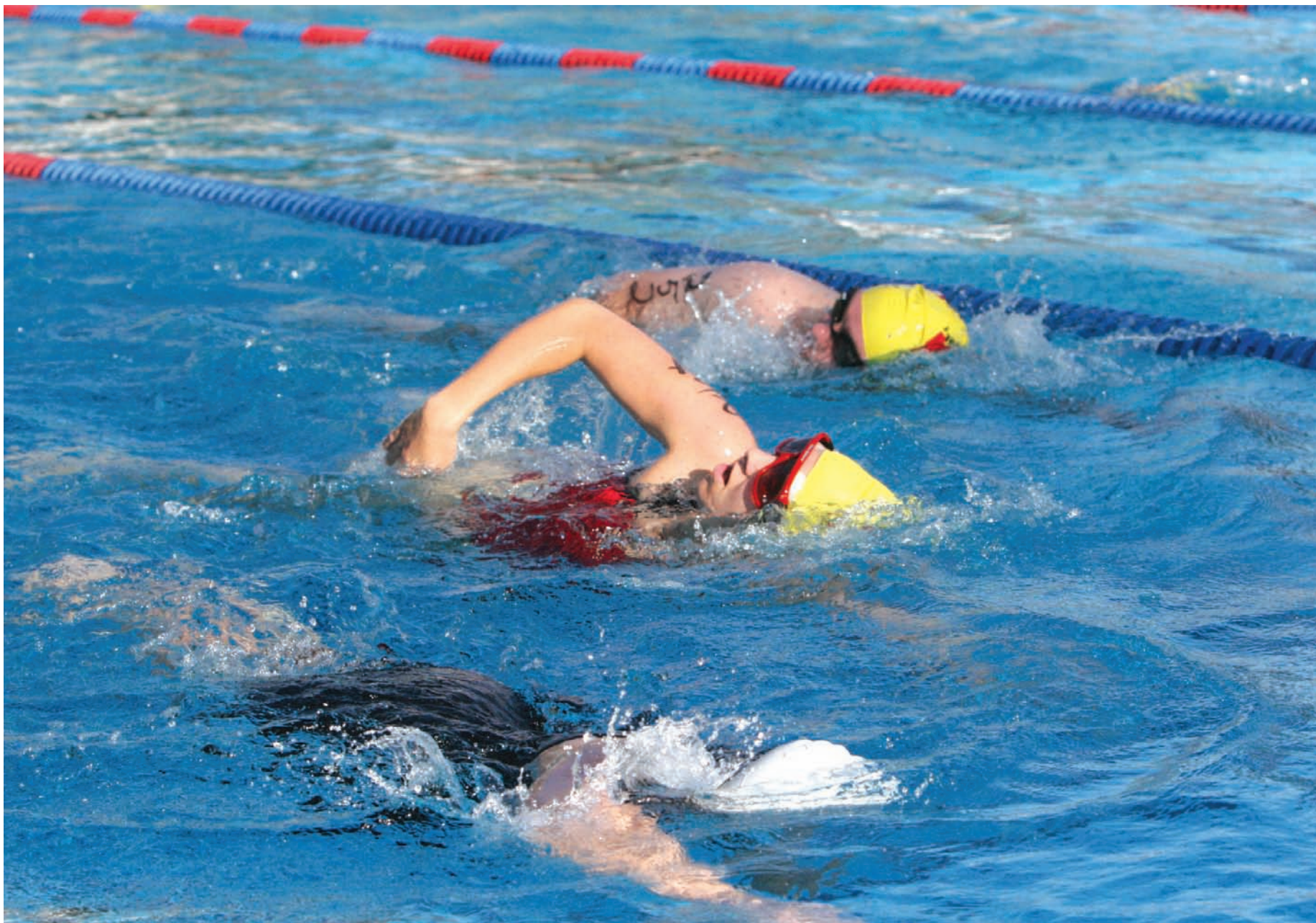


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The triathlon started with a 400M swim

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Great things come in threes: Cary Grant, Gene Kelly, and Audrey Hepburn, The Three Stooges, or Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga. In the sports world, the "Threes" principle comes in the form of the triathlon. Under last Saturday's blue skies, triathletes from around the area came out for the debut of the Moraga Treeline Triathlon. With participants of all ages, the triathlon exuded enthusiasm and determination. Although temperatures were in the 80's, these triathletes demonstrated immense fitness levels, with almost all of them completing the full course. The triathlon began at 6 a.m., when participants checked-in at Campolindo High School, where the event began and ended. Event officials estimated that a little over 270 triathletes registered-- an astounding number for a first-time event.

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## First Annual Moraga Triathlon

By Jaime Zepeda

### Slow Down Lamorinda

By Steve Angelides and Lee Borrowman

In the aftermath of three speed-related deaths in Lamorinda in recent months, the Mayors, City Managers, and Police Chiefs of the three Lamorinda communities met over lunch on Friday April 13th and decided they had to do something. So they came up with a campaign to crack down on speeders in Lamorinda, which they are calling "Slow Down Lamorinda."

For each of the next 12 weeks, in each of the Lamorinda communities, police officers from the three jurisdictions, assisted at times by California Highway Patrol officers, will target certain streets for zero-tolerance speed enforcement. The locations of the crackdown will be well publicized in advance each week through the media, schools, and community organizations to draw attention to the goal of the campaign—to get Lamorinda drivers to slow down.

When Moraga Mayor Metcalf reported on the campaign to the Moraga Town Council last week, he said the enforcement would be "saturation, with lots of cops." He explained that officers from all of the jurisdictions would be working together at the same location, and that any of them could issue tickets to violators.

Traffic enforcement campaigns may not be inherently popular, but Moraga Police Chief

Mark Ruppenthal drew a round of applause when he unveiled the campaign to the Chamber of Commerce of Moraga last week, and Lamorinda officials held a public kickoff of the campaign at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road, which has been dubbed the worst intersection in Lamorinda.

Since the recent deaths, residents in Lafayette and Moraga have been begging officials to take action.

Following the fatal accident near Acalanes High School in March, Lafayette residents came out for a "slow down" campaign during the morning rush. An advisory committee composed of local residents and city officials was formed to develop a plan to reduce speeds along that corridor. When new Police Chief Mike Hubbard helped present the plan at a meeting on April 11, he told a large crowd that addressing the speeding problem

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## Slow Down Lamorinda!

"Slow Down Lamorinda" is a Traffic enforcement campaign of Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda.

required a three-prong approach: "Education, enforcement and engineering."

Last year Lafayette residents narrowly failed to pass ballot Measure P, a parcel tax which would have provided additional police funding. According to City Manager Steve Falk, speaking at a meeting several weeks ago,

the city conducted an informal exit poll which indicated that the number one reason voters did not support the measure was because "they did not want to get more tickets." Since then Lafayette has taken a leading role in developing local traffic calming methods.

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### EBMUD Declares Water Shortage

By Sophie Braccini

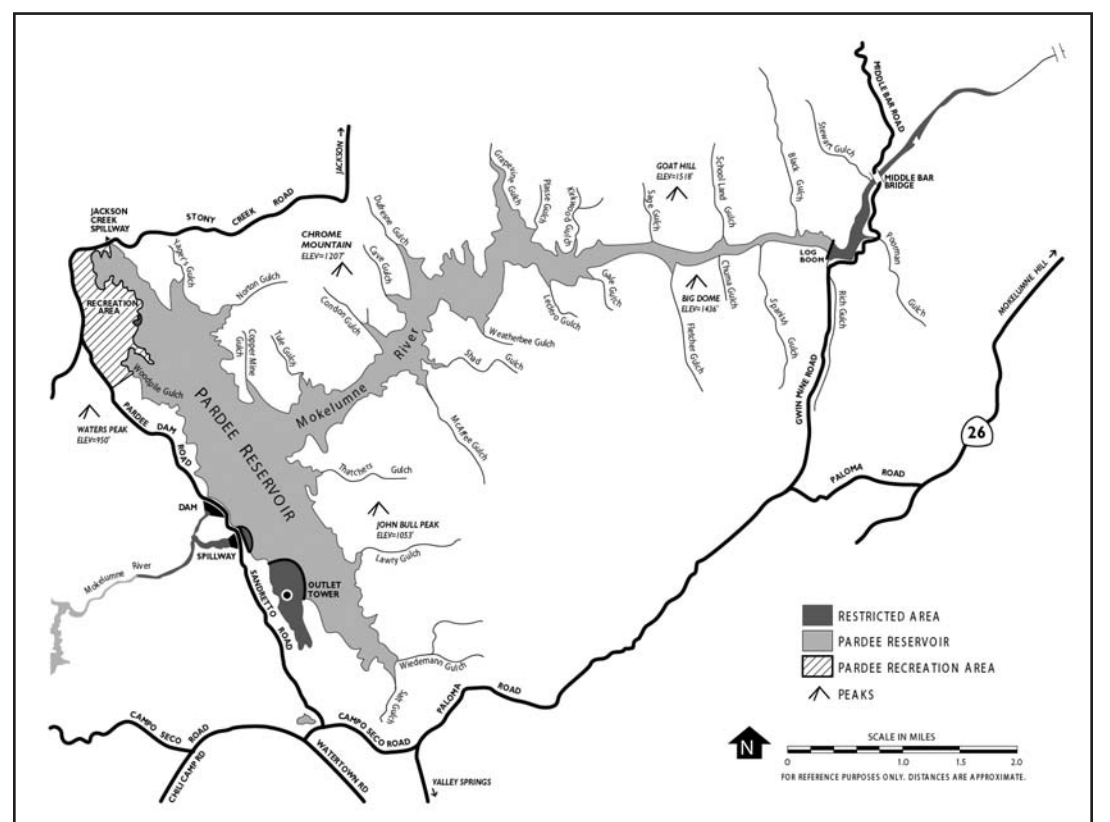
Our situation today

Every year in April, the East Bay Municipal Utility District estimates its reserves until the end of the "water year" (end of September). This winter has been the driest since 1988 and the projected level in our reservoirs falls below 500 Thousand of Acre-Feet (TAC): 80% of their capacity. The first part of EBMUD's drought plan has been activated, and on April 24th the Agency released a statement urging for voluntary water conservation. The biggest area of water consumption is outdoor use. Users are urged to water their lawns only 3 times a week (not consecutively) at night or very early morning, and to check for leaks. Large irrigators, such as golf courses and parks, are asked to reduce their usage by 25%.

Where does our water come from?

In 1923 EBMUD was formed by voters weary of an inadequate water supply; the fresh water creeks in our area were no longer providing enough water. The utility company set its sights on the Sierra, diverting water from the Mokelumne River and the Pardee Dam. Today, the water from the Mokelumne pipeline feeds EBMUD's water treatment plants and is piped to our homes and businesses. The Sierra water, along with run-offs, feeds the Briones, San Leandro, and Upper San Leandro dams that store a 6 months emergency supply. The Lafayette and Chabot reservoirs are primarily recreational.

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The Pardee Reservoir is about 80 miles east of Lamorinda

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# Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

# Lafayette

## Calendar

**City Council** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Monday, May 14

**Planning Comm.** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Thursday, May 3

**Design Review** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Tuesday, May 8

**Park, Trails, Rec.** 7pm  
Community Center  
500 St Mary's Road  
Wednesday, May 9

**Circulation** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Monday, May 7

**Emergency Prep.** 9:15am  
City Offices  
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite 265  
Wednesday, May 9

**Senior Services** 4pm  
Community Center, Alder Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Thursday, May 24

**Youth Services** 6pm  
Community Center, Elderberry Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Monday, May 14

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for:  
• all meeting notes  
• calendar updates  
Chamber of Commerce:  
<http://www.lafayettechamber.org>  
for:  
• local businesses  
• upcoming events



**Auto Burglary** 4/17/07  
Smashed front passenger window of vehicle at Jewish Day School, between 12 and 12:15 in the afternoon. Approximately \$930 worth of merchandise stolen, \$230. worth of damage to the car. No suspects.

**Traffic stop with alcohol** 4/20/07  
Officer pulled over vehicle eastbound on Mt. Diablo Boulevard for an unsafe lane change at approximately 11:30p.m. Driver and three passengers, all under 21, were in possession of open containers of beer.

**Strong Arm Robbery**, 4/22/07  
Victim was approached from behind in the Safeway parking lot on Mt. Diablo Boulevard at 3:00 in the afternoon. A demand for his money was made, victim handed over \$74. from his pants pocket. Victim did not see assailant. Safeway management reports that the main parking lot is not covered by video surveillance.

## Slow Down Lamorinda

Last week Moraga residents packed what was supposed to be a procedural meeting of the Town's newly-formed Traffic Safety Advisory Commission to demand action. Metcalf said the Town has responded to those demands by agreeing that it will put out mobile speed monitoring devices and park a police car, sometimes empty and sometimes staffed by a police officer, on Rheem Boulevard, where one of the recent deaths occurred.

The Healthy Choices Committees of Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte High Schools are currently actively engaged in establishing programs to specifically address issues surrounding teenage drivers. Promising among the possible plans is a program that employs peer pressure to encourage more responsible behaviors.

In addition to launching a campaign against

speeding, the Lamorinda officials decided at their meeting on April 13th that their second priority would be substance abuse. When Ruppenthal spoke to the Moraga Chamber last week, he noted that of the six items in the Moraga police blotter of the last issue of the Lamorinda Weekly, three were for driving under the influence and one was for possession of alcohol and marijuana by a juvenile.

However, so far officials have offered no details of what additional steps they plan to take to address the substance abuse issue. "We'll see what happens during the 12 weeks (of the speeding campaign) and take it from there," Ruppenthal said. The City of Lafayette already has an active drug-enforcement program, which has seen particular success in dealing with methamphetamine-related crimes.

