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Barbara Lanier of Springbrook swims the 15-18 100-yard breaststroke.

Photo Doug Kohen

SWIM FAST!

Car windows proudly bearing the names of young swimmers and the encouragement to “Swim Fast!” filled the streets of Lamorinda the first half of August – and swim fast they did, as records fell at both the Orinda Moraga Pool Association Championship and the subsequent Contra Costa

County Championship swim meets.

At the Orinda Moraga Pool Association (OMPA) Championship, held August 5-7, 12 new records were set. The intense but friendly local rivalry was warmed by the festive atmosphere.

Competition at the County Meet on August 13-14 proved fierce, but local swimmers came through and several Lamorinda teams finished in the top 10. All in all, 20 new fastest times were recorded that weekend.

Read about both events on pages B1-B2.

Quote of the Week:

“I’ll be there when they open...this is Orinda’s new recreation frontier.”

Read the article: *Recreation Time for Todd Skinner, on page A6*

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Moragans Called Upon to Create a Vision for Rheem Center

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga’s Rheem Center is a place to shop, go to the movies or have dinner, but it’s not necessarily a place Moragans dream about. However, the Town committee that’s tasked with reviving that area is challenging residents to do just that: imagine what Rheem Center could be, giving the committee some informal guidelines that it can use to amend the Municipal Code and manifest the Rheem dream.

Residents can choose between two scheduled sessions, the first on Saturday, August 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and another on Monday, August 29, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – both sessions will be held at the New Rheem Theatre. Sign up online now at www.moraga.ca.us or by calling (925) 888-7038. ... continued on page A4



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High School Football Season Preview



By Caitlin Graveson

Summer ends mid-August for fall athletes with the start of practice and football players know this better than anyone. Working two-a-days beginning on August 15, the Lamorinda football programs are gearing up for the season beginning on September 30. Miramonte ... read on page B3

Life in Lamorinda C1-C6

Cal Shakes Talks Candida



By Lou Fancher

Even before opening night, Cal Shake’s third production, Candida, was stirring up a hornet’s nest of reaction. Despite running out of cups, coffee, ice cream, but not energy, Artistic Director John Moscone and his cohorts drew a packed house of theater ... read on page C1

Our Homes D1-D8

Mid-Century Remodel Handled With Care



By Cathy Tyson

With only one prior owner leaving the property mostly untouched, the stars aligned for a group of three architects to collaborate on an artistic remodel of a Lafayette home that respects its original character. Eliza Hart, Stewart Wright and Alex Bergtraum ... read on page D1