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Lafayette Elementary students eagerly help unload over 400 pumpkins for the school's annual Westival Family Carnival on October 9th. Photo Doug Kohen

'Tis the Season for Halloween

Quote of the Week:

"I urge you to vote..."
 Read *Letters to the Editor*, pages A10-12
 (A new record:
 8000 words of wisdom from Lamorindans!)

By Cathy Tyson

Not only is Halloween a unique American tradition, but it really comes to life in the suburbs. Lamorinda is filled with family neighborhoods, a plethora of pumpkins on front porches, creepy spiders and other ghoulish decorations that contribute to the holiday vibe. For kids the prospect of a pillowcase full

of candy and morphing into their alter ego for an evening can't be beat. It's not every day you see a giant inflatable Frankenstein on a front lawn and get to embrace your inner witch or vampire.

Kids have figured out over the years how to maximize their candy take – starting early, and finding

well lit neighborhoods with homes relatively close together. Everybody has their favorite - in Moraga the Camino Ricardo area and along Rimer Drive are very popular, in Lafayette – all of Burton Valley is a winner - Merriewood Drive becomes Scarrywood Drive.

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Downtown Orinda—Double Vision?

By Andrea A. Firth

"Downtown Orinda is dreary...it's a nothing downtown," said one resident. "I like Orinda how it is," said another. Views were divergent among the 200 residents who packed Fellowship Hall at the Orinda Community Church to participate in the first of two workshops sponsored by the City and aimed at shaping a community vision for downtown.

"Tonight we're starting with a clean slate, a clear canvas," said City Manager Janet Keeter as she pointed to the large, blank piece of paper that lined the wall behind her.

Seated in rows of folding chairs was a veritable who's who of Orinda including three current City Council members and four Planning Commissioners along with several former elected officials and Commission appointees. The senior citizen set was well

represented as were the resident interest groups Orinda Vision, Save Orinda, and Quiet Orinda.

As facilitator Christopher Beynon of MIG in Berkeley prompted the audience to share their thoughts about the pluses and minuses of Orinda's downtown, his colleague Lou Hexter covered the white sheet with bulleted lists of what people had to say.

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Miramonte Handily Defeats Campolindo

By Alex Kozela



Miles Honens played an instrumental role in Miramonte's 34-7 win Photo David DeSilva

Miramonte took full advantage of Campolindo's defensive frailties last Friday, October 22, as they defeated their local rivals 34-7.

Miramonte wide receiver Miles Honens caught two touchdown passes for 73 yards while also snatching an important interception late in the second quarter to lead the Matadors (7-1 overall, 3-1 DFAL) to victory. The team bounced back in solid form after dropping their first game of the season in a 27-24 upset against Las Lomas the week before.

"We were pretty disappointed with how we played on both sides of the ball last week, so we were really focused this week on playing a solid game," Miramonte head coach John Wade said.

The Cougars (5-3, 1-3 DFAL) went into the game de-

stroyed by injuries, six defensive starters and five offensive starters were casualties. Miramonte proved to take full advantage of the situation, as quarterback Ross Anderson completed seven of ten passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns.

"Our goal was to come out and play tough at the line of scrimmage," Cougars head coach Kevin Macy said. "We have a completely green secondary out there, and they were able to take advantage. That's where most of our injuries this season have come from. We had to play [two] sophomores, had to play both our quarterbacks in the secondary, and you don't want to do that."

The game's clincher proved to be at the end of the second quarter, when Honens caught two touchdown passes and an interception.

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