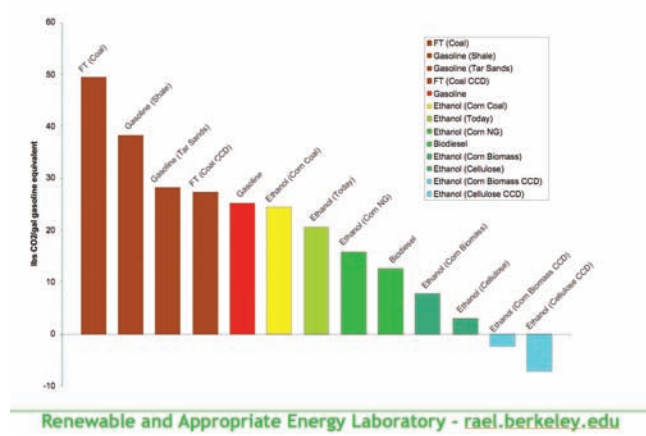
## Acalanes Students Challenge the Community on Global Warming

By Sophie Braccini

When they're passionate, young people have a way of sharing their enthusiasm that's quite powerful. Our youth want to challenge us to act today to fight against global warming. On Earth Day, Acalanes High School students presented the results of a year of study and research on the subject. According to seniors Kennan Cronen and Jeremy Wolff, the question is no longer

Professor Kammen presented his research and understanding of the problem. For the scientist, transportation is the single most important factor influencing carbon levels in our atmosphere. It's clear that we have to find alternatives to burning gasoline; not because we have less and less fossil fuel at our disposal but because of the overwhelming evidence that emission of CO2 is creat-

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whether global warming is happening, but what can we do to prevent a global catastrophe. To convince us and propose solutions, the Acalanes students led by teachers Janet Thomas and Thomas McNamara, invited Professor Dan Kammen, of UC Berkeley's Energy and Resources Group, to speak on the subject. **THE PROBLEM WITH GASOLINE IS NOT SUPPLY, IT'S POLLUTION**

ing a future that threatens us and our children. **CALIFORNIA TAKES THE LEAD**  
Kammen emphasized the fact that even though the United States represents only 5% of the world's population, it consumes 25% of the world's energy. According to Kammen, the Federal Government is not doing enough to address the problem. On the other hand California's Govern-

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## It's Time for the Concert

at the Reservoir  
By Laura Sydora

If your idea of a good time includes good music, good food and a friendly outdoor atmosphere, mark your calendars for May 19!

On May 19, 2007 the Lafayette Rotary Club will host its 14th Annual Concert at the Res., at the Lafayette Reservoir from 1:00 PM to 4:00PM. With guaranteed free admittance, refreshments and raffle tickets sold by the Rotary Club and local schools performing in the concert, the event is sure to be a hit.

According to Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jay Lifson, the concert has been very successful over the years. "It began when a Lafayette Rotarian, Dick Holt, dreamed up a way for his local Rotary Club to help local schools," explained Lifson. The Rotary Club of Lafayette donates money from the event to help support local school music programs, such as buy new instruments. Last year, the club wrote checks to Acalanes for \$1,500 and Bentley for \$500. "Not bad," commented Lifson, "considering the event was cancelled after three songs because of rain."

Money is also raised to fund the Rotary Club's other local projects, such as The Contra Costa Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Trust in Education and Hospice.

This year, concert attendees can expect to see talented performances by the Stanley Symphonic Band led by Bob Athayde. Also performing is the Big

Band of Rossmoor led by Mo Levich, Lafayette's 2007 Business Person of the Year. The Rossmoor Big Band has been very involved in the Lafayette music scene. They have mentored for many of the local young musicians. Finally, the Bentley School Jazz combo led by Brian Pardo and the Acalanes Wind Ensemble led by Rick Meyer will take the stage.

Concert at the Res. has been an event hosted by the Rotary Club for the past thirteen years. Lifson described the reason for the choice of location is due to the fact that, "the reservoir is our most treasured outdoor area in Lafayette. What better back drop than the lake?" The Lafayette Reservoir is an ideal location for the concert as it not only provides for a beautiful setting, but can hold a notable number of people.

Few events are allowed to take place at the reservoir, but "EBMUD has been very willing to work with us on the event," explained Lifson. This year, the Rotary Club expects around 500 people to attend the concert, if weather conditions are permitting. Each year, a stage is erected for the event and then taken down and stored, but there are plans underway to build a permanent stage in the near future.

If your Saturday is looking a little drab, then drop by the reservoir for a couple hours. Your attendance will be more than well received.

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# Moraga

## Calendar

- City Council 7:30pm**  
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School  
1010 Camino Pablo  
Wednesday, May 9
  - Planning Comm. 7:30pm**  
Hacienda, La Sala Room  
2100 Donald Drive  
Monday, May 7
  - Design Review 7:30pm**  
Hacienda, La Sala Room  
2100 Donald Drive  
Monday, May 14
  - Park & Rec. 7:30pm**  
Hacienda, Mosaic Room  
2100 Donald Drive  
Tuesday, May 15
  - Youth Involvement 7:30pm**  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Thursday, May 10
  - Liaison 8:00am**  
Fire Station  
1280 Moraga Way  
Friday, May 11
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**D.U.I., 4/20/07** A vehicle was pulled over at the 7-11 shortly after midnight for driving without headlights on. The vehicle's 20-year-old operator showed signs of alcohol intoxication. Blood alcohol level was checked at the Moraga Police station and found to be .13%.

**Stolen Car, 4/21/07** A 1991 Honda Accord was parked at the curb near Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School at just after 3:00 in the afternoon. When owner returned, he saw that his car was gone. The car was later found on Corte Maria, with only damage to the ignition, and released to the owner.

**Petty Theft, 4/24/07** Campolindo High School Freshman left his 30 GB iPod Video in his locker in the boy's locker room during P.E. He closed his locker, but his lock is "jammed" and can be opened without force. The name of a possible sophomore suspect was passed along to school administration and the police. Estimated value approximately \$350.

**Deceased Person 4/25/07** A 31 year old male was found unconscious by his ex-girlfriend. Moraga-Orinda Fire Department responded and declared the male deceased. The cause of death is under investigation

## Commons Neighbors Sound Off on Concert Noise Exemption

By Steve Angelides

Seven neighbors of the Moraga Commons submitted comments to the Town Council about the proposal to exempt Moraga's popular summer concerts and other Town-authorized events from Moraga's sound ordinance. Two of those comments were from attorneys who claimed the Town must prepare a full-blown environmental impact report before it can enact such an exemption.

The proposed exemption comes in the aftermath of a lawsuit filed by Commons neighbor Joyceanne Beacham against the Town and the Moraga Parks and Recreation Foundation, which puts on the summer concerts. Beacham's lawsuit had claimed that the concerts, which draw hundreds of residents and guests to the Moraga Commons on Thursday evenings during the summer, are a nuisance.

Beacham submitted one of the comments, in which she said she had dropped her lawsuit in November 2006 "because the town agreed to actively work on a resolution to the noise transfer issue." But Beacham dismissed her lawsuit without prejudice, so she can file it again if she is not satisfied

with the Town's efforts to resolve the noise issue.

In her comment, Beacham implied that she might do just that. "This proposal is an affront to neighbors near the park who have been asking the Town to resolve this issue for twenty years," Beacham wrote.

The proposed exemption would strike at the heart of lawsuits such as Beacham's. According to the Town's attorney, Gabrielle Whelan, enacting a properly-worded exemption would give the Town immunity against future claims that the concerts are a nuisance. Although enactment of the proposed exemption would not prevent Beacham from filing her lawsuit again, if it succeeded in granting immunity as Whelan stated, it would prevent Beacham from prevailing against the Town on a nuisance claim.

The exemption was suggested by attorney Peter Urhausen, who represented the Town against Beacham's lawsuit. The Town's Parks and Recreation Commission approved the wording of the proposed exemption by a 4 to 2 vote on March 20.

Besides exempting the summer concerts and other Town-authorized events from the Town's sound ordinance and stating that such events "cannot be deemed a nuisance," the proposal specifies that "such events may exceed 60 decibels at any listening point on any other property." 60 decibels is the typical level of normal conversation.

Lily Wescott, one of the two dissenting Parks and Recreation Commissioners, voted against the exemption because she objected to the provision that concert noise "may exceed 60 decibels." Instead Wescott wanted an upper limit placed on the noise. Whelan explained to the Town Council that she and Urhausen felt the provision permitting noise to exceed 60 decibels would give the Town stronger support for immunity from future nuisance claims, but that an upper limit could also be added without weakening that immunity.

Parks and Recreation Director Penelope Leach, who presented the exemption proposal to the Town Council at its meeting on April 25, explained to the Council that the exemption proposal is the first prong of a three-pronged approach to the concert noise issue. Leach said the other two prongs are to come up with ways to continue to mitigate sound transfer from the summer concerts, and to continue to offer the concerts and other events such as the 4th of July and the Pear Festival to people in Moraga "because they are an important part of our culture."

Leach told the Council that the Foundation has purchased a new sound board and will require the bands to plug their equipment into its sound board, so it has control of the sound level. She said the speakers will be removed from the roof of the bandshell and placed on the stage, and that during the concerts the Town will monitor sound levels in the areas where the complaining neighbors reside using a trained person with calibrated equipment.

The Council was unable to vote on the proposed exemption because no environmental analysis had been done. Town Manager Phil Vince said the Town would hire a consultant to conduct an initial environmental analysis to determine whether

the Town could issue a negative declaration if the proposed exemption would not impact the environment, or would be required to conduct a full-blown environmental impact report as the two complaining attorneys claim.

Two of the comments submitted were not about the concert noise, but were from residents who wanted to make sure the proposed exemption would not extend to private property. One of those was from J.D. O'Connor, who said he had repeatedly experienced loud rap music emanating from the St. Mary's College area. Vince said the Town's current sound ordinance is so vague and subjective it would be difficult and costly to enforce in such a situation.



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## Tour of the Moraga Barn: A Landmark Turning Green

By Sophie Braccini

On Saturday May 5th, Canyon Construction will offer tours of the historic Moraga Barn, the landmark they are renovating to the highest environmental standards. The contractor is aiming for "Platinum Leed" certification, an extremely demanding standard in design, construction, and operation for high performance green buildings. The Tour will showcase how to combine the latest techniques in solar tiles, geothermic, water collection, isolation material, concrete, use of recycled material, ventilation, and passive solar design with the conservation of original material and outside esthetics. Registration

for the Tour will be from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Canyon Construction's booth at the Moraga Energy Fair, held in the Moraga Center (corner of Moraga Way and Moraga road). The Fair exhibits vendors and non-profits presenting tools and techniques available today to reduce energy consumption. The Energy Fair is part of the Moraga Beautiful week sponsored by the Town and the Chamber of Commerce of Moraga. At the Moraga Center, a Health and Safety exhibition will take place and at the Rheem Center the Arts, Wine and Merchants Fair will present local products and businesses.

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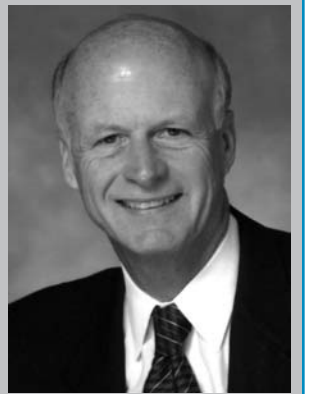
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# Orinda

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Special City Council 12pm	Room 6, Community Center 26 Orinda Way
Thursday, Apr 19	
City Council 7pm	Auditorium, Orinda Library 24 Orinda Way
Tuesday, Apr 30	
Planning Comm. 7pm	Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road
Tuesday, Apr 24	
Traffic Advisory 7pm	Mayor's Conf. Rm, City Offices 14 Altarinda Road
Monday, Apr 23	
Park & Recreation 7pm	Community Center 500 St Mary's Road
Wednesday, Apr 17 (joint)	
Wednesday, May 9	
Historic Landmarks 3pm	Gallery Room, Orinda Library 22 Orinda Way
Tuesday, Apr 24	
Liaison 8:30am	Room 7, Community Center 26 Orinda Way
Monday, May 7	

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Possession of Dangerous Drugs 4/17/07 Traffic stop at Camino Pablo at Santa Maria, driving on a suspended/revoked license. Driver consented to have vehicle searched, glass container with methamphetamine found.

Possession of Dangerous Drugs 4/19/07 Officer pulled over driver on Moraga Way for a cracked windshield. Driver had no I.D. Passenger admitted possession of a glass pipe used for smoking methamphetamine, arrested. Two ziplock baggies with crystalline substance found along with two glass pipes and two folding knives in car search.

Vandalism/Malicious Mischief 4/22/07 Someone attempted to drive two golf carts that were cabled together at the Orinda Country Club. Both golf carts were damaged. There were no witnesses or suspects.

*This is the second of a three-part series by the Lamorinda Weekly focusing on Orinda's ballot Measure E, which comes to a vote on June 5. It calls for floating a \$58.6 million bond to fix the city's deteriorating roads, drainage and water pipes. In this interview with Mayor Steve Glazer, we focus on those taxpayers who have recently purchased property in the city, and will therefore be paying higher taxation amounts to pay the bond back, should it pass. In our next issue – the final part of the series before the election – we will focus on how the measure might affect prospective Orinda buyers. The first part of the series, which targeted long-time homeowners, can be read at [www.LamorindaWeekly.com](http://www.LamorindaWeekly.com).*

**By Chris Lavin**  
**Q:** If Measure E should pass, younger families who have recently moved to the city will be footing most of the bill to pay back the bond, won't they?  
**Glazer:** Technically, that is correct. We have a significant amount of our housing stock turning over every year, so theoretically, as those homes sell and the prices go up, new residents will be paying more than those who have owned their home for decades.  
**Q:** Why didn't the council decide to go with a parcel tax that would have been equally shared by all Orinda homeowners?  
**Glazer:** A parcel tax wouldn't have raised enough money fast enough unless the amount was extremely high. And you have to remember that repairs made two years from now, or even one year – if we continue to ignore some of our worst spots – those places will be much more expensive to repair.  
**Q:** So floating a bond, basically, is a pay-as-you-go plan?  
**Glazer:** That's right. The cost is lower today than it will be in

the future. And you have to remember that you're paying right now in more car repairs and other damages.  
**Q:** Because new homeowners will be paying more because of their higher assessed valuations, will they get priority for their roads?  
**Glazer:** No. Every public road in Orinda is eligible for maintenance and restoration. We have already put together a Citizen's Oversight Committee to review the priorities and to advise the city council on what those priorities should be. Those will be public meetings. And all of Orinda benefits from repairs to our major roads.  
**Q:** So exactly how much will it be?  
**Glazer:** In the early years of the bond, the cost will be \$15 per \$100,000 of valuation annually. The average cost of the bond over its life will be \$30 per \$100,000. That means that a homeowner with an assessed valuation of \$200,000 will be paying about \$38 per year, with the cost gradually going

up to \$60 per year. Someone who just bought a home for \$1.5 million would be paying \$285 in the early years, and \$450 per year.  
**Q:** Some new homeowners seem to believe it's unfair that they will be paying more than people who have been using the roads for years and years. What do you say to them?  
**Glazer:** Well, I would say that you have to look at property values, for long-time owners and new buyers alike. Long-time owners risk having their property values go down because a prospective buyer can't use the road, while newer owners might have seen their purchase price lower because of the same thing.  
**Q:** Where do people go to get answers to questions we haven't covered here?  
**Glazer:** We have a Frequently Asked Questions page at [www.fixorindaroads.com](http://www.fixorindaroads.com).

