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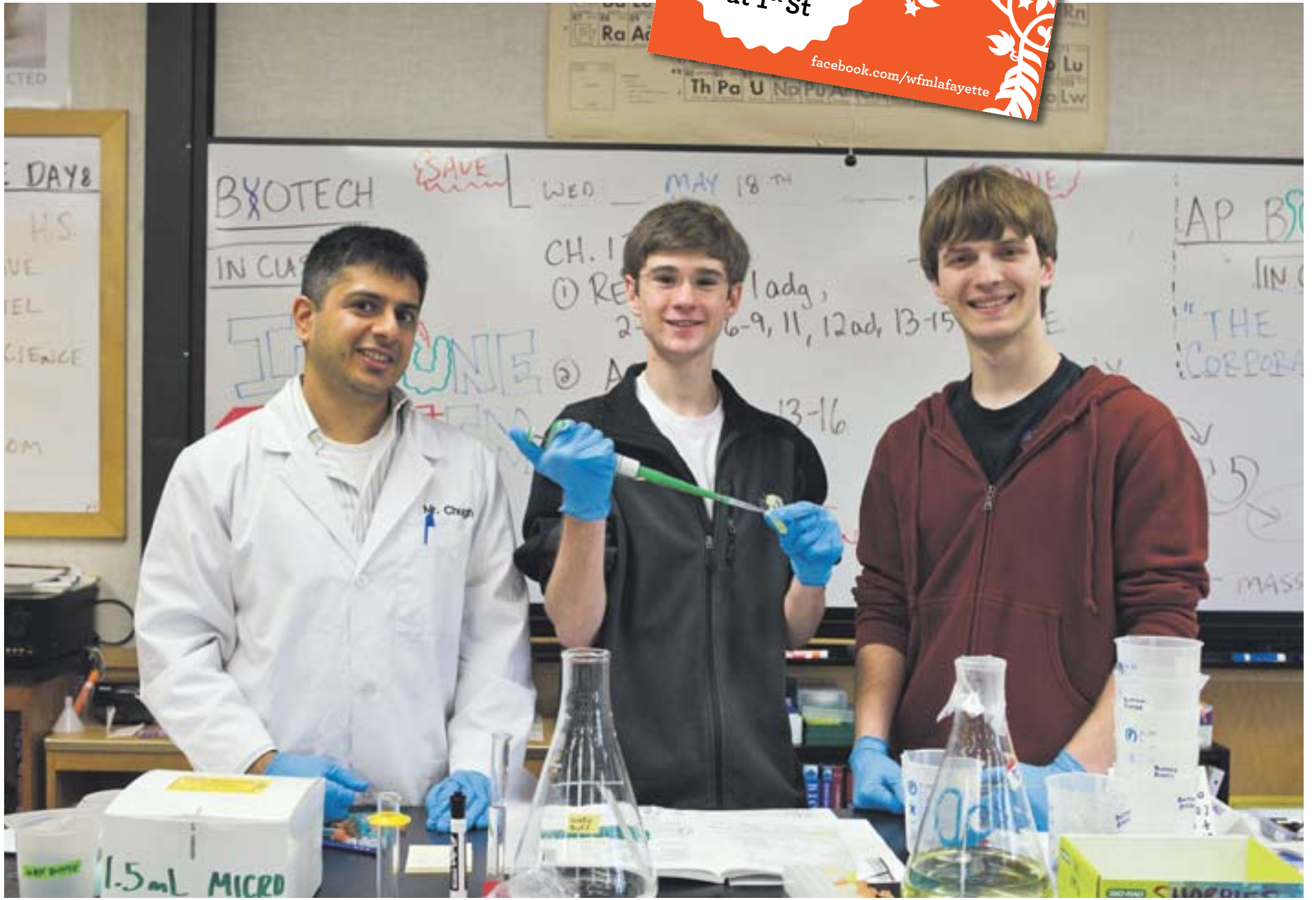
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From left: Jay Chugh, Blake Marggraff and Matthew Feddersen

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Acalanes Student-Scientists Take International Prize

By Lou Fancher

Two Lafayette students, Matthew Feddersen and Blake Marggraff, took first prize at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair on May 13th.

The global fair is the world's largest high school science research competition. This year, over 1,500 students were selected to enter, with 17 Best of Category winners from the United States, India, China, Thailand and South Korea taking

home prizes.

Breaking any stigma about Friday the 13th and making good on what the Lamorinda community holds dear—it's celebrated schools—Marggraff's and Feddersen's project offered the potential for developing a less costly and more effective cancer treatment.

The simple exhibit, describing how the two Acalanes sen-

iors injected tin in yeast cells to capture and repurpose radiation aimed at a tumor, carried a hefty title: "Simulated Treatment of Cancer with Compton Effect-Produced Secondary Radiation".

Marggraff said he came up with the idea four months after reading an article about secondary radiation in a nuclear power plant.

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Quote of the Week:

"It was always a rule in my family that talking politics was rude."

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By Cathy Tyson



From left: John Coleman, Carol Federighi, Dick Holt, Ann Grodin, Don Jenkins, Geoff Zimmerman

Photo Doug Kohen

With plastic yellow hard hats and glasses of champagne, assembled dignitaries and a bevy of Rotary members toasted the ground breaking of a permanent stage at the Reservoir that has been seventeen years in the making. The stage will be used for the annual Rotary fundraiser, Concert at the Res, but for the balance of the year it's a gift to users of the recreation area. Although organizers had to jump through a number of

hoops to make this dream a reality, the stage will be a community asset to be enjoyed for years to come.

"Thank you to EBMUD for their cooperation and thanks to Rotary - their vision and tenacity made this happen," said Don Jenkins, President of the Lafayette Community Foundation, at the ground breaking ceremony. "We want to be a catalyst for change in our community."

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Commons Concerts in Jeopardy?

By Sophie Braccini

The California Court of Appeals has dismissed the Town of Moraga's appeal of an earlier decision that denied the Town the right to exempt itself from abiding by its own noise ordinance.

The plaintiff who brought the original suit lives near the Moraga Commons Park and has been

complaining for years about the noise generated by the summer concerts. In order to protect the Moraga Park Foundation, which organizes the concert series, from lawsuits the Town passed a noise ordinance - creating what it thought would be an umbrella under which the Foundation could operate.

The Court of Appeals' decision will force the Town to either shut down the widely popular music events or comply with the California Environmental Act and prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the concerts.

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High School Swim Teams Finish at the top of DFAL

By Marissa Harnett

The rain held off on Saturday, May 14th until the seven teams within the Diablo Foothill Athletic League (DFAL) finished swimming to determine league champion.

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Cal Shakes Opens Season with Titus Andronicus

By Lou Fancher

The California Shakespeare Theater's 2011 season gears up with the first ever Titus Andronicus in previews June 1st through 3rd and opening night festivities Saturday, June 4th.

Led for the past ten years by Artistic Director Jonathan Moscone, the regional ... read on page C1



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Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian The Language of Flowers



Gallantry, happiness, purity, fidelity, and marriage were the unspoken words voiced from the shield-shaped bouquet of Kate Middleton as she wed Prince William at Westminster Abbey. The ivy symbolized marriage, the myrtle fidelity, lily-of-the-valley was ... read on page D1