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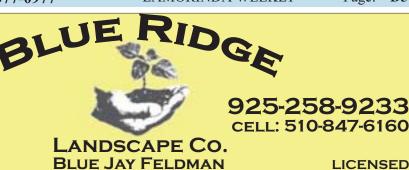
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Making Movies in Moraga

By Sophie Braccini



Camera set up at Si Si Caffe

ho'd have thought that Moraga might be the perfect setting for a thriller? If you're looking for some small town ambience, turns out Moraga's just the ticket.

crew from Entwin Productions filmed they took over the café," said Terry

scenes for the upcoming movie My Eleventh in Moraga. A production scout discovered Cathy Corsi's Si Si Caffè, on Country Club Drive, and suggested it for a scene in the murder On March 4th and 5th a cinema mystery. "When they came that day,



Cathy Corsi's daughter Cynthia and waitress Renee Gomer all dressed up to play in the production Photos provided

Wolf-Stratton, who works in the salon next door, "The two stars of the movie were so gorgeous and sweet. It was very interesting to see them work; it's real business and when we had to be quiet that was dead serious."

My Eleventh is a full-length fic- Half Men. Hickey has been featured

tion movie staring John Benjamin Hickey as the killer and actress Marin Hinkle as the lead female character. Hinkle is a familiar face to sitcom fans - she plays Judith Harper in tras. There was much excitement in Charlie Sheen's erstwhile *Two and a*

in such television shows as Law and Order and The Good Wife, and had a role in Clint Eastwood's movie Flags of Our Fathers.

Corsi was thrilled by the events of the day. "They asked my daughter Lea and my 12-year old granddaughter Cara to play the mother and sister of one of the victims in the scene where they filmed her burial at the Commons," said Corsi, "then they asked my other daughter, Cynthia, to play one of the victims and she joined the production team in Oakland, where they continued filming."

As the production team went on filming at the Moraga Commons Park, many young Moragans gathered around the team hoping to pick up a little big-screen face time as exthe otherwise peaceful park that lasted into the night.

Pedaling for a Greener Tomorrow

By Cathy Dausman



Greg Thomas in his velomobile

ook, up ahead! Is it a kayak? drive defensively." ✓Is it a plane? Is it a banana? No, it's Greg Thomas in his yel- Berkeley graduate, Thomas is a low velomobile! A velomobile is a three-wheeled recumbent bike (two-wheel steering in front) covered in a fiberglass shell. Thomas currently rides a Dutch built His interest in recumbent bikes Mango Sport model, which weighs 65 lbs and is 8 feet long.

Human Powered Vehicles, or HPVs, are still fairly new in the 2008. He commuted on his first U.S. Thomas estimates there are only a dozen such vehicles scattered across the Bay Area. Velomobiles (velo rhymes with Portland, Oregon, Left Coast yellow) are quite common in Europe, even in the colder climates. They can be fitted with a kayaklike neoprene "skirt" and bubble top windscreen to keep the driver warm. They have electric lights and a bell and/or horn. Some are fitted with a small electric motor to assist on uphill climbs. Velomobile drivers can easily maintain a 20-30 mile per hour pace on flat dozen velomobile riders will pavement, keeping pace with residential street traffic, but Thomas pedal across country to Washingis careful to observe the 15 mph ton, D.C. to raise awareness for upper limit on local bike trails. "I this eco-friendly transportation. try to be a good trail user," he Riders from Germany, the Nethersays, but "as with any bike you lands, Austria, and Italy will join

Senior Project Manager for American Mechanical. He was a college gymnast and has done "lots of paragliding and kite surfing." dates to the late 1990's. He first rode recumbents in 2001, and switched to riding a velomobile in model for a year before buying the Mango Sport.

Thomas participated in the Velomobile gathering in May, 2010 and joined the Niagara, Canada Velomobile Happening last September on a borrowed velomobile. His most challenging ride to date will no doubt be his participation in this summer's Roll Over America (ROAM) ad-

In late July, Thomas and four gather in Portland, Oregon and markable people and machines. This will be an amazing event." Thomas is the only Lamorindan mileage considerably in preparamaking the ROAM trip.

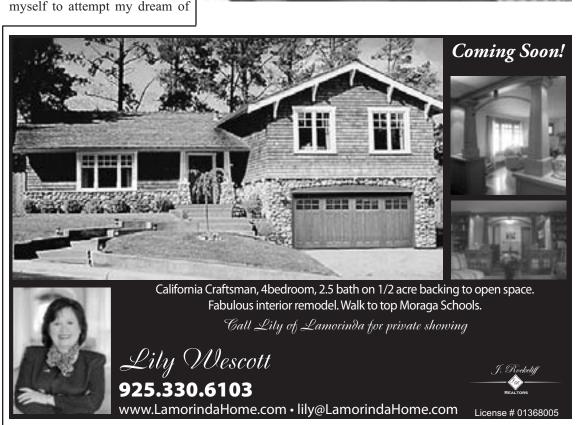
To prepare for the trip Thomas commutes to work in Walnut 200 km (124 miles) a day for four Creek two or three times a week along the Lafayette Moraga trail. "Velomobiles are incredible machines that satisfy my need for exercise, efficient transportation and beautiful engineering design," he doing [HPV] trips."

crossing the U.S. by human power says. He has made over 200 while being surrounded by re- round-trips since he bought his first velomobile, racking up 3500 miles. But he's got to ramp up the tion for this summer's trip; the group plans to ride an average of weeks.

> Thomas says the velomobile is the "ultimate in efficient transportation. It's also a vehicle for social change. People should be



Photos Cathy Dausman a contingent of North American An Orinda resident and Cal riders. Thomas explains his commitment to ride on the ROAM (http://www.rolloveramerica.eu/) website: "Roll Over America will be an opportunity [to] challenge





Velomobile cockpit



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