Next up: A focus on those thinking of buying in Orinda, and how Measure E could affect them.

## Call for Neighborhood Watch

Orinda Police Chief William French is asking that residents consider forming or joining a Neighborhood Watch Group. The police department will help anyone who is interested get started, French announced, because having neighbors watching out for anything suspicious has been proven to prevent crimes. Interested persons should contact Community Police Office Det. Nate McCormack at 925-253-4233.

## Pat Montandon Rocks the House

By Cathy Tyson  
Despite gray, drizzly skies, celebrity author Pat Montandon packed the house at Orinda Books, with a reading of her new book, "Oh the Hell of It All: A Memoir," a response to her son, Sean Wilsey's book, "Oh the Glory of It All." She captivated the audience, many of whom remembered her from "Prize Movie" on Channel 7 in the 1960's. Funny, charming, a natural performer and looking wonderful at 78, she wowed the audience with amazing stories about getting married on a radio program at 18, the incredible

timing of divorce news 5 days after a lavish 50th birthday party and founding the philanthropic Children as Peacemakers organization. "I'm really through with all that negativity," Ms. Montandon said reflecting on mean-spirited sniping that swirled around Dede Wilsey and the family. When asked to comment on life in the social stratosphere of San Francisco, she says, "It's so empty. You see the same people at all these events. Shell people, nothing there." She hopes that her book will be a blessing and an inspiration to people who need it. Orinda Books has many other authors scheduled, check their website for dates and times, [www.orindabooks.com](http://www.orindabooks.com).



Mike Magidson and John Travolta aboard the Airbus

## Mike Magidson, From Sleepy Hollow to the Airbus

By Sophie Braccini  
In 1977, Mike Magidson entered the 4th grade at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School. That same year, "Saturday Night Fever" was released and John Travolta rocketed to fame. Years later, both at the top of their game, Mike Magidson and John Travolta found themselves traveling together in the cockpit of the largest commercial airliner in the world, the Airbus A-380. In speaking with Mike shortly after the flight, it's clear the people and community of Orinda played a significant role in shaping his life in all sorts of important ways. The Magidsons moved to Orinda when Mike was nine. There, he felt the first touch of destiny when Mrs. Pettit, a Sleepy Hollow teacher who had decided to enrich the standard curriculum, taught French to the class. At Miramonte, Mike was more into sports than arts, but his brother Jeff recommended he attend Mr. Artus' Chorus class. As a teenager, Mike had no idea he could become an artist. It was Mr. Artus who recognized that talent and gave him confidence. "You need somebody from the outside to give you that boost," remembers Mike. Another very influential person during his adolescence was Sue Graf, mother of his friend Peter Graf. In the Orinda community that Mike describes as a bubble, Sue was another eye opener. She took the kids camping in the desert, taught them to respect the environment, and aroused their interest in native cultures. "Sue, who used to run a program at Wagner Ranch, was certainly one of the greatest influences in my entire life," says Mike with emotion. After he graduated from Miramonte, Mike went to UC Davis, transferred to UC Berkeley, and then completed his B.A. in International Relations at UC Santa Barbara. His senior year was spent in Grenoble (France), with the "education abroad" program. After graduation, Mike joined a friend from Miramonte, Brian Shepp, who was studying at UCLA and wrote plays. Mike went to L.A. to help with the plays, but started to edit films in order to make money. "You don't earn your living with plays in L.A.," Mike comments. But Mike had to go back to France: his brother was living there and he had met there that special someone who was to become Madame Magidson. Back in France he continued editing films for 5 to 6 years. Then it was time for him to become a director. His first documentary was called, "Canada with a K." Mike followed the "Rye-Jazz" music group Kadda Cherif Hadria, which was touring Canada. This first movie was about culture clash, Mike's favorite subject. As he started to make a name for himself in Europe, he decided to come back during the 2001-2002 school year to show his country to his girls. Celia attended second grade at Camino Pablo in Moraga and Eva went to pre-school. ....continued on page 14

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# Life in LAMORINDA



Orinda Way, the Market's new home Photo by Tod Fierner, Grafic A. Schreck

## Orinda

### Farmers Market Grand Opening

By Cathy Tyson

The Orinda Farmers Market will be celebrating its 10th anniversary, when it opens for the season on Saturday, May 12th from 9 until 1. Lots of balloons and special guests will mark the occasion, but the biggest change will be its location, just down the street from last year's spot. Orinda Way will be blocked off directly across from the Community Center Park. "We're excited about the new central location. It'll bring a new vitality and more vendors to the Market," states Kathy Polkinghorn, Assistant to the City Manager. The City looked at, and considered a number of locations, but chose this spot because it allows for parking and easier access. Driveways into the Rite Aid parking lot will be open north and south of the Market road closure.

There will be 27 vendors selling strawberries, cherries, greens, asparagus and more, plus a number of special added features to celebrate not only Orinda's Market's anniversary, but 25 years since the first Certified Farmers Market came

to the county. The jazz band "Growiser" will be performing from 9 until 12:30. Linda Carucci, celebrity cookbook author, will be there demonstrating and signing copies of Cooking School Secrets for the Real World. In addition, Chef Arno from Shelby's will be preparing and giving out samples of crab cakes with caper aioli. Barbara Kobsar will be demonstrating recipes from her book, Traditional Healthy Home Cooking, and have her legendary jams available for sale. The magician "Rudy" will be there for the kids, and Madame Ovary, Recycling Goddess, will be there for the adults.

Perhaps the most local vendor of all will be Holding Ranch Angus Beef. This organic, grass-fed beef has no antibiotics or hormones and comes from Ann and Hunter Holding's ranch on Deer Hill Road in Lafayette. Grass-fed beef is unique because it contains less than half the fat of grain-fed beef and up to six times as much "omega-3" fat, the good fat found in salmon.

### It's About Time:

By Jennifer Wake

Work or stay home. It is one of the biggest decisions a mother can face. While many women do not have the luxury to choose, some Lamorinda moms try to do both by running their own home businesses. But pursuing an entrepreneurial career with flexible hours, while spending quality time with children, does not come without its challenges.

When Orinda mom, Sara Curran, first started her business, Polka Dogs, last year making handmade belts from fine woven ribbons and fabric, her son Declan (then age 4) watched in earnest.

"One day he thought I needed help and proceeded to chop every expensive ribbon about every two inches," she said. "Needless to say, that was not a good day." And although her daughter, Charlotte, 8, loves to model for Curran and has even begun sewing and creating in her own room, it can still be a challenge.

"Sometimes she gets frustrated with me for working at night, or not driving to a field trip, but I remind her how much I am around and she understands," said Curran. "I try to keep organized, stay focused and not try to do all things all the time. Over the holidays, my business was great, but my parenting was terrible. I just didn't have time to do it all."

Moraga mom, Tracy Gordon, helps companies build brand identity with her marketing business, Proforma Concepts Unlimited. She soon figured out that she couldn't do it all either. "I enjoy having a balanced life: time dedicated to my family, myself and my work," said Gordon. "I used to consider myself a working woman who has a family. Now I consider myself a mom who also happens to work in a fun business."

### Juggling Motherhood with a Home Business

Her biggest challenge remains time. "My two boys (Evan, 13, and Brendan, 9) are growing older; they are involved in more activities and I have less time to devote to work," said Gordon, who has run her own business since 2002. "Work can be very satisfying, both emotionally and financially, but you also have to take time for yourself."

Lafayette writer/editor, Linda Lenhoff, believes even a few minutes of solitude helps. She switches gears between work and "mommyhood" by parking a few blocks away from the school when she picks up her daughter, Casey. "I can take a little walk before getting her, to clear my head," she said. "Then we have a nice walk back to the car, too, something of a transition time for both of us."

Lenhoff says she is lucky to work in a field where she can at least consider working from home, but when she has done freelance work, she has missed the social interaction.

"You can let yourself get swallowed up and forget who you are," said Orinda mom Christy Dalton.

A marathoner, former group fitness instructor and personal trainer at several Bay Area health clubs, Dalton started a personal training business, Fit Chix, with partner Melissa Aycock six months ago. She says it has helped her redefine herself.

"For years I've been mom and wife; now I'm mother, wife and business owner," she said. "It feels good, but mostly because the timing is right. The kids are more independent so I have less guilt in having my own life." Most importantly, Dalton says her boys, Shane, 7, and Brice, 5, cannot believe that she gets paid to do something that she loves. "I look at my work as fun and the boys can see that," she said.



Moraga Personal and Professional Coach Sheri Sweeney with children, Sarah, 10, and Eric, 7. Photo by Jennifer Wake

Moraga professional organizer Sheri Sweeney says that setting realistic expectations and maintaining a healthy work/life balance is key.

Sweeney, mother of Sarah, 10, and Eric, 7, started her professional organizing business, Time to Spare, in 2001 after Eric was born.

"I realized I would need to find a career that allowed me complete control over my work hours," said Sweeney. "I knew one of my personal strengths was systems organization, so [my business] was the perfect fit."

Sweeney's business has evolved into a coaching prac-

tice where she helps clients set priorities, overcome resistance to taking action, and make real changes in their lives. Much like the other Lamorinda moms, Sweeney tries to conduct her coaching sessions when her children are in school.

All the moms agree that it comes down to setting priorities.

The key, says Sweeney, is to understand that there is no "right" way to work. "When moms spend the time necessary to develop their own talents and share them with the world, they are modeling an unbelievably important value for their children."

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**"Snow White" May 3-6 at OIS.**  
Clive Worsley is directing this classic Brothers Grimm version of Snow White, performed by 60 OIS students in two casts and run by 27 students on tech crew. Tickets are \$5 General Admission and \$8 Reserved seating. General Admission tickets will be available on the OIS website starting Friday, April 20, and Reserved tickets will be sold at our box office starting Monday, April 23. Join us for what promises to be a great family event!

**A Student Production "Juvie" by Jerome McDonough**  
The one act show takes place in a juvenile detention center. Throughout the play the audience watches the characters interact and tell their stories. This is a powerful production that students from Bentley, Campolindo, Las Lomas, and Miramonte have come together to put on. Saturday May 5 at 7:30 at Las Lomas; and Saturday May 12 at 7:30 at Campolindo. The doors open at 7:00. The show is free for students and \$3.00 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or on the respective schools website.

**Book Sale May 5th. The Friends of the Moraga Library** will hold an "Overstock Sale" of donated books on Saturday, May 5th from 9 to 12. The sale will be held on the Moraga library poach at 1500 Saint Mary's Rd. Bring your friends and take advantage of greatly reduced prices.

**Lamorinda garden tour, "Through the Garden Gate"**

The Moraga Junior Women's Club will host its fourth annual Lamorinda garden tour, "Through the Garden Gate," Saturday, May 5 from 10AM to 3PM, with all proceeds going to Comfort for Kids, the only program in Northern California that offers in-home treatment to terminally ill children and their families. Tickets will be for sale at Ace Hardware and "Across the Way" in Moraga, McDonnell Nursery in Orinda and Orchard Nursery in Lafayette as well as by mail through the Moraga Juniors. The entire \$30 ticket price will go to support Comfort for Kids. The garden tour will showcase six Lamorinda gardens--three in Lafayette, two in Orinda and one in Moraga.

**Tour of the Moraga Barn**  
**On Saturday May 5th,** Canyon Construction will offer tours of the historic Moraga Barn, the landmark they are renovating to the highest environmental standards. The Tour will showcase how to combine the latest techniques in solar tiles, geothermic, water collection, isolation material, concrete, use of recycled material, ventilation, and passive solar design with the conservation of original material and outside esthetics. Registration for the Tour will be from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Canyon Construction's booth at the Moraga Energy Faire, held in the Moraga Center.  
**Moraga Beautiful- Energy Faire and Arts, Wine and Merchant's Faire, Saturday, May 5th**  
The Energy Faire will be held in the

Moraga Center from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and will exhibit vendors and non-profits presenting tools and techniques available today to reduce energy consumption. At the Moraga Center, a Health and Safety exhibition will take place and at the Rheem Center the Arts, Wine and Merchants Faire will present local products and businesses from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Sponsored by the Town and the Chamber of Commerce of Moraga.

**SENIOR SOCK HOP Sunday, May 6 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m**  
Think back to an old-fashioned family gathering where everyone danced -- kids and adults alike. Whether you danced or watched, it was a wonderful time to be together for music, food, conversation, and a good time. The Tice Valley Swing Band will play music of a variety of rhythms: fox trot, waltz, jitterbug, rumba, tango and even a little rock. There will be food, fun, and raffle prizes, and the Wednesday Tea Dance Group will perform a demonstration of some of their dances. Professional Ballroom Dance Competitor, Adrian Flores, will teach us some steps and dance with the ladies for a small extra donation to our program. Hosted by the Lamorinda Spirit to benefit the transportation for seniors program. Live Oak Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Road, Lafayette. Tickets are \$10.00. Shoes are optional. Bring the whole family and, of course, your friends.

Call (925) 284-5050 to let us know you are coming.

