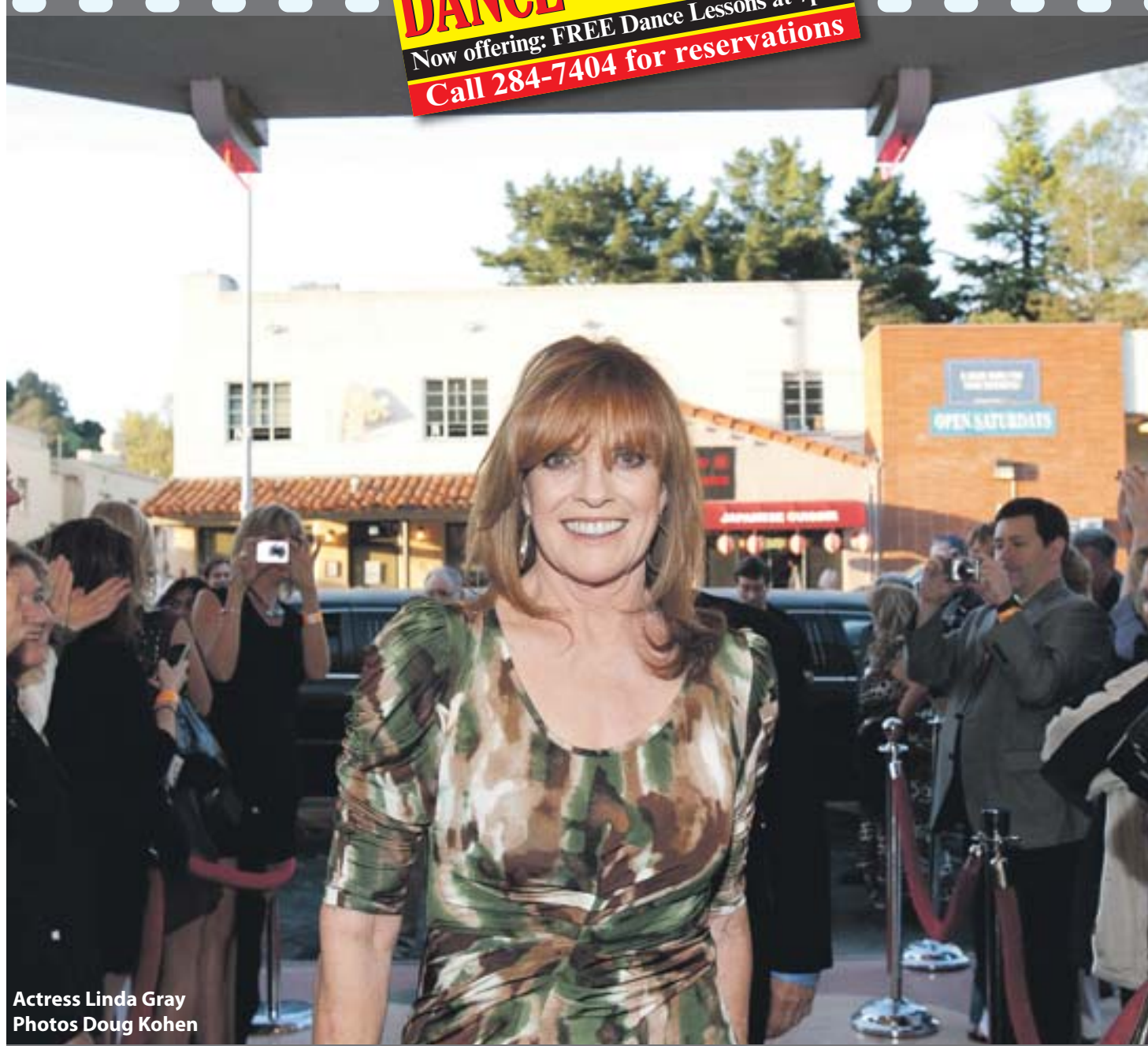
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BIG BAND BALL ROOM DANCE
The Big Band of Rossmoor
Friday, May 7th 8:00 P.M.
Veterans Memorial Building, \$10 per person at the door
Now offering: FREE Dance Lessons at 7pm!
Call 284-7404 for reservations



