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Young Soldier
Welcomed Home from Afghanistan
Photo Doug Kohen

2-5 p.m. \$35 per person until August 7

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ith over twenty flag- festooned motorcycles driven by Warriors' Watch Riders honking horns, dolled up cars and trucks, and a very shiny tricked-out blue corvette carrying the guest of honor – it was hard to miss the Welcome Home

Celebration for HM3 Corpsman David Polse on a recent Friday evening. Patrons at Chow restaurant were as surprised as Polse when this colorful parade came to escort him to the surprise gala at his home.

Master of Ceremonies and Diablo Valley Flag Brigade Co-Founder Bryan Welden greeted everyone, "They make sacrifices so we can enjoy a free America. We're here to honor our military upon their return." ... continued on page A8

Quote of the Week:

"June 28, it was raining in bedroom. master bathroom, kitchen, dining room and family room." Read Letters to the Editor, page A10

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Property

Revenues

Down 3%

fter wrestling to balance the

City's budget in June, the

Orinda City Council will have to find

\$94,000 to close a newly discovered

revenue shortfall due to a less than

optimistic property tax report from

the County Assessor's office. Current

property tax revenues, which are

based on taxes collected in the 2010

calendar year (reported property tax

runs about 18 months in arrears), are

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down 3% as compared to 2009.

By Andrea A. Firth

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By Elizabeth LaScala, PhD

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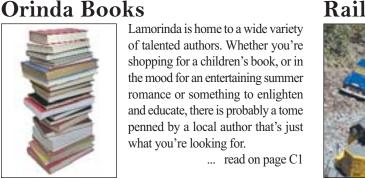
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Our Homes

Gathering 'Round the Railroad



By Diana LaScala-Gruenewald

Under a flowering and tree lined hummock, a lumberjack loads up the bed of his truck. A moose, stock still near a curtain of waterfall, regards a downstream fisherman whose knees are deep in a glassy pool. read on page D1