

Fete your three-fourths of a century

Orinda's Three Quarters of a Century Lunch will take place on June 21 at the Orinda Community Church. The theme will be the Summer of Love with speaker Dennis Erokan, who used to be involved with the BAMMY awards. The Three Quarter Century lunch is an annual event for all Orinda residents aged 75 years and up. To arrange to attend the lunch, contact John Fazel at (925) 324-2017 or by email at runmnts@prodigy.net.

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School bus plan on hold

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Theis agreed that stripe placement is discretionary, and it was suggested that the placement of stripes should always be such as to accommodate school busses where possible. The public works director also indicated that he would need to hire a special consultant to quickly accumulate the data on the road conditions of the bus routes.

Many of the concerned parents said they had knowledge in relevant fields such as engineering, and expressed very specific concerns about the methodology of the safety study commissioned by LSBTA and conducted by School Bus Consultants. There was also a great deal of dismay that the report contained what the parents regarded as misstatements of the applicable law. The parents have been quickly conducting their own research, coming up with alternative busses that are narrower than the ones currently used by First Student. The alternative busses presented cost around either \$55,000 or \$62,000 each. The parents were ready and willing to pitch in and help with anything that will keep the bus routes operational.

Many parents and children expressed horror at the idea of children walking on the dangerous road. While Patrick D. Kneib, the School Bus Consultants' project manager said that they had never suggested that the children walk, at least two children addressed

the board saying that their mother would make them walk.

Other parents noted that the lack of a school bus will drastically reduce home prices along route 18.

There was also a great deal of dissatisfaction with the process of noticing the proposed school bus changes and the meetings, with many in attendance saying that they only happened to hear about the meeting, but would make sure to bring all their neighbors to any future meetings.

Board member and Orinda Vice Mayor Amy Worth summed up the actions required now: 1) thoroughly examine the actual bus corridors to fine tune the report as to the exact location of road deficiencies; 2) look into the possibility of operating narrower busses on these routes; and 3) determining the conditions under which the contractor, First Student, will agree to provide service for the contested routes.

Late in the evening, after many of the parents had left, the board voted unanimously to authorize another \$5,000 for School Bus Consultants to do further work on the study. Kneib assured the board that the additional money would not be used to correct any errors in the report but that that would be covered by the original amount of \$70,000 that the board had allocated for the report.

Sinkhole repair almost done



The Miner Road sinkhole repair is nearly complete. EBMUD was able to re-install their high pressure water line within one day to put it back into service supplying water to most of Northeast Orinda. PG&E rewrapped their gas mainline for maintenance coating. The temporary steel beam support has now been removed and the sewer lines and waterline are fully operational.

Bay Cities is installing the high-flow pipes above the box culvert and the entire area above the retaining walls will be completely backfilled under the proposed concrete slab and vehicle barrier that will be formed. The overall project is still on schedule to be completed in early to mid-July, according to the city.

— Sora O'Doherty

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