Actress Linda Gray
Photos Doug Kohen



Visitors from Sapporo, Japan



(L to R) Laura Abrams, Derek Zemrak, Lainie Kazan, Linda Gray, Oleya Rulin, Victoria Smith, Tom McCormick, and Leonard Pirkle

Indie Film Festival—A Big Draw for Orinda

By Andrea A. Firth

In its new home in the historic Orinda Theater, the California Independent Film Festival (CAIFF) screened 75 movies last weekend. In addition to the variety of independent film options, movie-goers had the opportunity to interact directly with filmmakers and participate in Q&A sessions with the actors. "We are happy with how things went this year," stated

CAIFF Executive Director Leonard Pirkle, adding, "With the move to Orinda, we retained the intimate feel of the independent film festival, and we gained a greater sense of community."

Here are some highlights from the four-day Festival: The Festival kicked off with a VIP reception in Theater Square attended by Hollywood celebri-

ties and local dignitaries including Orinda's Mayor Tom McCormick, Vice Mayor Victoria Smith and City Council Member Sue Severson, along with Lamorinda Film and Entertainment Foundation Board members Laura Abrams and David Mayeri, to name just a few.

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Quote of the Week:

"As a youth, I did not appreciate the excellent education Lamorinda schools provide... my husband and I moved back to Lafayette for the schools."

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Take Back the Night at Saint Mary's College

By Sophie Braccini



Students march to 'take back the night;' on the left, Karen Mendonca and William Foley Photo Sophie Braccini

It's impossible to translate the emotion permeating the room at "Take Back the Night" at Saint Mary's College (SMC) on April 22nd; impossible to convey the intensity of the silence that enveloped the room as participants told their

own stories of physical and sexual violence; impossible to transmit through words the electrifying feeling given by the survivors, as their strength and resilience was evoked through their stories. Historically, it is women who have had

reason to fear walking alone at night and that is why "Take Back the Night" began some 30 years ago in Brussels, Belgium. The movement has spread all over the world; SMC and the Women's Crisis Center have been participating for years. This year, the Town of Moraga declared its solidarity with the campus on this issue and proclaimed the month of April, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

Most participants came with stories, but a few came with facts and statistics. When Lieutenant Jeff Price of the Moraga Police Department took the stage, he presented data about the town. "We investigated four cases of rape in 2009, and 11 cases of domestic violence," said Price, "our work usually starts at the hospital and the earlier the incident is reported the easier it is for us to investigate."

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Congratulations to This Year's California Distinguished Schools:
Del Rey Elementary, Orinda
Happy Valley Elementary, Lafayette
Sleepy Hollow Elementary, Orinda
These schools join the ranks of Lamorinda schools that have received this distinction in the past three years, which are:
Acalanes High, Campolindo High, Miramonte High, Joaquin Moraga Intermediate, Stanley Middle, Glorietta Elementary, Lafayette Elementary, and Wagner Ranch Elementary.
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Acalanes Baseball takes on Rivals

By Guy Dotan

It was rivalry week for Lafayette baseball as the Acalanes Dons faced off against both Campolindo and Miramonte. The Matadors and Cougars finished first and second, respectively, in last year's DEAL standings and the Dons were out to prove that they, too, are a powerhouse in the league. ... read on page S1

A LEAP of Faith



Vanessa Zahorian Photo Erik Tomas-

By Lou Fancher

A leap is an ordinary thing. It's a jump from one foot to the other, sometimes over a puddle, or the rubbery toy a child has left on the stair, and hardly cause for celebration. But LEAP, the innovative, transformational program for professional dance artists at St. Mary's College (SMC) is something altogether different. ...read on page L5

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