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Leaning Toward St. Mary's College

Commencement is May 21st



It's not exactly an ivory tower, but Jacqueline Barnes of Pleasanton (on sign) and her mother Caroline Barnes (foreground) found the brick St. Mary's College entry sign a suitable location for pre-graduation photographs. The younger Barnes is a senior business major who transferred from San Diego State University and says "things are awesome with this school." She plans a five week trip to Europe after graduation before starting a job search. St. Mary's 148th undergraduate commencement will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 21 at the stadium. *C. Dausman*

THE APP RAP

By Eric Pawlakos

BART Rider

Price: Free

Developer: Sinan Akay

For: Android

For anyone that has ever ridden BART, one of the most frustrating experiences is missing your train by just a few seconds. After running through the station as fast as you can, you stand helplessly by as the train doors close and you're forced to wait for the next train. However, with BART Rider, you will now be able to make that train on time. BART Rider is a very useful app that makes riding BART a more relaxing experience. The first thing it does is locate the station closest to you. Then, using real-time data, it displays a list of trains that will arrive at that station, with very accurate time-of-arrival. Gavin Shag, an Acalanes High School student says, "BART Rider is so much better than a schedule because you are getting real-time information right off of the BART system."

For Lamorinda parents who commute on BART, this app would appear to be a necessity. For example, rather than just hop-

ing to catch a train, the commuter now has the ability to time their departure from the office at the end of the day. BART Rider also lets you read any BART Service Advisories that alert you to any disruptions in service that could have you waiting for a long time in a BART station.

BART Rider also gives you a handheld 'BART system map' which lets you choose the most convenient station for your destination. In addition, it displays a good street map of the area where each BART station is located. You can use this street map as you navigate around unfamiliar areas as well as to find your way to the closest BART station. "This is an absolutely great app for when I am spending a day in San Francisco," said Miramonte student Carolyn Murphy.

For anyone who takes BART, this free app could save a lot of aggravation.

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Top Talent Tackles Triathlon

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And the breakfast of champions? Keeter, who has completed the triathlon solo in the past, plans on downing some yummy GU - sports energy gel; Falk favors "Man candy - Advil, possibly before and after," and Ursu wants pasta the night before and beer afterward. Keimach will be helping to set up the race in the morning, so breakfast will be "Whatever I can grab plus coffee."

The City Council team includes Moraga's Ken Chew, and Brandt Andersson and master swimmer extraordinaire Don Tatzin of Lafayette. Tatzin was the 2009 United States Master Swimmer "Go the Distance" Champion, swimming over 1,543 miles in a year. Surprising no one, he'll be doing the swimming leg of the race; avid cyclist Brandt Andersson will take to the bike and Ken Chew will run, again, having recently won reelection.

Cleverly named Team M.O.D.D.-D.D.O., based on their collective initials, all hail from Orinda. Comprised of City Clerk Michele Olsen, the current office egg toss co-champion (with Ursu), Senior Administrative Assistant in the Planning Department Dorothy Dickson-Dodds, and new

City Council member Dean Orr - their game plan is to finish before the other Lamorinda teams.

Who knows which team will win? See for yourself - the first stage, swimming, starts at the Soda Aquatic Center pool at 7:30 a.m., meandering bike ride to follow; the final leg is a run through the Campolindo neighborhood culminating in a victory lap around the Campo track.

Participants may register online at www.moragatri.com; space is limited and is expected to sell out.

Front page photo: From left, back row: Moraga Town Council Member Ken Chew, Lafayette City Council Member Brandt Andersson, Orinda Planning Director Emmanuel Ursu, Lafayette City Manager Steven Falk; front row: Orinda City Manager Janet Keeter, Orinda Planning Senior Administrative Assistant Dorothy Dickson-Dodds, Orinda City Clerk Michele Olsen (with coach Ava Olsen), Moraga Town Manager Jill Keimach. Not pictured: Don Tatzin and Dean Orr.

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