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Photo Andy Scheck

Santa Sighted in Orinda

By Laurie Snyder

Orinda's 25th Annual Tree of Lights festivities kicked off last Saturday with a welcome from Mayor Victoria Smith and other community leaders.

A children's chorus set the mood with special music, including a medley of "Mr. Santa" and "We Need a Little Christmas," followed by the countdown by Mayor Smith and Council Member Dean Orr to the annual lighting of

the Orinda Village tree, which will twinkle with white lights of hope throughout the holiday season.

But it was a certain round, white-whiskered, jolly man who stole the show. ... continued on page A12

Quote of the Week:

"We can fix my road, fix your road, our roads, our community."

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Matadors End Season in Alameda, But Campo Rolls On

By Alex Crook



Brett Stephens #9

Photo Doug Kohen

It is hard to describe Campolindo High School's football season without seeming cliché. Predicted to finish in last place in the DFAL, every game has seemed like a "David against Goliath" rematch. However, 13 games into the season, Campolindo is undefeated and it is getting harder to determine which team is the underdog.

After handily defeating Hercules, the Cougars moved on to the second round against Bishop O' Dowd on November 26.

O'Dowd closed the gap a few times but the Cougars were unrettered.

"We've been doing the underdog thing all year, even tonight we were just out-manned in so many areas but these kids play with a type of a spirit and a fight in them...they really overcome a lot of what they give away," said Macy.

Campo hung on to beat O'Dowd 34-17 behind junior quarterback Brett Stephens' 188 passing yards and 88 rushing yards.

The Cougars advanced to take on second-seeded Cardinal Newman in Santa Rosa last Friday. Last year Cardinal Newman knocked the Cougars out in the first round, defeating them 35-7.

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Life in Lamorinda B1-B12

Lots of Trees in Lamorinda



Everything you ever wanted to know about where to buy a Christmas Tree in Lamorinda is here. Cathy Dausman roamed our streets seeking out Nobles, Fraser firs, candy canes, and free hot chocolate. Read the story on page B5.

Sports C1-C3

SMC Reaches Elite 8



The Saint Mary's College Men's Soccer Team advanced to the Elite 8 in one of the most successful post-season runs in the school's history. The fun ended when they met the #1 ranked UNC Tar Heels last weekend. Read Alex Kozela's report on page C1.

Our Homes D1-D8

New Transitional Home Awaits Tenants



Las Trampas is creating a home in Lafayette for young adults with developmental disabilities that utilizes the elements of Universal Design. Sophie Braccini paid them a visit, and found a house that is both welcoming and usable for everyone. Find out more on page D1.