**Chinese Cultural Festival Sunday, May 6**

The festival will go from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a fabulous performance program from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The performances will include Chinese cultural dances, martial art demos, lion dances, Chinese musical performances, and a colorful fashion show. Children will get to participate in our trademark children's dragon dance. Alvin Lui and Irene Fong are the masters of ceremony at this event. Acalanes High School, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette

**Tuesday, May 8 at 4:00 pm**

**Join Library staff,** members of the Moraga Rotary Club, the Moraga Junior Women's Club, and the Friends of the Moraga Library, and the mural artist to dedicate the recently refreshed and enhanced children's area of the Library, Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, 376-6852

**Lafayette Concerts Presents Calaveras • Fri: 5/11 7:30 PM**

Sequoia Room, the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Tickets (\$15) available at the door. Wine, beer, coffee, tea and soft drinks are available. Reservations suggested. (925) 283-1959 or email charlotte@lafayetteconcerts.com

**Flutist Julie McKenzie will be the featured performer at the Gold Coast Chamber Players' concert on Saturday, May 12 at 8 PM at the per-**

forming arts theater at the Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Road in Lafayette. This concert titled, Magic Flute, is the second of three concerts this season and will include a champagne reception with the musicians and special treats for mothers in attendance. General tickets are \$30, Seniors \$25, Students \$10. Order tickets by phone through the Willows Box Office (925) 798-1300 or online www.geplayers.org. For more information call (925) 283-3728.

**Build-a-Pond Seminar- Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 9am to 5pm.**

Join Steve Lambert and his crew from Garden Lights Landscape for a one day, hands-on seminar taking place at Steve's home in Orinda. Learn everything you need to know to build your own backyard pond & waterfall. This is an all-day, hands on, learn by doing seminar. Learn to create a pond and waterfall that you and your family will enjoy for years to come.

Registration is required. Call: 925-254-4797. Cost: \$100.00 per person. Registration fee includes a boxed lunch and afternoon snack.

**DOG DAYS AT ORINDA BOOKS On Saturday, May 12 from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM,**

Orinda Books will present a program on dogs who help people and people who help dogs. Guests will include, Liz Gallen, the author of Goonberry Farm and How It Began, Jackie Post, who represents Paws With a Cause, and Richard Thomas, who represents the ARF Therapy Animal Program. Also featured will be display of books especially chosen to appeal of animal lovers of all ages. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, CA 94563 925-254-7666 orindabooks@thegrid.net orindabooks.com

**Lafayette Book Club**

The Lafayette Senior Services Book Club (LSSBC) celebrated its 2nd anniversary and continues to flourish. We read a wide variety of books and have lively discussions; join us on the 2nd Monday of every month if that sounds like fun. Call for more information or a list of upcoming books: 284-5050, 5/14 10:30 am-Noon LCC: Alder Room

**Dr Michael Mayer, Ph.D., President of Bodymind Healing Publications**

will be doing a book-signing at The Hypnosis Clearing House on May 18th at 7 PM at 3702 Mt Diablo Blvd. **Lafayette Rotary's 14th Annual Concert at the Res will be held on Saturday May 19, 2007 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.** The free afternoon event showcases our local school music programs that play live music at the beautiful Lafayette Reservoir. All event proceeds go to support the local school music programs, and to help fund those local charities and organizations that Rotary supports. Performing at this year's Concert at the Res will be the Stanley Symphonic Band led by Bob Athayde, recently honored as the 2007 Outstanding Music Educator of the Year; and the highly acclaimed Acalanes Wind Ensemble led by Rick Meyer, the Big Band of Rossmoor led by Mo Levich, recently honored as Lafayette's 2007 Business Person of the year, and the Bentley School Jazz combo led by Brian Pardo.

**Lafayette Juniors presents the Eighth Annual Tour of Lafayette's Kitchens** on Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This year's tour showcases six exquisite kitchens and homes. See the hottest trends from cutting-edge top designers, architects, contractors, and building professionals in these extraordinary homes with state-of-the-art kitchens. Tickets are \$35 per person (\$25 tax-deductible) and a gourmet lunch may be purchased for \$12. Proceeds from the event will benefit Community Violence Solutions & Rape Crisis Center. For more information on where to purchase tickets please visit www.lafayettejuniors.org or call (925) 385.0381 (read more about the Kitchen Tour on page 8)

Letter to the Editor:

The primary issue with respect to Measure E is CITIZENS' SAFETY. Our water pipes are old and decrepit. What protection do they offer in the event of a major fire or earthquake? Much of this infrastructure is more than a half-century old. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors supports Measure E.

Our roads are a disgrace. They rank as the worst of the 100 cities in the greater Bay Area. We enjoy living in one of the most affluent communities in the Bay Area. Fixing the roads will increase our property values.

Measure E is supported by the independent Orinda Infrastructure Finance Committee, the Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees, and the Orinda Chamber of Commerce.

Let us protect our community, our citizens and our property values. Vote yes on Measure E. Barry & Kathleen Balamuth Orinda

Letter to the Editor:

On page 12 of the Voter's Guide for Measure E, the \$120 million bond tax on the June 5 Orinda ballot, the Guide lists a \$3,400,000 contribution by the Moraga-Orinda Fire District for the upgrading of Orinda water pipes.

At the March 21, 2007, meeting of

the Fire District Board of Directors Mr. John Wyro, the President of the Board, said that the Fire District would not guarantee any contribution and that the contribution for each future year would be decided by the Board at that future time; and that if the Board decided other needs were more important, there would be no contribution.

This is in spite of the fact that the Board will raise Orinda's fire flow tax by 20% , supposedly for the upgrading of Orinda water pipes. Mr. Wyro also said the City of Orinda would not guarantee its contributions.

Clyde Vaughn, Orinda

Editor,

A road, drains and water pipe bond will be on the ballot in Orinda in June. The decision by a public agency to put a measure on the ballot is not taken lightly. This one has been thoroughly studied by a new city council and has included measures for increased oversight. The original recommendations came from a volunteer committee of citizens who studied the infrastructure and financing issues for over two years.

The costs of road repairs have gone up 10% since the last election - time is money in this case. Waiting will only increase the costs further, and let roads, drains and pipes get worse and worse.

Letters to the Editor

We're a community newspaper, and we welcome your input. Please share your thoughts, news, ideas, suggestions, and photos here in the pages of the Lamorinda Weekly. Max. 200 word for a letters. email:

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Mistakes may have been made in the past, but that does not change the fact that work is needed to ensure safe transit, to provide adequate water flow to put out fires, and to stem the escalating costs of repairs caused by delay and further deterioration.

I agree with past letters on the unwritten social contract that binds us to a responsibility for the common good, the welfare of all. I also believe a public body enters into a contract with the citizens it serves and represents when it places any measure on the ballot. We can support Measure E with the assurance the funds will be overseen by a citizens' panel, and the spending will be audited. Let's improve Orinda!

Cassandra Forth, Orinda

## Catch Two of Lamorinda's Rising Stars, and someday you will say, "I heard them when..."

The Oakland Civic Orchestra will present a concert in the Young Artists Series on Sunday, May 6, 3:00pm, at Miramonte High School. The event will feature two outstanding young Lamorinda musicians. Pianist Chloe Pang will perform the Liszt Piano Concerto No 1, and performing the Mozart Horn Concerto No 1 in D Major will be Kalyn Jang.

Chloe Pang recently made her Carnegie Hall debut with her brother, cellist Clark Pang, and will be seen on PBS in "From the Top's Live at Carnegie Hall" series. She has already released her first CD, a recording of Bach's Goldberg Variations. Young People's Symphony Orchestra

and Campo band member Kalyn Jang was a finalist in the East Bay Symphony's 2006 Young Artist Competition.

"The Young Artists Series is an important part of our mission. It provides valuable opportunities to worthy young musicians, who in turn inspire us and remind us of the beauty and joy of music-making," said Artistic Director Martha Stoddard. "They are an absolute favorite with our audiences."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information go to www.oaklnadnet.com/parks/programs/ca\_civcorchestra.asp or call 510-238-3896.



Chloe Pang



Kalyn Jang

## Fowl Play

A large Tom turkey was seen recently at approximately 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening on Ascot Drive with a large feathered arrow protruding from its body. The arrow pierced its left shoulder and exited out the chest. The arrow was so large, the remainder dragged behind the turkey.

Joseph and Johanna Tieger said a flock of at times 22 large vocal turkeys regularly come down the canyon following the nearby creek to feed at a vacant lot on Ascot.

Biological Consultant Gary Beeman with Wildlife Management was called to

set up a live-trap, in hopes of catching the injured turkey so the arrow could be surgically removed.



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# Life in LAMORINDA

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## EBMUD Declares Water Shortage

### The long term challenge

Water supply and usage is a long term question. In ways of water rights, the more ancient user has priority; local residents around the Mokelumne River have seniority and might reclaim more of their water some day. Recent climate change studies have shown that an elevation in the average temperature in California will raise the demand for water, increase the evaporation and reduce the water supply from the snow pack. EBMUD is aware of these challenges and has been engaged in studies and planning for years. The conclusion is that our water supply needs to improve in two areas: the amount of surface water that is channeled here and the quantity of water stored.

### EBMUD's long term plan

We, as tax payers, have been financially contributing to the Sacramento water system since the 1970's. Only recently, after years of legal battles, has EBMUD finally won the right to use that water in times of drought. The plan is called the Freeport Regional Water Project and by 2009 we will be able to use the Folsom South Canal to get water from the Sacramento River. As far as storage is concerned, our capacity is still too limited; we do not have the means to store during wet years. Several projects have been studied, including an underground aquifer under southwest San Leandro and San Lorenzo, but residents don't want to see water collection under their homes. Dams are very controversial and it is quite unlikely that any will be built in our area. That leaves us with desalin-



## What Price, Beauty?

By Cathy Tyson

With a median family income of \$134,700 in 2005 dollars for Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda, there appears to be more than a few disposable dollars available for self-improvement in the neighborhood. Getting a haircut is required maintenance, but for most people a caviar facial, or leg waxing could be considered more of an optional treatment. Although, to be fair, what woman really wants a mustache? Upper lip waxing surely falls into the category of required maintenance. For many area residents treating themselves to these non-essential services becomes part maintenance, part anti-aging and part pampering. One thing's for sure, natural beauty doesn't come cheap.

### Best foot forward

There are thirty-nine nail salons in Lamorinda, reflecting the number of regular customers, among them men, women and college students. With prices starting at \$12 for a manicure at an inexpensive shop to \$29 at a more upscale salon, having your nails done has gone from a treat to regular maintenance. Pedicures are a bit more expensive, but most salons offer a discount on clients getting both done. "My husband likes me to have my nails done," reports one patron recently at Anna's Nails in Moraga. Her friend in the next chair comments, "Summer is coming and my nails just needed it."

### Why stop there?

Kimberly Nelson, an esthetician at Shelby Sexton salon, gives usually 4 facials a day. The 80-minute Caviar Collagen Facial at \$150 is one of her most popular and most expensive treatments. She reports her clients feel like they've had a massage, and that they can escape at the salon and pamper themselves.

Shirley Takeuchi, owner and esthetician of Reflexion in the Rheem Shopping center has quite a few clients in for regular waxing, but her Repechage Four-layer facial at \$100 is her most popular treatment. This is especially done before parties, because of its plumping, line diminishing properties. She also does hand and face microdermabrasion.

### Lasers, injectables and peels

For those willing to kick it up a notch, Dr. Kristin Walker in Orinda was voted best Dermatologist, by the Lamorinda Moms Club this year. Dr. Walker estimates that overall approximately half of her patients are men, but with regard to anti-aging procedures roughly 75% of clients are women between 35 and 45. Botox for forehead lines and Restylane for nasolabial folds are her most requested treatment.

"IPL - Intense Pulse Light via their state of the art Cutera machine is another very popular treatment, because it gives such good results," says Physician's Assistant Nikki Satovsky. She has between 15 and 30 clients a week for this procedure. Laser hair removal is also done in their office, as is spider vein treatment. Satovsky continues, for clients willing to go all the way, she recommends IPL for brown spots, then Botox and Restylane for fine lines and filling, then a chemical peel to polish the whole face. Prices for all treatments vary from client to client, depending on the amount filler, sunspots, etc. and are determined at consultation.

Whether its California sun damage, acne scars, or just vanity; getting a little professional help is more acceptable now than ever. Is it maintenance, or because I'm worth it? Does it really matter?

ization and recycled water. The North Marin Water District is relying on recycled water to offset potable water demand. It is scheduled to deliver irrigation water from its recycling facility by this summer. It will service a golf course and the Novato Fire Department District and reduce the demand on the fresh water from the Russian river. EBMUD wants to use all possible venues to secure our water supply: conservation, ground water storage, surface storage, recycled water and collaborative projects with other water districts. EBMUD's Charles Hardy from EBMUD explains: "We will never have enough water, we will never have enough storage. EBMUD has to use many different tactics and techniques to secure the future. Collaboration between water districts is the only way. Right now, we are

partnering with 3 other water districts on a desalinization project and after 5 years of study, we are very close to mapping it out."

Conservation is the only instrument in our own individual hand. EBMUD has been advocating it for years, providing rebates for water saving hardware, granting seed money for schools that include conservation in their projects, publishing books on drought resistant landscaping. Some home and business owners have started to collect rain water in tanks - take the "Barn Tour" in Moraga on May 5th to see an example of this technique. For now, if we watch our usage and 2007/2008 winter isn't too dry, our Utility agency expects it will prevent us from reaching the 450 TFA level at which it can decide to implement mandatory rationing and raise the rates.

