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Making Movies in Moraga

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Camera set up at Si Si Caffè

Lea and my 12-year old granddaughter Cara to play the mother and sister of one of the victims in the scene where they filmed her burial at the Commons," said Corsi, "then they asked my other daughter, Cynthia, to play one of the victims and she joined the production team in Oakland, where they continued filming."

As the production team went on filming at the Moraga Commons Park, many young Moragans gathered around the team hoping to pick up a little big-screen face time as extras. There was much excitement in the otherwise peaceful park that lasted into the night.



Cathy Corsi's daughter Cynthia and waitress Renee Gomer all dressed up to play in the production Photos provided

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Who'd have thought that Moraga might be the perfect setting for a thriller? If you're looking for some small town ambience, turns out Moraga's just the ticket.

On March 4th and 5th a cinema crew from Entwin Productions filmed scenes for the upcoming movie My Eleventh in Moraga. A production scout discovered Cathy Corsi's Si Si Caffè on Country Club Drive, and suggested it for a scene in the murder mystery. "When they came that day, they took over the café" said Terry Wolf-Stratton, who works in the salon next door, "The two stars of the movie were so gorgeous and sweet. It was very interesting to see them work; it's real business and when we had to be quiet that was dead serious."

My Eleventh is a full-length fiction movie starring John Benjamin Hickey as the killer and actress Marin Hinkle as the lead female character. Hinkle is a familiar face to sitcom fans - she plays Judith Harper in Charlie Sheen's erstwhile Two and a Half Men. Hickey has been featured in such television shows as Law and Order and The Good Wife, and had a role in Clint Eastwood's movie Flags of Our Fathers.

Corsi was thrilled by the events of the day. "They asked my daughter