

## Arrest at Massage Parlor

Lafayette Police and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department conducted an undercover investigation and recently arrested an employee at Pacifico Massage Parlor at 3555 Mt. Diablo Boulevard for solicitation to engage in prostitution. Along with the arrest of Fidina Wai Cheng, 41, of San Francisco, police seized cash and computers from the business.

This arrest is the next step in a concerted effort to curb prostitution in Lafayette. First there was the crafting and implementation of a new ordinance that called for business registration and state certification of all massage practitioners and therapists in Lafayette. Along with that came a

grace period in order to give businesses an opportunity to comply with the new regulations. This arrest came just one day after the grace period expired.

Then there was a blunt warning given by Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen and City Manager Steven Falk that illegal business would not be tolerated. "If you offer erotic services in Lafayette, the Police Department will shut you down, confiscate your records and use that evidence to prosecute the massage practitioner, the manager and the property owner. Our goal will be to send you to jail," explained Christensen in Falk's Friday Summary.

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## Birthday Celebration for Ed Stokes



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Ed Stokes, the legendary founder of Diablo Foods, turns 90 years old this month. Who knew when he started the store in 1968 that he'd still be there 44 years later, now joined by his kids and grandkids? Look for complimentary mini-cupcakes at the store, purchased from Orinda's Republic of Cake (at a discount), and just down the street at Postino on Tues-

day, November 13, fans, friends, neighbors and customers are invited by the family to stop by and toast Ed to celebrate this milestone birthday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. His daughter, Connie Stokes Collier, notes his actual birthday is two days before Thanksgiving, "One of the biggest grocery store days of the year." Happy birthday, Ed!

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## Moving Adventure Documentary at the Lafayette Library



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Three bicyclists ride from northern Alaska to the tip of Argentina, 16,000 miles through 13 countries, in support of the National Brain Tumor Society in the documentary *Spinning Southward*. The film will be screened, with a discussion to follow, on Thursday, November 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Arts and Science Discovery

Room of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. There's no charge for this event. The film answers the question of what it's like to live every day on a bicycle for 16,000 miles. The trio - brothers John and Mike Logsdon and filmmaker Nateon Ajello - were inspired by their mothers, who were affected by brain tumors. C. Tyson.

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