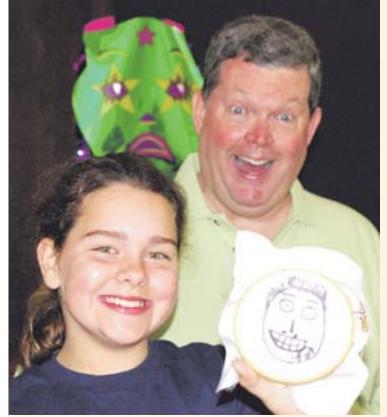
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### **Camp Fair in Moraga Touts Variety of Summer Activities**

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#### Roy's Magic Camp

and brought a few balls, and that Porfido (Roy the Magician) got was enough for kids to start run- them involved and wanting ning around and having fun on more. "We teach them how to the large grassy field of the Hacienda. "That's what kids do story telling, juggling and also best," said Joaquin Moraga In- magic," Porfido explained. termediate School teacher Jerry Gruen who presented informa- Jewelry Making vendor was tion about the Moraga Sports showing off the natural beads Camp, "just having fun!"

interested in sports. "My daughter wants to do magic," said Dupart. "That's why we came here "We get mostly girls for this so the kids could see who the camp," she said, "but every year up three days before camp people are and we as parents can we get one or two boys as well." get an idea of what the interaction will be."

Some vendors set up a hoop them to play and guess. Roy present themselves, puppetry,

Next to the magician, the and the tools the children will But not all of the kids were use during the camp to create bracelets, necklaces, earrings and other decorative objects.

One of the camps that has done well over the past years, Roy's Magic Camp had and is expanding, is Camp space in all the camps. You can come to the fair prepared to give Kinder Cool for incoming potential young clients a taste of kindergarteners, said Ingram. what the camp would be like, "And this year two teachers are showing them tricks, getting adding a Oneder Cool camp for

kids entering first grade." These camps are in the academics category and speak to local parents' determination to give their kids the best chance possible to succeed.

"Oneder Cool is for the transition from kindergarten to first grade. We focus on reading skills and phonics and making sure that they'll have that solid base to start first grade," said Rheem Elementary teacher Cathy Kathan. "But there will also be a lot of bubbles and Play-Doh, as well as outside, in the garden, and water play, while making sure that they learn to read." The camp will be held at Rheem but is open to any incoming first grader from any school district.

By the end of the fair, Recreation and Facilities Coordinator Kimberly Nelson was quite happy with the number of people who had signed up for classes. "We offered a 10 percent discount for people who signed up today," she said.

"This is a big help for the camp organizers," said Ingram. "One of the reasons for this offering (the 10 percent discount) was to get people to commit early so the instructors have some level of comfort." Ingram remembers instances when camps had only three kids signed up a week and half before the start date and had to be canceled.

"Parents who wanted to sign started were disappointed that it was no longer offered," he said.

At this time, there is still register online at www.moraga.ca.us.



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### **East Bay Camp Fair Comes to Lafayette**

Submitted by Donna Eames

### The Saklan School

Representatives from more than 20 area summer camps will be available to answer questions and hand out materials regarding their camps to families with children ages 3 to 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 in the fellowship hall at the Lafayette United Methodist Church as part of the 2012 East Bay Summer Camp and Activity Fair.

Participating camps will include those offering various sports, music, nature, art, horses and riding, canoeing, fishing, academics, therapeutic, computers, digital design, photography, leadership training and more.

The one-day event will be sponsored by Chapter OE, Concord, of PEO International. PEO International is a philanthropic, educational organization in which the advancement of women is promoted through education. Proceeds from the Fair will help establish a scholarship fund for women at Diablo Valley College located in Concord, California. Information about PEO is further explained at www.peointernational.org.

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