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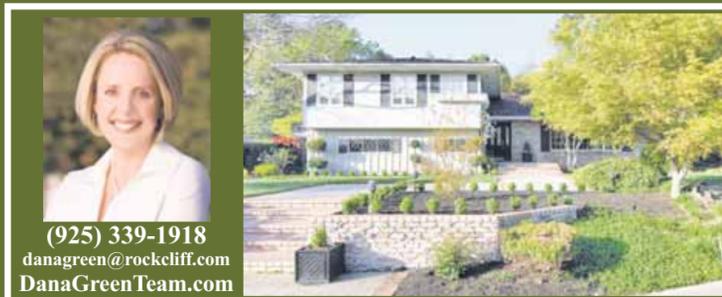
Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Monday, April 28	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Thursday, April 17	
Design Review	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Tuesday, April 22	
Park, Trails, Rec.	7pm
Community Center 500 St Mary's Road	
Wednesday, May 14	
Circulation	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Monday, April 21	
Emergency Prep.	9:15am
City Offices 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite 265	
Wednesday, May 14	
Senior Services	3:30pm
Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Thursday, April 24	
check online:	
Town of Lafayette:	
http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us	
• all meeting notes	
• calendar updates	
Chamber of Commerce:	
http://www.lafayettechamber.org	
• local businesses	
• upcoming events	



This Police Blotter was provided Chief Hubbard, via the City of Lafayette's electronic Friday Message. Drugs, Officer McDevitt stopped a Concord man because his license plate light was not working. When asked for identification, the man said he did not have any ID. While Officer McDevitt searched the man for identification, he found the man's wallet. It contained identification and two baggies of drugs; one baggie of cocaine and one baggie of methamphetamine. The man was on probation and was subsequently arrested and booked at the county jail.

Car chase and drugs, Officer McDevitt attempted to stop a truck because it had an unsafe load. The driver of the truck, a Concord man, fled from Officer McDevitt and led officers on a 20-mile chase. During the chase, the driver was seen throwing what appeared to be drugs out of the truck. CHP assisted us by deploying a "Spike Strip" and once the truck's tires were flat, it stopped. The driver was arrested and during a search of the truck, crack cocaine, heroine and hypodermic needles were found in the truck. The driver was booked for transportation and sales of narcotics.

Stupid drug use, Officer Parker was assisting CHP on the freeway, at a car fire. While on the freeway, a CHP officer saw a person, parked on Pleasant Hill Rd., snorting cocaine. The CHP officer pointed this out to Officer Parker. Officer Parker drove to the truck and contacted the 50-year-old Lafayette man who was sitting in the truck. Officer Parker detained the man and searched the truck. Officer Parker found a small metal card that had lines of cocaine on it. The driver admitted that he was just getting ready to snort the cocaine. The man was arrested and booked at the county jail.



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Acalanes Teens Finish First

By Cathy Tyson



Acalanes Jazz Combo, winner of first place at the Monterey Jazz Festival Photo provided

Once again the Acalanes High School Jazz Combo reaped the rewards of their many hours of practice with a first place finish last Saturday at the Monterey Jazz Festival's NeXT Generation Youth Jazz Combo Competition. This is a stellar jazz event because of the level of competition from fifty-four groups from four continents.

What's more, Ellie Athayde was honored as the judges' first choice for favorite combo musician of the festival. Gurbir Dhillon was also honored as one of the three additional judges' choices.

"I can't talk now because [sniff] I'm still crying after having listened to the award winning set. Does anybody have a package of tissues I can borrow," said Mo Levich, Director of the Rossmoor Big Band.

As a reward for winning top honors the Combo will play on the main stage at the Monterey Jazz Festival on September 21. This is in addition to the \$750. cash prize they will share. "To win the Monterey Jazz Festival takes hard work, they took years to get here," said Mike Grant, proud father of Parker Grant.