### Tips to save water:

- water your garden 3 times a week
- water after sunset
- find and fix all leaks
- install a high efficiency washing machine (and get a rebate)
- install a high efficiency toilet (and get a rebate)
- install a WaterSmart Irrigation Controller (and get a rebate)
- plant a drought-resistant garden (and get a water-smart landscape rebate)
- dry wash your car or have it washed in a place that recycles water
- get free conservation devices from EBMUD such as low-flow showerheads or faucet aerators



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MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$1,225,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$1,292,176
<b>MORAGA</b>	Last reported: 7
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$400,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,700,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$700,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$940,000
<b>ORINDA</b>	Last reported: 5
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$400,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,750,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$800,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$941,000

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- 858 Acalanes Road, \$852,000, 4 Bdrms, 2070 SqFt, 1939 YrBlt, 4-3-07
- 592 Antonio Court, \$949,000, 4 Bdrms, 1509 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 4-10-07
- 3448 Black Hawk Road, \$1,320,000, 4 Bdrms, 2386 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 4-3-07
- 627 Burton Drive, \$1,050,000, 4 Bdrms, 2071 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 4-5-07
- 2 Dead Horse Canyon Road, \$1,975,000, 4 Bdrms, 3797 SqFt, 1976 YrBlt, 4-10-07
- 693 Glorietta Boulevard, \$1,025,000, 3 Bdrms, 1648 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 4-6-07
- 3405 Goyak Drive, \$1,225,000, 4 Bdrms, 2061 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 3-29-07
- 1092 Laurel Drive, \$810,000, 3 Bdrms, 1523 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 4-11-07
- 31 Old Millstone Lane, \$1,795,000, 4 Bdrms, 2045 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 3-29-07
- 1553 Rancho View Drive, \$2,669,000, 3-30-07
- 827 Santa Maria Way, \$1,350,000, 4 Bdrms, 3843 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 4-5-07
- 64 Silverwood Drive, \$1,298,000, 5 Bdrms, 2220 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 4-4-07
- 6 Songbird Court, \$655,000, 2 Bdrms, 1378 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 4-6-07
- 3164 Sun Ridge Court, \$865,000, 3 Bdrms, 1453 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 3-30-07
- 1023 Sunrise Ridge Drive, \$1,579,000, 4 Bdrms, 3422 SqFt, 1998 YrBlt, 4-3-07
- 770 Tanglewood Drive, \$1,620,000, 6 Bdrms, 4365 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 3-29-07
- 776 Tanglewood Drive, \$930,000, 4 Bdrms, 2170 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 4-4-07

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- 1973 Ascot Drive #A, \$400,000, 2 Bdrms, 964 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 3-30-07
- 4 Buckingham Drive, \$700,000, 3 Bdrms, 1388 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 4-2-07
- 108 Calle La Montana, \$1,125,000, 4 Bdrms, 1946 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 4-6-07
- 1403 Camino Peral, \$675,000, 3 Bdrms, 1709 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 3-30-07
- 1499 Camino Peral, \$655,000, 3 Bdrms, 1697 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 4-4-07
- 1826 School Street, \$1,200,000, 3 Bdrms, 2192 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 4-5-07
- 2 Whiting Court, \$1,700,000, 3 Bdrms, 3227 SqFt, 1999 YrBlt, 4-10-07

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- 1 Debra Court, \$1,750,000, 4 Bdrms, 2763 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 4-6-07
- 205 Holly Lane, \$800,000, 2 Bdrms, 1380 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 3-30-07
- 3 Quail Ridge Lane, \$575,000, 3-30-07
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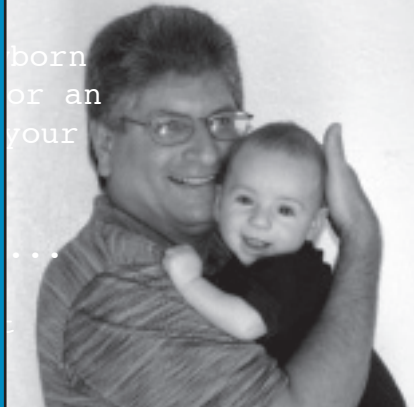
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Kitchen of Bill and Martha Marquand

### Lafayette Kitchen Tour

By Cathy Tyson

How often are you invited by six perfect strangers to check out their shiny state-of-the-art kitchens and donate money to a worthy cause? Not that often. But on May 19 from 10 - 3, the Lafayette Juniors are presenting the Eighth Annual Kitchen Tour, featuring the latest in design and materials in a variety of diverse homes.

*The following is a brief sneak peak at two of the six homes.*

Bill and Martha Marquand are opening up their brand new home, right behind the Lafayette Elementary School. They love the neighborhood, but needed more space for their growing family. Bill, an architect, was careful to design the new house in keeping with the character of the surrounding older properties. The neighbors were great, very understanding, says the couple. "The charm of Lafayette benefits everyone," Bill notes. The kitchen was designed around a painting the couple purchased in Hawaii, that has a palette of bright tropical colors. The sunny coral Silestone countertop with a hint of sparkle, and glass tiles were just the starting point for the many unique choices they made.

Sandra and Rob Eaton tore down their circa 1971 house in the Reliez Valley. "It was a beautiful piece of property, 1 1/4 acres, with a barn,

arena and chickens, but that's where the love affair ended. The walls had cancer and there were no closets anywhere," says Sandra. With much artistic input from contractor Michael Sands, they started from scratch, but left three original fireplaces imported from Europe. Everything went smoothly until two weeks prior to the project being complete, the plumber hadn't tightened a pipe completely and the entire house

was flooded. It was handled very professionally, but it set the schedule back two weeks while they refinished all the brand new hickory floors.

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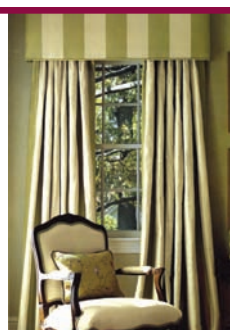


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## Out of this World...The roots and goals of the Stanley Music Program

By Anna Eames

Anyone with any connection at all to the living, thriving operation that is the Stanley Middle School Music Program is well aware of its unflinching ability to astonish and amaze.

After nearly twenty years with Stanley Music, renowned music educator Bob Athayde is now in charge of a program that has mushroomed throughout the local community, inspiring thousands of young musicians over its many years of existence.

With Athayde teaching six bands ranging from Beginning Instruments to his advanced Symphonic Band, as well as four jazz bands who rehearse in the mornings before school, Loretta McNulty running the strings program with two large classes, and Rachael Kleir in charge of two sizeable chorus classes, it's hard to believe what the program was like twenty years ago.

At that time, it consisted of a single collective strings class, one chorus group, and a lone band class. The program expanded gradually as Athayde teamed up with Acalanes music instructor Rick Meyer, LASF, and many other forces who worked towards keeping up with the program's rising participation.

Eventually the middle school saw the addition of one more band, then another, until Athayde, who at the time covered the orchestral and choral programs as well as band, was relieved of his chorus position by a specialist teacher. This provided the chorus with more specific and expert vocal

education, and permitted Athayde to focus on the rest of the program.

Ten years ago, a strings specialist, Loretta McNulty, was brought in to take over the orchestra. After only a year under her direction, the program added a second class, which teaches the fundamentals to prepare students for the orchestra. "By the end of that year, those students really know their theory, and they've explored their instrument in ways that are harder to do in a rehearsal," said McNulty, "It's been a wonderful way for the whole thing to grow and get stronger."

The chorus program has done a great deal of its progressing just this year. Under new choral teacher, Rachael Kleir, a second chorus class was added, and chorus students will join their fellow musicians at the CMEA Music Festival in May.

The chorus was recently presented with the incredible experience of watching and performing the Barber of Seville with the San Francisco Opera Guild. Kleir hopes to make this a tradition, as well as a trip to a different elementary school each year. "The future goal would be to...start traditions...but when you do a new thing, it takes some time to adjust to it," said Klier.

The program as a whole has been a magnet for the limelight, creating an increasing momentum stimulated by enthusiastic support from every possible sphere.

"The parent support here has always been very strong and very consistent. People take the initiative. If they see a need, they'll take care of it," said McNulty.

"[To] build something, you share your enthusiasm with people. If someone ever goes 'Boy, if you ever need anything let me know', say, 'Thank you, yes I do', and just share with people what they do," said Athayde of how the program

transformed from a single music class into the large band program it is today.

The community participation comes from people seeing a good thing and wanting to be a part of it. "The doors are wide open...and people talk enthusiastically about what's going on here," said Athayde.

That kind of reaction from so many people is, of course, triggered by the reverberating enthusiasm and talent among the students of the Stanley Music Program, as well as the cup of coffee and front row seat that Athayde will offer to anyone who ventures to peak their head in the band room during the school day.

On any given day that one might have done so this year, he or she easily could have found themselves as an audience of a professional jazz quartet or an African drummer playing for the chorus. On another day, you might have found vocal instructors teaching such vocal jazz techniques as "scatting", or a composer and retired professor from Cal, Michael Senturia, teaching his own composition.

"Instead of having to take you out of school all day to go to the symphony, we bring the symphony to you," said Athayde. "I have a lot of famous and not-so-famous people - all great musicians - who come in...You never know what's going to happen."

Weekly, this statement comes to life inside the Stanley band room. Students from different sections meet with professionals on their instruments and ultimately receive private lessons that are genuinely invaluable. "They give us advice and help us to play better. They know our instruments better, and it's much more individual. Mr. Athayde has to help with the whole band, and with sectionals, it's just a group of seven (students)," said eighth grade Symphonic Band saxophone player, Ben Marshall.

The effects of the program are proven by the many students

who go on to play in high school.

"Without the foundation that it provided, I would not be where I am today," said Katherine Freidman, former violin student whose experiences with the Stanley Music Program helped her develop a love for music that led her into the Acalanes High School orchestra. "The specialized help made a huge difference and made the experience that much more geared toward my goals and personal learning experience."

The range of new and stimulating information students are presented with reaches farther than human help. Each year's classes are pioneers for a different teaching tool introduced by Athayde to keep his young musicians interested in their music.

Music theory computer games, video breathing exercises, and computer-generated accompaniments and "practice partners" combine in each successful attempt to catch and



The Stanley Band Room

hold the attention of students in the program. Kept guessing and learning, Stanley musicians maintain an eager curiosity about and interest in the infinite world of music.

Still growing, with awards and recognition pouring in, the orchestral and choral teachers look to expanding their programs within the next few years. "For at least another year or so, it would be good to just continue that momentum and keep it growing before making any other changes," said Kleir.

"I want my students to grow musically, and I want to

kindle their love for music...I want them to grow in as many ways as I can help," said McNulty.

This captures the philosophy of every parent, professional volunteer, administrator, and educator involved in the evolution of Stanley Music.

"Great quality kids come in, so it's a matter of building on what walks through the door," said McNulty.

Anna Eames is a feature writer and Stanley Music graduate who now attends Acalanes.

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## Cantare Con Vivo's All-Star Singers of Oakland Share a Choir Class at JM Submitted by Adam Noel

Co-directors Julie Haydon and Bobbi Scott brought their Oakland-based volunteer youth choir, the "All Star Singers," to Joaquin Moraga Intermediate last Friday for a special hour of choral sharing. Fifteen of the twenty-five public school students from Oakland were on their annual trip which includes stopping to sing for the Rossmoor community when Bobbi Scott thought to ask if they might visit the choir at JM, where she works as a Special Education Aide. All Star Singers' conductor Julie Haydon contacted Adam Noel, the Joaquin Moraga music director, and the two decided it would be a great opportunity for both choirs to share a love of vocal music. When the All

Star Singers' arrived, both groups of students were a little shy, so each director shared a vocal exercise with the whole group, and they "warmed up" together. Both choirs are preparing to go to choral festivals within a few weeks, so they were each able to share a few songs that they had been preparing. The finale was a

rousing version of the Doobie Brothers' classic "Listen to the Music" which both groups had been working on to prepare for this special day. As the bell rang, the JM choir said goodbye to the All Stars, and the All Stars gave all the JM Choir members some candy in appreciation for hosting. For more information about Cantare Con Vivo: <http://www.cantareconvivo.org/ccvoutreach.html>



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# Lamorinda Schools

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## Prom Night at Miramonte

By Becca Langum, Guest Writer, Miramonte HS

On April 14 Miramonte High School juniors boarded buses all dressed up for their junior prom. The students arrived at the Scottish Rite Center eager as they found a beautiful backdrop in Oakland's Lake Merritt. "The lake was breathtaking, the lights in the distance made it that much more romantic," said junior Marijke Hoogerhaus.

The evening's theme was "All that Jazz." The venue was decorated accordingly and the attire of many couples matched as well. The students enjoyed a catered meal in the dining room, described by Jennifer Simeon as, "Gorgeous. It was really cool with the black colors; the room fit the theme perfectly. The fountain that was in the middle of the food table was amazing; a great part of the

evening." Jake Ellis noted, "My date wore a flapper dress; I thought she dressed very well for the theme."

After dinner had ended, the students were ushered up a flight of stairs to a dance floor. Gen Head-Gordon was pleased: "The set-up was beautiful, I really liked the stands in the background and the lit-up dance floor." In another room, non-dancers had the opportunity to play blackjack, poker and other casino games. "I thought it was a great way to give kids a break from the dance floor," said Nathan Bluford.

At the end of the evening students again boarded their buses, thinking about their memorable prom. "I had a great time. It was bargin' and I'm so glad that I went," said junior Kelly Sayres.

## Off to Camp!

Fifth graders in Lafayette get a special treat every spring: 5th grade camp! Late last month, the Burton Valley Elementary School 5th grade boarded a bus and embarked on a week-long trip to Camp Loma Mar.

Along with parent chaperones, dedicated 5th grade teachers leave their homes and families for a week to

accompany their classes to this YMCA-owned and operated camp located off of Highway 1 near Pescadero. In addition to the fun of spending the week in cabins with their friends, students also get an outdoor hands-on educational experience.

Information and photo submitted by Robin Longchamps.



Alec Weber, Noah Orlik, Jesse Longchamps and Jack Moran are ready to go

## Campolino Students Join Sojourn

By Laura Sydora

From March 29th to April 7th, students and teachers embarked on a ten day journey to the South to partake in a civil right's educational experience entitled Sojourn to the Past.

Sojourn to the Past provides students and educators a chance to visit sites and hear speakers who witnessed the Civil Rights Movement first hand. Sojourn seeks to teach the real values of the Civil Rights Movement, such as tolerance, justice and nonviolence, and how then to apply those principles to everyday life.

