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The dismantling of the Canyon Bridge continued after darkness fell on Sept. 26. Photo Andy Schreck

# Canyon Bridge dismantling and rebuilding begins

By Sophie Braccini

The old Canyon Bridge is gone. It had been closed to traffic for over five months, though it had been rumored that bicyclists and walkers had occasionally been trespassing. The declaration of instability and closing of the bridge following the landslide of the adjacent hill was the second major infrastructure incident within a year of each other that plagued the town of Moraga and stressed its financial status. The Moraga public works department explains that the demolition was a necessary step before the installation of a temporary one-lane bridge that will reopen access by the end of November to the Oakland hills and the community of Canyon. ... continued on page A5

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## Escalating rents prompt call for council action

By Pippa Fisher



The Second Street apartment property at the center of the rent controversy. Photo Pippa Fisher

Rent review programs are unusual in a small town such as Lafayette but following complaints in August from residents whose rents have been escalating by as much as 20 percent, the Lafayette City Council is examining the pros and cons of just such a program. In a packed room Sept. 25 the council heard from both renters and landlords with tensions running high as they attempted to determine whether or not to ... continued on page A11

## New Bell and Block Schedule receives passing grade, so far

By John T. Miller



Students make use of the new Academy period Sept. 29 at Acalanes High School to learn about the various clubs on campus. Photo John T. Miller

By all accounts, most stakeholders in the Acalanes Union High School District are finding the new bell and block schedule is accomplishing its purpose of more efficient use of academic time, reduction of stress and anxiety, and more time for collaboration between teachers and students. ... continued on page A11

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