The fourth annual Festival was four days long and had over 80 events in five locations, categories included vocal ensemble,

combo, college, high school and middle school big band and conglomerate big band. As expected all of the divisions were highly competitive, judges based their scores on intonation, style and presentation, creativity and solos.

Kudos to Acalanes' winning Combo members Parker Grant, Ben Ebert, Maxime Stinnett, Gurbir Dhillon, and Ellie Athayde. The Combo has performed together, in various permutations, for five years. The Combo is coached by legendary local jazz musician Mary Fettig. Bob Athayde is their long time mentor, who started with these kids when they were at Stanley. Expect great things from these talented students next year, all of whom are juniors with the exception of Maxime Stinnett who will be going to UC Berkeley in the fall.

In addition, these young musicians have benefitted from Lafayette's Generations in Jazz Foundation as well as from members of the Rossmoor Big Band.

Lamorinda residents are invited to catch the Combo, Generations in Jazz, and other student musicians at the 40th anniversary of Diablo Foods this Friday, April 18th from 3:30 until 6:00. "Our Foundation is appearing to say thank you to Ed Stokes for all he's done for music in the community," said Levich.

Show and Tell at the Library

By Cathy Tyson

"We started this five years ago and we're really excited about the project," Barbara Flammang, principal architect from Flammang and Killefer said about the over 30,000 square foot, three story Lafayette Library and Learning Center. "Your city is the most architecturally aware on the planet. It's easier for us when the client knows exactly what they want and make their expectations very clear," said Wade Killefer, her partner.

Flammang went on to describe the design elements, "rustic to fit in with traditional Bay Area style, organic, and with respect to the setting. The lower section is clad in stone, heavier at the bottom with a canopy at the top. The 20 foot elevation gain from Golden Gate Boulevard to Mt. Diablo was challenging. But with challenge comes opportunity."

She continued describing the furniture, carpeting, tile, wall colors, parking, book drop off and much more. One of the unique interior spaces will be the Seaborg garden. It has glass on two sides and a beautiful layering of landscape elements; ginkgo trees and Japanese maples. The floor will have slabs of granite with a subtle fractured effect. "It's meant to be a calming, richly textured space," she noted.

A special effort was made to use sustainable, green building materials. A photovoltaic solar panel system, vertical fin walls to reduce interior solar heat gain, recycled teak from Thailand, and all double glazed low-e windows are just a few examples of the many green choices made. Even during construction, approximately 50% to 75% of the waste and debris was reused or recycled and diverted from landfill.

The interior will have a very unique wood truss system, a contemporary interpretation of the old



Wade Killefer and Barbara Flammang, Library and Learning Center Architects, with carpet, paint and tile samples that will go in the Children's area Photo Cathy Tyson

Bay Area post and beam design, light, airy and uplifting. The dynamic system is a proprietary design by a Canadian firm. This will be its first use in the U. S., just one of many cutting edge innovations in the building. Drivers along Mt. Diablo Blvd should see these go up

in the next few days. "We selected plants as close to natives as we could that didn't require a lot of water," said Anne Grodin, former Mayor and Lafayette Community Foundation Director.

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Symposium for Seniors

By Cathy Tyson

Who doesn't like a free lunch, no strings attached, coupled with plenty of valuable complimentary information on senior needs and challenges? That's just what the Senior Liaison Committee, which is composed of a subcommittee of the Lafayette Community Foundation and the Lafayette Senior Services Commission, are providing at the upcoming Symposium for Seniors

on April 22nd at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette.

This jointly sponsored event is about much more than a free lunch. Community leaders from these two organizations want to provide information to seniors, their adult children, and those baby boomers who will be seniors soon about all of the resources available locally which will enable older adults to age

in place. With a large chunk of Lafayette's population maturing, there is increasing need for this kind of informational assistance.

Organizers Ruth McCahan and Marechal Duncan and the whole Liaison Committee have worked hard to put together a team of experts to discuss the following important topics:

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