Although Sojourn offers seven trips a year, this spring break, five Campolino students and two teachers attended the event, joining 150 students from California, New York and neighboring East Coast states, as well as an array of teachers and parents.

Commencing in Atlanta,

Georgia, the group made its way down through Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas, and finally ended in Memphis, Tennessee. Students stood on hallowed ground as they walked the steps of historic sites, including Central High School, the Montgomery Capitol building and the Lorraine Motel. Along the way, students were privileged enough to meet over 15 people who either participated or were connected to the Civil Rights Movement. Some of the many speakers included Minnijean Brown, Honorable John Lewis, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth and Jerry Mitchell.

According to Reverend Billy Kyles, "Sojourn allows participants to touch history and the people who made it." This statement ultimately conveys the reality of the Sojourn experience. Students and teachers were able to listen and interact with speakers as they relayed the ultimate goal of the Civil Rights Movement: standing up for the right to equality and justice through nonviolent action.

The most important lesson students took away from the trip was the practicality of the six principles of nonviolence as advocated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This Civil Rights icon best stated the necessity for nonviolence when he said, "It's no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or non-existence." For more information on Sojourn to the Past, visit www.sojournproject.com

Laura Sydora is a news reporter and a student at Campolino. Look for her compelling personal perspective on the Sojourn experience in our next issue.

## Glorietta's Hello, Dolly!

Submitted by Laurie Smudsky

Not to worry, darling. Sit back and let Mrs. Dolly Levi arrange everything. Pack up your family and be transported back to 1890s New York and the madcap antics that can only occur in a good old-fashioned musical. Big hats, love struck store clerks, puffed up businessmen, a glorious, gleaming New York City, spirited dance numbers and a lovable, meddling, hilarious matchmaker make this production of Hello Dolly! a family treat.

OUSD music instructor Ron Pickett is directing the annual production for the ninth year. Pickett is a professional actor, in addition to teaching music at Orinda schools. He performed most recently in the Contra Costa Musical Theater's production of Urinetown.

"Mr. Pickett takes a rather diverse group of students in the fall and very patiently molds them into a real

theater group by spring," says Glorietta parent and co-producer Natalie Wheeler. "What he manages to teach these kids in just one rehearsal a week is remarkable," says Roxanne Brewer, co-producer and parent.

"I think being in the play is really cool," says fifth-grader Jack Garrett, who most other days can be found on one of Orinda's baseball diamonds. "It's different from everything else I usually do and I like that."

Four performances will be held for Hello, Dolly!:

- Friday, May 18th at 4 pm and 7 pm
- Saturday May 19th at 3 pm and 7 pm

Tickets cost \$10 for premier seating and \$5 for standard. Tickets will be sold at Monday, May 7th at 2:00 pm at Glorietta carpool. For more ticket sales information, please email [hellodollytix@yahoo.com](mailto:hellodollytix@yahoo.com).



Principal Raul Zamora shuffles the Poker deck

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The cast of Glorietta's Hello Dolly! in rehearsal

## Campo Sings its Way to Victory

By Sarah Henningsen

Although the Campolino choir program has faced a year filled with transition and change, one thing has definitely stayed constant—a reputation for success. The Chamber Singers recently traveled to San Diego to participate in a Heritage Festival competition, returning triumphantly with several awards.

Leading up to the weekend of April 14th-15th, the Chamber Singers, Campo's smallest and most selective chorale group, rehearsed tirelessly in the classroom to prepare for the competition. As a new director right out of college, Stacey Kikkawa was also preparing for her first competition with the Campo music department.

Part of the way through the lengthy bus ride, the choir stopped at Chapman University for a clinic with renowned conductor, director, and singer Dr. William Hall. The visit was a special treat for the high school students as well as for Kikkawa, who was his chorale student at Chapman during her four years as an undergraduate student. Since her graduation last year and subsequent hiring as the new chorale director, Kikkawa has

worked hard to continue the excellence of Campolino's chorale programs.

The formal Heritage Festival competition commenced at Mission Bay High School early Saturday morning. After observing several other Concert, Chamber, and Jazz choirs, Campo took the stage to sing a set of acclaimed, yet extremely diverse, chorale pieces. The performance included "Amor Io Sento L'alma", a madrigal from one of many Morten Lauridsen collections, a beautiful Italian piece titled "Cuore", and "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" by the late spiritual composer Moses Hogan.

The Chamber Singers received positive responses from both audience members and the several judges who scored the competition. Campo won every award for which they were eligible. In addition to winning first place in its division, Chamber won the Outstanding Choral Award and the Adjudicator's Award, meaning that it scored the highest out of all 32 choirs that competed in the event. Sarah Henningsen is a singing feature writer from Campo.

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# Taste of Lafayette

Tuesday, May 15, 2007, 5:30 pm  
www.lafayettechamber.org  
(925) 284-7404

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The Senior Shuttle are providing transportation. To guide you on the tour, you will be given a booklet at the Plaza, part tresor map and part Sesame, to find and get the culinary delights awaiting you. You will get the booklet in exchange for the ticket you purchased IN ADVANCE! The event might be sold out. Be prepared and go to www.lafayettechamber.org to order your \$45 tickets or call (925) 284-7404. When your tour is completed, come back to the Plaza for deserts and the end of the silent auction.

The event is the result of the joint effort of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette Community Foundation. The silent auction is one of LCF's ways to raise money to support its mission. This organization established in 1999 is committed to hometown philanthropy in support of projects and programs that make Lafayette a better place to live, for people of all ages. Sponsors include the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Diablo Foods, Inc., Wine Thieves, Generations in Jazz and Contra Costa Times.

This happening is part of the Lafayette "Restaurant Row month" and an opportunity to celebrate the many award winning restaurants in town. The "Month" is promoted by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Lafayette. Restaurants is the single larger group collecting sales tax in Lafayette and sales tax contribute 30% to the town's budget. Just another incentive for local residents to participate in this fun event.

Meet at Lafayette Plaza (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Moraga Rd.) where local jazz music by Generations in Jazz will entertain you while you'll sip Contra Costa wines and have hors d'oeuvres. A silent Auction will start at 5:30 pm. As soon as your warm up at the Plaza is completed, you will be invited to roam the streets of Lafayette, visit all the restaurants that are part of the event and samples of their best foods. A shuttle will be provided for those who have sipped a little too much wine or need a vehicle. Diablo Foods and

List of participating restaurants includes: Joe's of Lafayette, La Finestra, Mangia!, Metro, Panda Express, Per Tutti, Petar's, Pizza Antica, Postino, Round Table Pizza, Susan Foord Catering, Swad Indian Cuisine, The Patio, Uncle Yu's Caterer: Chef Dan Leff, Small Thyme Catering, Springloaf Catering.

## Foodies' Feast!

By Sophie Braccini

Shake your wrists and ankles, take a deep breath, put on your best walking shoes and get your papillas ready: the 5th Taste of Lafayette is almost here!

On Tuesday May 15th, from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm you will be able to visit Lafayette's "restaurant row" and sample the signature cuisine of each participating restaurant.

LAMORINDA's Restaurant's		
<b>American</b>		
Bistro	3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-7108
Chow Restaurant	53 Lafayette Cir, Laf	962-2469
Hungry Hunter	3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	938-3938
Joe's of Lafayette	3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-8807
Nation's Giant Hamburgers	76 Moraga Way, Ori	254-8888
Ranch House	1012 School St, Mor	376-5127
Terzetto Cuisine	1419 Moraga Way, Mor	376-3832
<b>BBQ</b>		
Bo's Barbecue	3422 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-7133
<b>Café</b>		
Express Cafe	3732 Mt. Diablo Blvd # 170, Laf	283-7170
Ferrari-Lucca Delicatessens	23 Lafayette Cir, Laf	299-8040
Geppetto's Caffé	87 Orinda Way, Ori	253-9894
Village Inn Café	290 Village Square, Ori	254-6080
<b>Caribbean</b>		
Calypso Bar & Grill	2 Theatre Sq, Suite 153, Ori	258-9686
<b>Chinese</b>		
Chef Chao Restaurant	343 Rheem Blvd, Mor	376-1740
China Moon Restaurant	380 Park St, Mor	376-1828
The Great Wall Restaurant	3500 Golden Gate Way, Laf	284-3500
Hsiangs Mandarin Cuisine	1 Orinda Way # 1, Ori	253-9852
Lily's House	3555 Mt. Diablo Blvd #A, Laf	284-7569
Mandarin Flower	581 Moraga Rd, Mor	376-7839
Panda Express	3608 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-0288
Szechwan Chinese Restaurant	79 Orinda Way, Ori	254-2020
Uncle Yu's Szechuan	999 Oak Hill Rd, Laf	283-1688
Yan's Restaurant	3444 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-2228
<b>Coffee Shop</b>		
Millie's Kitchen	1018 Oak Hill Rd #A, Laf	283-2397
Squirrel's Coffee Shop	998 Moraga Rd, Laf	284-7830
<b>Continental</b>		
Petar's Restaurant	32 Lafayette Cir, Laf	284-7117
Shelby's	2 Theatre Sq, Ori	254-9687
Vino Restaurant	3531 Plaza Way, Laf	284-1330
Duck Club Restaurant	3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-7108
<b>Indian</b>		
India Palace	3740 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-5700
Swad Indian Cuisine	3602 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-9575
<b>Italian</b>		
Giardino	3406 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-3869
La Finestra Ristorante	100 Lafayette Cir, St. 101, Laf	284-5282
La Piazza	15 Moraga Way, Ori	253-9191
Mangia Ristorante Pizzeria	975 Moraga Rd, Laf	284-3081
Michael's	1375 Moraga Way, Mor	376-4300
Per Tutti Ristorante	3576 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-5225
Pizza Antica	3600 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-0500
Postino	3565 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-8700
Ristorante Amoroma	360 Park St, Mor	377-7662
<b>Japanese</b>		
Blue Ginko	3518-A Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	962-9020
Kane Sushi	3474 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-9709
Niwa Restaurant	1 Camino Sobrante # 6, Ori	254-1606
Serika Restaurant	2 Theatre Sq # 118, Ori	254-7088
Tamami's Japanese Restaurant	356 Park St, Mor	376-2872
Yu Sushi	19 Moraga Way, Ori	253-8399
<b>Jazz Dinner Club</b>		
Joe's of Lafayette	3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Laf	299-8807
The Orinda House	65 Moraga Way, Ori	258-4445
<b>Mediterranean</b>		
Alekos	2 Theatre Sq # 105, Ori	254-5290
Oasis Café	3594 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-8822
<b>Mexican</b>		
El Charro Mexican Dining	3339 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-2345
El Jaro Mexican Cafe	3563 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-6639
La Cocina Mexicana	23 Orinda Way, Ori	258-9987
Mucho wraps	1375-B Moraga Way, Mor	377-1203
Baja Fresh Mexican Grill	3596 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-8740
Celia's Restaurant	3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-8288
El Balazo	3518 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-8700
Maya	74 Moraga Way, Ori	258-9049
Taqueria El Balazo	3518 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	284-8700
Numero Uno Taqueria	3616 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-1333
<b>Pizza</b>		
Aladino's Pizza	3614 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-6363
Mountain Mike's Pizza	504 Center St, Mor	377-6453
Pennini's	1375 Moraga Rd, Mor	376-1515
Round Table Pizza	"361 Rheem Blvd, ", Mor	376-1411
Round Table Pizza	3637 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	283-0404
Village Pizza	19 Orinda Way # Ab, Ori	254-1200
Zamboni's Pizza	1 Camino Sobrante # 4, Ori	254-2800
<b>Sandwiches/Deli</b>		
Bianca's Deli	1480 Moraga Rd # A, Mor	376-4400
Europa Hofbrau Deli & Pub	64 Moraga Way, Ori	254-7202
Kasper's Hot Dogs	99 Brookwood Rd, Ori	254-2908
Noah's Bagels	3518 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Laf	299-0716
Orinda Deli	19 F Orinda Way, Ori	254-1990
<b>South American</b>		
The Patio Tapas and restaurant	960 Moraga Road, Laf	299-6885
<b>Steak</b>		
Casa Orinda	20 Bryant Way, Ori	254-2981
<b>Tea</b>		
Patisserie Lafayette	71 Lafayette Cir, Laf	283-2226
<b>Thai</b>		
Amarin Thai Cuisine	3555 Mt. Diablo Blvd # B, Laf	283-8883
Baan Thai	99 Orinda Way, Ori	253-0989
Royal Siam	512 Center St, Mor	377-0420
Siam Orchid	23 Orinda Way # F, Ori	253-1975

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- May 5th, Open house and free tours of the Moraga Barn
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- May 6th, Native Plan Garden Tour, Kyte Garden, 57 Corliss Drive. Garden talks at 12 noon and 3:00 PM.
- May 7 - 10, Saint Mary's Student Senior Exhibition - Hearst Gallery 11 am-4:30 pm.
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  - May 5th Arts, Wine and Merchants Fair 12 PM to 5 PM Rheem Center
  - May 6th Farmers Market 9 AM to 1 PM Moraga Center
  - May 6th "Bringing Back the Native Garden" 12 PM and 3 PM 57 Corliss Dr.
  - May 12th Volunteer Clean-Up day from 9 AM Rancho Laguna Park
  - Week long: Spring Cleaning and pick-up days
  - Merchant's special discounts, Orchard Supply Hardware and Moraga Garden Center.



# SPORTS

## LAMORINDAS LOCAL SPORTS NEWS



### First Annual Moraga Triathlon Showcases Local Athleticism

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Great things come in threes: Cary Grant, Gene Kelly, and Audrey Hepburn, The Three Stooges, or Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga. In the sports world, the "Threes" principle comes in the form of the triathlon. Under last Saturday's blue skies, triathletes from around the area came out for the debut of the Moraga Treeline Triathlon. With participants of all ages, the triathlon exuded enthusiasm and determination. Although temperatures were in the 80's, these triathletes demonstrated immense fitness levels, with almost all of them completing the full course.

The triathlon began at 6 a.m., when participants checked-in at Campolindo High School, where the event began and ended. Event officials estimated that a little over 270 triathletes registered-- an astounding number for a first-time event.

