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Scam alert from Chief Robert Priebe:

Two messages have been received by the Moraga Police Department reporting phone calls received by a caller claiming to be soliciting donations for the Moraga Police or for the Moraga Police Department's Fraternal Order of Police (which does not exist). One of the callers identified himself as an officer. We have investigated the incidents and believe they are a telemarketing scam, possibly using Caller ID Spoofing to hide the actual phone number they are calling from. No agency is authorized to collect donations for the Moraga Police Department or any affiliated Moraga Police Associations. Please do not send any money to anyone asking for donations on behalf of the Moraga Police Department - it is a scam.

Report of a large party, 4/27/13 It wasn't even lunchtime when police were called to check out a large party on the Saint Mary's College campus. "Gaelapalooza" is an annual school sponsored party to celebrate the end of the academic year in style. Just nice to have cops there as a visual reminder for potentially wacky students to behave themselves; turns out they were busy.

Missing items after SMC party, 4/27/13 A student called police to say he hosted a party in his dorm room, and as the party ended the student was missing 10 to 15 shot glasses. The host suspected one of the subjects who was arrested while attending a campus party.

Gaelapalooza shoving match, 4/27/13 While responding to a disturbance at the Saint Mary's campus party, cops were flagged down by a female who reported that she was pushed in the chest by an unknown male. The reporting person said she responded by punching the male in the face. SMC's public safety officer reported that both parties were later contacted and both ultimately declined to press charges for mutual battery and were released.

Manhunt for trespasser, 4/27/13 Police responded to a Paseo Grande home on a report of an unknown male adult who jumped or fell from a neighboring tree and was somewhere on the property. The homeowner investigated and found the subject hiding in the bushes near his front door. Tree jumper fled on foot with the homeowner, and a furniture delivery guy who happened to be nearby, in hot pursuit. Moraga, Lafayette and East Bay Regional Parks Police - a ground unit and helicopter searched the area with negative results. It was later determined that no crime, other than possibly trespassing, had occurred.

Possession, 4/26/13 Cops pulled over a 1997 Lincoln Towncar that was speeding and had a broken brake lamp on Ascot Drive at Moraga Road in the middle of the afternoon. The 22-year-old driver from San Jose was found to have 0.57 grams of hashish. The hash was confiscated and forwarded to the lab for analysis. Presumably the fellow was arrested, although it's not mentioned in the police report.

Drunk in the parking lot, 4/27/13 Two juveniles were noticeably intoxicated at the rear parking area of the Moraga Country Club, one with extreme signs of inebriation. Cops came and called their parents; the 15-year-old was released to his mother and the 16-year-old was transported to John Muir Medical Center by ambulance after showing signs of alcohol poisoning. Club security conducted a search of the locker room and found a 1.75 liter bottle half-full of vodka with the teen's property.

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