

## Rock the Plaza **Soon Rolls Away**



Photo Cathy Tyson

✓the13th Rock the Plaza event enjoyed a perfect Lafayette evening to picnic, listen to music and get their left in the Friday summer series: on collective groove on. The Floorshakers provided a wonderful mix of Petty and the Heartbreakers tribute funk, soul and rock and roll for the band, and on June 27 the Lamorinda young and young at heart to dance 
Idol Finalists will perform. Both free to. The inspired mix of tunes from shows run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at "Lady Marmalade," to Amy Wine- Plaza Park, at the corner of Mt. Diahouse's soulful "Valerie," to the disco blo Boulevard and Moraga Road. classic "Good Times" with a spot-on *C. Tyson* 

ucky attendees at the Friday rap riff shook the floor, or rather,

There are only two more events June 20 is The Big Jangle - a Tom

### **Narrowing Options for Traffic Study**

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one sentence: Continual worsening of sider a park-and-walk model. downtown traffic congestion compromises the mobility, health, safety and that, presuming the study receives quality of life of Lafayette residents.

While the Circulation Commission preferred an extensive list for a consultant to consider, racking up an impressive 32 items on their "Working List of Grouped Topics for Further Study," but the more items in the An estimated price tag of around study, the longer it takes to complete and the higher the price.

City staff recommended a much shorter list with a total of five items. Even that list was narrowed by council members to now focus on three key concepts and to add one additional component – parking – which

The volunteers who make up the contributes to the traffic mess. First Circulation Commission, all of whom was to look at signals in the downlive in Lafayette and are intimately fa- town area to become more efficient; miliar with local traffic, have over the next, examine a downtown bypass past 11 months painstakingly devel- route to more efficiently connect trafoped a problem statement and a broad fic south of Highway 24 to the freescope of work, to keep all options on way; and finally, implement the table. They carefully examined park-and-ride service to BART and past studies, brainstormed new areas downtown from satellite parking lots and honed the crux of the matter into outside the congested core – or con-

Additionally, there was consensus funding, the consultant can propose his or her completely new, well-reasoned concepts based on a thorough understanding and analysis of down-

How much is this going to cost? \$250,000 for the shorter focus list, and roughly double that for the more extensive options suggested by the Circulation Commission. All involved are hopeful funding is received; no funding – no study, or it may be deferred until funding becomes available.

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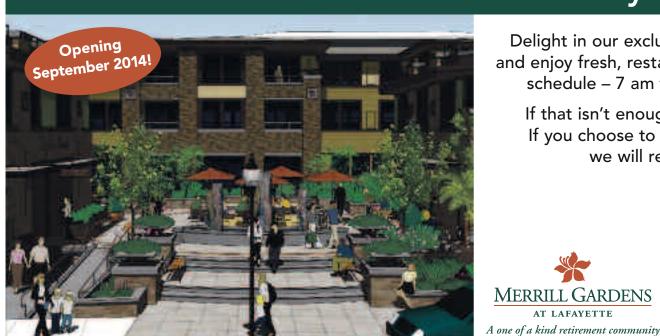
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