The race started in the pool. Athletes entered the pool in 10 second intervals to begin their laps. All triathletes began with 400 meters of swimming, followed by 22k of cycling, and brought home with a 5k run.

One of the volunteers supervising the swimming portion noted that the event organizers paid special attention to making sure the swim lanes were wide enough to avoid a collision. It paid off, since "nobody has drowned yet," he joked.

Even supporters were in for a workout as family and friends followed their favorite athlete from the pool to the bike rack, to cheer them on. As soon as athletes had completed their laps, the participants rushed to get in their bike gear and start the next leg of the race. Young volunteers welcomed them to the bike rack with vocal support and cups of much-needed water. As soon as possible, they were off once again. This time, they needed to ride through Moraga Rd., Canyon Rd., and back, for a total of nearly 14 miles.

The cheering crowd stayed near the bike racks, because the participants returned to drop their bikes, drink some water, and begin the 5k run. Some of the triathletes took a couple of extra seconds to hug their families and renew their energy. Sooner or later, however, all of these runners faced what some later called a "heart-breaking" run. This last leg of the event, the 5k run, went through Paseo Grande and Campolindo Dr., and finished on the Campolindo football field. The spectators migrated to the field to cheer the athletes home. One after another, the triathletes ran onto the football field, and ran a victory lap around it before crossing the finish line.

Because participants were staggered at the beginning of the event, the first one to cross the finish line was not necessarily the one



Biking... athletes biked a 22K route or a total of 14 miles  
Photo by Jordan Fong

with the fastest time. After all the participants had finished, the event staff began to crunch the numbers.

While the final numbers were being calculated, the competitors mingled among each other and with family and friends. One of them, Martin Mehar, still had the adrenaline pumping when asked about the training for the event. "You obviously need to train for all three (events)," he noted, "Because if you don't, it will hurt your performance in the other parts."

The numbers eventually came in and the winners were declared. The age brackets for the event went from the Junior/Teenager level to 60+. The participants showed great determination in this first-ever event in the Lamorinda area. Ac-

ording to the promoters, this event will come back next year, and for many years to come.

### Mats Get Win Over Gaels

By Jaime Zepeda

The Miramonte Mats received the Dublin Gaels on Tuesday, April 24, in what turned out to be a hard-fought game. The Gaels began the game with heavy hitting, but it was Miramonte's pitching that kept the Mats in it to win, 8-6.

In the first couple of innings, the Dublin Gaels showed great prowess at the plate. Hit after hit, the Gaels sent balls into the outfield with what seemed like effortless swings. In addition to their batting force, the Dublin bench did not stop chanting and yelling, trying to intimidate the Mats. In the second inning, the Gaels' Spencer Humphrey began an offensive attack with a booming double into left field. This inning would eventually bring in three runs for the Gaels and seemed to rattle the Mats.

The Mats, however, still had a chance to reply. In the bottom of the same inning, Mats' pitcher, John Vaccaro, hit a triple that rocked the Gaels. Thanks to this booming triple, the Mats gained the momentum to score an im-

pressive five runs, which put them up by two, and silenced the Dublin bench for awhile.

In the fifth inning, both teams displayed stellar pitching. Miramonte's John Vaccaro and Dublin's Blake Townsend made the inning scoreless for both teams. At this point in the game, the score was 6-4, Miramonte. The sixth inning showcased another offensive performance by both teams. First up, the Dublin Gaels, thanks in part to Michael Corniola, who scored a total of two runs to put them at an even score with the Mats.

This soon changed when the Mats came up to bat. The Matadors managed to score two runs on Townsend thanks to some late-game heroics, which brought home a win in suspenseful fashion.

The Matadors are currently on a three game winning streak, after they beat College Park on April 26, 3-2, and St. Vincent the day after, 11-8. Up next is Mt. Diablo High School, at Mt. Diablo (Concord) May 1 at 4:00 pm.

Adjusted Triathlon Results		
Age Bracket	Men	Women
10-12	1. David Furtado 1:38:53 2. Zach Remotto 1:48:06	
13-18	1. Roger Ward 1:16:52 2. Daniel Citron 1:25:12 3. Stephen Harlow 1:26:47	1. Grace Park 1:24:41 2. Evelyn Hoover 1:27:30 3. Nicolette Sorenson 1:43:07
19-29	1. Peter Holst 1:11:28 2. Payam Salijoughian 1:14:40 3. Forest Vance 1:16:10	1. Sarah Heiler 1:25:37 2. Rachel Miers 1:27:07 3. Michelle Lovejoy 1:28:09
30-39	1. Chris McCrary 1:08:26 2. Peter Agnost 1:15:30 3. Mark Carrasco 1:15:57	1. Sook Jung 1:24:12 2. Melissa Aycock 1:26:37 3. Shelby Warner 1:27:52
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# SPORTS

## LAMORINDAS LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

### Oakland Strokes' Race Delayed By Drug Bust

By Jaime Zepeda

If spectators weren't excited enough to watch the Oakland Strokes team go against Serra High and Palo Alto, the U.S. Coast Guard created even more excitement. On Sunday, April 22, the Oakland Strokes rowing team, which includes several Lamorinda high school rowers, faced the Serra High and Palo Alto teams, for both women and men, in Varsity and Junior Varsity. They raced in both 2,000 and 1,000 meter courses at the Oakland Estuary, JLAC.

Right when the rowing teams were ready to start, a U.S. Coast Guard cutter, surrounded by a dozen smaller boats, stopped the racing. It was later found out that the Coast Guard had just seized 20 tons of

cocaine in a drug bust off the coast of Mexico. Because of this interruption, the races were delayed, and many races began at the 1,000 meter mark instead of the usual 2,000 meter mark. Despite the delay, the rowers remained focused. The results are as follows:

**Opening Race/2,000 meters**  
 OS Men's V-8 6:28.0  
 Serra Men's V-8 6:31.7  
 OS Men's Novice A 6:48.9  
 OS Men's Novice B 6:51.3  
 OS Women's V-8 7:12.2  
 OS Women's JV-8 7:16.0

**Women's Novice Mix/2,000 meters**  
 OS Wom Novice 4-A 8:03.6  
 OS Wom Novice 4-B 8:14.1  
 OS Novice 8-A 8:37.8  
 Palo Alto Wom N-4 9:16.1

**Men's Varsity/1,000 meters**  
 OS Men's V-8 2:58.1  
 Serra Men's V-8 3:02.1

**Women's Varsity/1,000 meters**  
 OS Women's 3V-8 3:46.0  
 OS Women's V-8 3:54.0  
 OS Women's V-4B 3:56.0  
 OS Women's N-4C 4:00.0  
 OS Women's N-8 4:05.0  
 Palo Alto Wom V-4 4:26.0

**Men's Frosh 4/2,000 meters**  
 Serra Men's Frosh 47.1 OS  
 Men's Frosh 4 7:18.0

The Oakland Stokes visited the Long Beach Regatta this past weekend, and moved closer to the championship finals for Lake Natoma in May.

### A Week In Review

By Malia McClurg



Don's Junior Katie Gray pitched six strong innings to win over Alhambra  
 Photo by Jean Timken

On Thursday, April 26th, Acalanes' baseball team beat Alhambra 4-0. They are now 11-1 in DFAL.

Over in men's Tennis, the Dons', competed in the DFAL Championships on Thursday April 26. Evan Kline and Jarrett Nelson, who were No. 2-seed, won their first three doubles matches.

Two weekends ago in the

Phillips-McCain Track and Field Invitational at Campolindo, the Miramonte girl's came out on top with a team score of 74. On the boy's side, De LaSalle took first at 66. Acalanes came within reach with 59.


Campolindo's Stacey Jung (08) set a new school record in pole vault when she cleared 12 feet. Keep an eye on her, because State is quickly approaching.

Acalanes' Girl's Softball beats Alhambra 9-3. Stand-out Katie Gray pitched six innings with eight strike outs and only four hits. The girls are now second in DFAL standings.

Congratulations to LMSC player Shelby Church for participating in State ODP (Olympic Development Program). She also plays for Lamorinda United 91 and Miramonte High School.

District ODP LMSC Players include: Katherine Cuyler - Lamorinda United '91, Katherine Doyle - Lamorinda United '91, Jackie Kane - Lamorinda United '92, Sara Mostatabi - Lamorinda United '93, Michael Pitt - Lamorinda FC '91, Zach Puntzy - Lamorinda FC '91, Nathan Sonnenthal - Lamorinda FC '91, and Hana Wasserman - Lamorinda United '92

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Gael men's rugby takes on Army in thrilling contest.

Photos by Tim Mickiewicz

## SMC Men's Rugby Ends Season Ranked #5

By Jennifer Wake

In one of the final games of the season at Penn State on April 20, the Saint Mary's men's rugby team defeated the highly touted cadets of West Point, 31-27, in one of the biggest upsets in the USA Rugby Round of Sixteen.

Head Coach Tim O'Brien described it as "an absolutely thrilling contest." Although Army was in charge for the bulk of the game, leading 24-21, and with Gael lock Ryan Martens out with a concussion, the Saint Mary's team hung tough. With fifteen minutes left in the match, flyhalf Volney Rouse tied things up with a penalty goal, bringing it to 24-24. Army answered with their own penalty goal before Rouse scored the game-winning try, with less than five minutes remaining in the match.

"The team displayed an extreme sense of poise and confidence in their come-from-behind victory," said head coach Tim O'Brien. "Senior Volney Rouse and sophomore Brandon Vedder were absolutely outstanding."

The next evening the Gael took on Mid Atlantic conference #1 Navy who had rested 10 starters the previous night in their win over Clemson. Although Saint Mary's led until the third quarter, once the Midshipmen took the lead, they held it until the end.

"This was a technically

poorly played match with many turnovers and a high penalty count," O'Brien said. "We held a 17-10 lead with 12 minutes remaining, but at that time [SMC player] Kevin Swiryn, an absolute standout, was assessed a yellow card penalty."

The Gael was forced to play one man short for 10 minutes – a severe blow.

"It didn't take Navy long to exploit [our] short hand as

they scored 14 quick points and found their way to the final four," said O'Brien. "It was a frustrating loss; we were certainly not at our best."

O'Brien says standouts on the day were Volney Rouse and senior Matt Leatherby, who played the entire game at scrum half with a separated shoulder.

SMC ended the season 18-3, ranked #5 in USA Collegiate Division I.



Photos by Tim Mickiewicz

## Moraga Baseball Association

### Pony Division

April 29

#### Moraga Cougars 11,

#### Clayton Valley Eagles 0

**Cougar highlights:** Matt Bruzzone W, 6 IP, 0 Runs, 8K's; Sean Wraith 2-for-4, 3B, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Vince Graziano 1-for-2, 2 RBI.

April 28

#### Martinez Pilots 5,

#### Moraga Mariners 1

**Mariners highlights:** Scott Lyness 2-for-3, 2B, RBI; Phillip Wright 1-for-3, 4 IP (4 hits, no walks, 3 K's, 3 runs); Allen Smoot 1-for-1, 2B; Kevin Malley 1-for-3; KK Lowe 1-for-3.

April 28 - Game #1

#### Moraga Cougars 16,

#### Clayton Valley Eagles 4

**Cougar highlights:** Peter Matthias W, 5 IP, 5K; Matt Bruzzone 1-for-3, 3 RBI, 2 runs; Daniel Brinckerhoff 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Vince Graziano 3-for-3, RBI, 2 runs.

April 28 - Game #2

#### Moraga Cougars 14,

#### Clayton Valley Eagles 0

**Cougar highlights:** Chris Roming W, 5 IP, 0 Runs, 8 K's, 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Peter Matthias 3-for-3, 2 RBI, 3 runs; Josh Cushing 1-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI, 1 run.

### Bronco Division

April 29

#### Nationals 8, Piedmont Scots 2

**Nationals highlights:** Matt Yoklavich 2-for-4, 3 SB's; Mason Windatt 2-for-2, 2B, 2 RBI, Joe Giacchetti 3-for-3, 3 RBI, 2 runs; Conner Rosenbaum 3 IP, save.

April 28

#### Mariner's 8, A's 3

**Mariners highlights:** Mathew Gong 2-for-4, 2 runs; John Schmitz 2-for-3, 2 runs; Robbie Kalish 1-for-4, 3 RBI. **A's highlights:** Joseph Navone 1-for-2, 2 runs; Reid Shellenbach 2-for-3; Ryan Gannett 1-for-3, run.

#### Bears 6, Nationals 4

**Bears highlights:** Robby Tenerowicz 3-for-4, 2-2B; Andy Grubbs 2-for-3, 3 RBI; Jeff Erikson 2-for-4, 2 runs. **Nationals highlights:** Chris Fafoutis 1-for-3; Brandon Dolan 1-for-3.

April 22

#### Moraga Bears 7, Piedmont 2

**Bears highlights:** Brett Stephens 1 hit, 2 runs; Ryan Hoffman 2 hits, 1-2B, RBI, 2 runs; Robbie Tenerowicz 2 hits, RBI, run; Phillip Rei 2 hits, RBI.

#### Moraga Nationals 5,

#### Orinda Rivercats 1

**Nationals highlights:** JD Ratchford 7 IP (7 K's, 2 BB, 3 hits), 2B, RBI; Mason Windatt 2 hits, 2 RBI; Billy Evenhuis 1B, RBI; James Coleman strong defense.

April 19

#### Walnut Creek Bull Dawgs 6,

#### Moraga Bears 3

**Bears highlights:** David Reynolds 2 hits, RBI; Ryan Hooper 1 hit, RBI; Robbie Tenerowicz 1 hit, RBI.

April 15

#### Moraga Bears 14,

#### Walnut Creek Red 2 - 4

**Bears highlights:** Brett Stephens 2 hits, 3 runs; Cody Kiriaze 2 hits, 2 RBI, run; Walter Brennan 1 hit, 2 RBI, run.

April 12

#### Moraga Bears 15,

#### Pleasant Hill Cardinals 1

**Bears highlights:** Jeff Erikson 3-2B, 3 RBI, 4 runs; Ryan Hooper 3 hits, 3 RBI, run; Brett Stephens 3 hits, 2B, RBI, 3 runs.

