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Over 400 children took turns hunting for eggs on March 25 during the Moraga Junior Women's Club Spring Festival at the Commons.

Photo Jeff Heyman

# Families gather for some spring fun during respite from rain

By Sora O'Doherty

After more severe winter weather than many young Lamorindans can remember, the skies cleared up for the community to enjoy a bouquet of fun spring events over the weekend before the rains returned with a vengeance. Moraga kicked things off March 25 with the 40th annual Spring Festival at Moraga Commons Park, where over 400 basket-wielding children gathered for the hunt. Presented by the Moraga Junior Women's Club, the festival featured egg hunts for three groups of children, ages 0-2, 3-4 and 5-8, who were allowed to scramble for eggs at three scheduled times. In addition, the event offered food, face paint-

ing and a bounce house. The \$15 per child ticket proceeds will go to benefit local schools and community organizations.

For those who may have missed the Moraga event, two more spring events are happening in Lamorinda on April 8. Orinda Rotary will host their annual Spring Egg Hunt for children through second grade on Saturday, April 8, from 10:45 a.m. to noon at the Orinda Community Park. Rotary warns that while the Egg Hunt will start promptly at 11 a.m., it generally ends promptly 30 seconds later. Make sure you are there to hear the word "go!" The Bunny will be there before and after the hunt for pictures and high fives and rumor has it that this year's bunny will be a perfect fit.

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# Saint Mary's rugby outlasts Cal 38-34



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Photos Karen Drinkwater

By Jon Kingdom

There are rivalries and there are rivalries, but for the Saint Mary's and Cal rugby fans, there is no comparison to their annual games on the pitch. Chase Jones, a player on last year's Saint Mary's team, now playing professionally, carries that sentiment with him. "Cal-Stanford football doesn't even

compare to this rivalry which really runs deep," Jones said.

With the Saint Mary's grass field deemed unplayable, the game was moved to Cal's field turf, losing Saint Mary's homefield advantage. "It's a different game on turf, especially with an oblong shaped ball," Saint Mary's head coach Tim O'Brien said. For Jones, it didn't matter where he played against Cal. "Whenever we played at Cal, it gave me an op-

portunity to show them up on their home turf. I was always more hyped up for that game than any other I played."

Saint Mary's jumped out to a 12-0 lead and led by 27-19 at the half. After 17 minutes in the second half, Cal went ahead 34-26, but two scores by Saint Mary's with 16 and 14 minutes left in the game, clinched the Saint Mary's victory 38-24.

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