### Mustang Division

April 28 - Midseason tournament championship game

#### Rangers 10, Red Sox 3

**Rangers highlights:** Ryan Geisreiter 2 IP, 4 K's; Tyler Bartis 2-for-3, HR; Chad Abbott 1-for-2, RBI, run; Neil Kelley 3-for-3, 2 RBI, 2B. **Red Sox highlights:** Nicki Fafoutis 2 IP, 4K's; Kevin Buckley 1-for-3, 2B; Simon Vesely 1-for-2.

April 25

#### Rangers 6, A's 5

**Rangers highlights:** Wyatt McNeil 2-for-3, RBI; Neil Kelley 2-for-2, 2B, 3 runs; Ryan Geisreiter 2 IP, 1 run, 5 K's. **A's highlights:** Drew Fass unassisted double play; Alex Gannett 1-for-3, 2B, RBI; Zack Cole 2 IP, 1 run, 5 K's.

April 24

#### Red Sox 7, Orioles 3

**Red Sox highlights:** Nicolas

Fafoutis 2 IP, 1 H, 0 runs, 4 K's; Scott Smoot 3-for-3, 2-2b, 2 RBI, 3 runs, 5 SB; Kevin Buckley 2-for-3, RBI, run, 4 SB. **Orioles highlights:** Chris Daniel 2-for-2, 2-1B; Ethan Yasuda 1-for-2, 1B; Ben Skinner faced 8 batters, 4 K's, double play fly out catch at short and a throw to second; Nick Elliott right field catch for a fly out.

April 22

#### Angels 10, Yankees 7

**Yankees highlights:** Sean Papa 3-for-3, 3 runs, 2 SB; Justin Pfaff 1-for-2, run; Jacob Molloy, 1-for-3, RBI, run. **Angels highlights:** Jordan Hoover 2-for-3, 2 SB, run; Jack O'Donnell 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 3 runs; Kevin Shaffer 2 IP, 1R, 1K, 0 BB.

### Pinto Division

April 28

#### Diamondbacks 17, Cardinals 11

**Diamondbacks highlights:** Calvin Gee 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Kyle Hinds 4-for-4, 1-3B, 2-2B, 5 RBI, 3 runs; Lev Garcia 4-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs. **Cardinals highlights:** Nick Morgan 2-for-4, RBI, run; Erik Wenning 3-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 runs; Jack Strong 2-for-3, run. April 25

#### Cubs 18, Cardinals 12

**Cardinals highlights:** Trevin Kroichick 3-for-4, RBI, run; Nicholas Bishop 2-for-3, run; Quinn Cuddihy 2-for-3, RBI.

April 24

#### Padres 22, Giants 12

**Padres highlights:** Grant Bartis 4-for-4, 3B, 2 RBI, 4 runs; Tomie Vega 4-for-4, RBI, 3 runs; Dylan Caro 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 3 runs; Bryce Dugan 4-for-5, 3 RBI, run. **Giants highlights:** Nathan Carlson 3-for-3, RBI, 2 runs; Matt Bruck 2-for-4, 3RBI, 2 runs; Casey Kiriaze 3-for-4, RBI, 2 runs.

April 22

#### Diamondbacks 11, Giants 10

**Diamondbacks highlights:** Kyle Hinds 4-for-4, 3 runs, 2 RBI; Jake Oxendine 3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Grady Eglin: 2-for-3, RBI. **Giants highlights:** Harry Curtiss 3-for-4, RBI, run; Sam O'Donnell 3-for-4, 2 RBI, run; Nicky Erickson 3-for-4, 2-2B, 4 RBI, run.

## Outfielder Eric Cattoni Nominated for CLASS Award

By Jennifer Wake

Saint Mary's senior outfielder Eric Cattoni, who has set the pace with single season stolen bases and runs scored this season, was among a list of 30 candidates for the baseball division of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.

The CLASS award, which stands for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, was originally launched in 2001-02 with basketball as a way to honor excellent student-athletes who stayed in college amid the lure of professional offers. Lowe's recently announced the addition of baseball and three other NCAA sports to the CLASS award program.

Out of the list of baseball division nominees spanning the country, Cattoni was the only representative chosen from a California institution.

While Cattoni's on-the-field performance during his collegiate baseball career was a factor in determining his candidacy, his

personal character and off-the-field achievements in the classroom solidified the nomination. Since coming to Saint Mary's in 2005 from the College of Southern Idaho, the Lethbridge, Alberta native has maintained a 4.0 GPA while taking pre-med courses. He was also awarded the CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award for his outstanding scholastic achievement in chemistry.

On the field, Cattoni has proven himself as a WCC leader, moving into a tie for ninth all-time in single season stolen bases with 26 while his 46 runs scored this season rank him in a tie for eighth in single season runs scored. He also sits in sixth all-time with 43 career stolen bases – five away from two others in fifth.

Ten finalists for the award will be selected by a national media committee in May, with the award winner and the college baseball All-Senior All-

America Team to be announced during the 2007 NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Neb., next month.

Last weekend, the Saint Mary's baseball team hosted the Portland Pilots in a three-game conference series at Louis Guisto Field. In addition to Cattoni, other Saint Mary's WCC leaders include freshman Anthony Aliotti, who is second in the conference with 29 walks and a .455 on base percentage, and sophomore Joel Staples, who is fourth in home runs with six, fifth in slugging percentage at .527, and fifth in RBI with 35.

The Gael held a record of 17-23-1 (0-12 WCC) going into last weekend's series, following the 7-6 victory over Sacramento State on April 25 where Cattoni hit a "three-run bomb" before freshman Taylor Stanton brought in the save to secure the one-run victory.



Outfielder Eric Cattoni waits for the pitch

Photo by Carly Soto

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## Mike Magidson, From Sleepy Hollow to the Airbus

Mike had returned to his country 10 days before 9/11. As a result, a European network bought Mike's project "American Manifest," a film about how ordinary Americans, living in different parts of the country, reacted to the terrible event. Mike would have liked to stay more than a year here, but his career was in Europe. Upon his return, he directed "The Long Trail," one of his most acclaimed documentaries,

about the Inuit populations in Greenland. Then in 2004, he was hired by Discovery Channel to develop a project about the creation of the Airbus A380, the biggest commercial carrier ever built. After 3 years of filming, the undertaking is coming to an end. Five 46 minutes films have been created by Mike. The first 3 have already been broadcast in the US, and the last two are coming. Subsequently, Mike has been all over the world with the plane. John Travolta is "the face" of the Australian Airline and as a certified 747 pilot, he was very interested in the specifics of piloting

the A380. Mike had a blast filming him and was charmed by his genuine sweetness.

Now that the Airbus Project is at an end, Mike is starting a new chapter in his life. His first fiction film is in the making. The harder part is to secure the financing, but he expects to start filming in December 2008. The story is set in Greenland and the underlying theme is the collision between the modern and ancient Eskimo world. Mike loves collisions and the sparks that result from them.

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The New Hip Scene:

# SMC's Project Green

By Jennifer Wake

Going Green. It has not only become a popular phrase in the mainstream media, but describes a movement on many college campuses reminiscent of the '60s. Saint Mary's College is no exception.

On April 18 more than 100 students, faculty, staff and Lamorinda residents entered the Saint Mary's campus on bikes, skateboards, or by foot as part of "Pedal for the Planet." The event – designed to promote alternate forms of transportation, help people measure their "carbon footprint," and learn ways to minimize their impact on the environment – was the fourth organized by Project Green, a student-run organization created last summer to promote sustainability on campus.

The organization was formed by Saint Mary's student John Stratton, who began a quest for personal change in the summer of 2006, asking Associate Dean of Liberal Arts

Shawny Anderson for help. "I told Shawny, 'I want to become a hippie,'" said Stratton, who was seeking ways to be more environmentally responsible. "This prompted a few brainstorming sessions on what we could do to make SMC more sustainable. We thought that an organization which incorporated all aspects of sustainability would be an efficient and effective strategy."

**Project Green's three main goals? Recycling, composting, and organic foods.**

The fledgling group spent much of the first semester researching ways to tackle issues, finding the right people to contact, and figuring out ways to create programs and put on events. Composting proved the most daunting task, so the group focused first on recycling. Kaitlin Caruso, one of the Project Green co-

ordinators, says it has been a huge success.

"We didn't have any organized recycling in any dorms on campus," said Caruso. "In the beginning of the year we got a grant and designed a recycling program for freshmen, since they live on campus and will be here the longest." The group purchased large 50-gallon tubs for each hall, with smaller receptacles for each dorm room. The bins are light enough to be moved around campus.

In February, the group kicked off the recycling program with Trash Day. After the breakfast period in Oliver Hall, the half-ton of trash collected was thrown under a tree in Dante Quad to show how much waste occurs after just one meal. Project Green coordinators explained to those gathered that two-thirds of the two-tons of trash produced each day could either be composted or recycled.

"I've learned how much we waste on campus and how much energy we use," Project Green member Marie Conner said. "We have an option of taking hard plastic cups or paper cups for our drinks, so we emphasized that taking the [reusable] plastic is one way to reduce waste. Being part of this has made me much more aware of things I use."

In addition to the student-run organization, the administration has taken additional steps to become "greener." In September 2005, the college began efforts to reduce its energy consumption by 71 kilowatts under a new energy conservation program, new buildings on campus are being built to environmentally friendly standards, and courses such as "Earth and Environmental Responsibility in the Global Community" address environmental issues and offer students ways to take personal responsibility.

"We've learned about the importance of energy conservation, but also how we are responsible," said Project Green member Kristen Thomsen. "The majority of the class had no

## Conference Focuses on Environmental Policy in CA

The economic, social and political ramifications of environmental policy in California will be discussed at the annual "State of the Economy – Toward a Sustainable Environment" conference Wednesday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Saint Mary's Soda Center.

"Interest in this area is exploding – and we all need to 'get educated,'" said Kris Chase, Ph.D., Saint Mary's College economics professor and director of the Center for the Regional Economy. "We will be sharing perspectives from the government, business and environmental communities. How these policies (such as the greenhouse gas bill for California, AB32) are designed will have an impact on the costs of transportation, utilities, as well as on our quality of life."

The morning will begin with a presentation about California economic policy



Project Green members Marie Conner and Corinne Simpson spread the word." Photo by Jennifer Wake



Project Green collected trash from one breakfast in dining hall. Photo by Kaitlin Caruso

idea what was going on. We talked a lot about how we can contact state representatives."

For now, Project Green coordinator Kyle Broderud says everyone can start by simply turning off the lights and TV when leaving a room. "This can save more energy than people think," he said. "And (if they have the budget) eating locally-grown organic foods greatly reduces our carbon emissions."

Because of the high cost of organic foods, Project Green was only able to incorporate organic foods in the dining hall on a rotating basis. In the future, they hope to create small, organic permaculture gardens around campus for students, faculty, staff and the Lamorinda community to use.

"[In addition to the garden,] long-term projects



Recycle bins on campus Photo by Jennifer Wake

include solar energy sustainability, and the reduction of paper/plastic products used on campus," said Broderud. "We also hope to set up a recycling program in every building on campus. Until we eliminate our waste all together, we can always recycle more, eat better, reduce waste, save energy, and many other things."

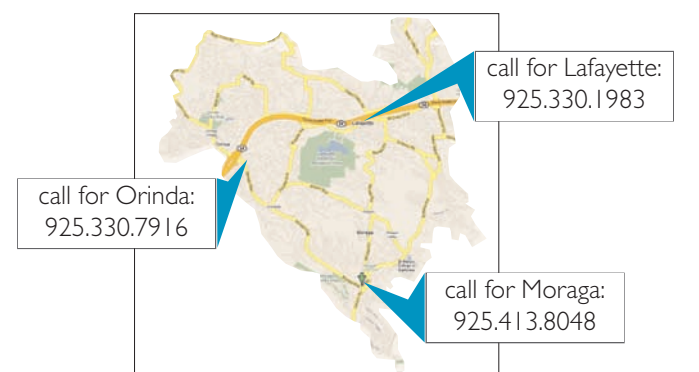
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is proud of the success and support that Project Green has received from the college and the local community. "It has given students an organization to help them take actions behind their beliefs."

For more information about Project Green or the SMC Sustainability initiatives, visit <http://sustainmc.stmarys-ca.edu/>.



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## Go Gaels!

### Upcoming Saint Mary's Sports Events

Friday, May 4

• Baseball vs. Santa Clara 3 p.m. at Louis Guisto Field

We wish all the Saint Mary's student-athletes the best of luck as they enter competition at games away from home this week. For information on all out-of-town games, visit the official Saint Mary's athletics website: [www.SMCGaels.com](http://www.SMCGaels.com).

## Campus Happenings

### Conferences/Lectures:

"State of the Economy Conference – Toward a Sustainable Environment" (See story on this page.)

Wednesday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Soda Activity Center, \$35 per person (includes luncheon)

Poets Brenda Hillman and Rusty Morrison

As part of the Creative Writing Reading Series, Brenda Hillman, the Olivia Filippi Chair in Poetry at Saint Mary's College and author of "Death Tractates," "Bright Existence," "Loose Sugar," "Cascadia" and, most recently, "Pieces of Air in the Epic," which won the William Carlos Williams Award will speak along with MFA Program graduate and poet Rusty Morrison, whose poems include "Whethering," which won the Colorado Prize for Poetry. Morrison is the winner of the Cecil Hemley and Robert H. Winner memorial awards.

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### Nightingales Concert

Wednesday, May 16 at 8 p.m., SMC Chapel

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### SMC Chamber Musicians

Thursday, May 17 at 8 p.m., SMC Chapel

Free

### Special Events:

Undergraduate Commencement

The 144th Undergraduate Commencement speaker will be the Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins, AFSC. Bishop Cummins, who led the Diocese of Oakland for 26 years, serves as the Seefurth Chair of Catholic Thought for the Cummins Institute at Saint Mary's. Individual receptions, which will take place campus-wide, will follow.

May 26 at 9:30 a.m., SMC Stadium

For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at [www.stmarys-ca.edu/news\\_events/](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news_events/).

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