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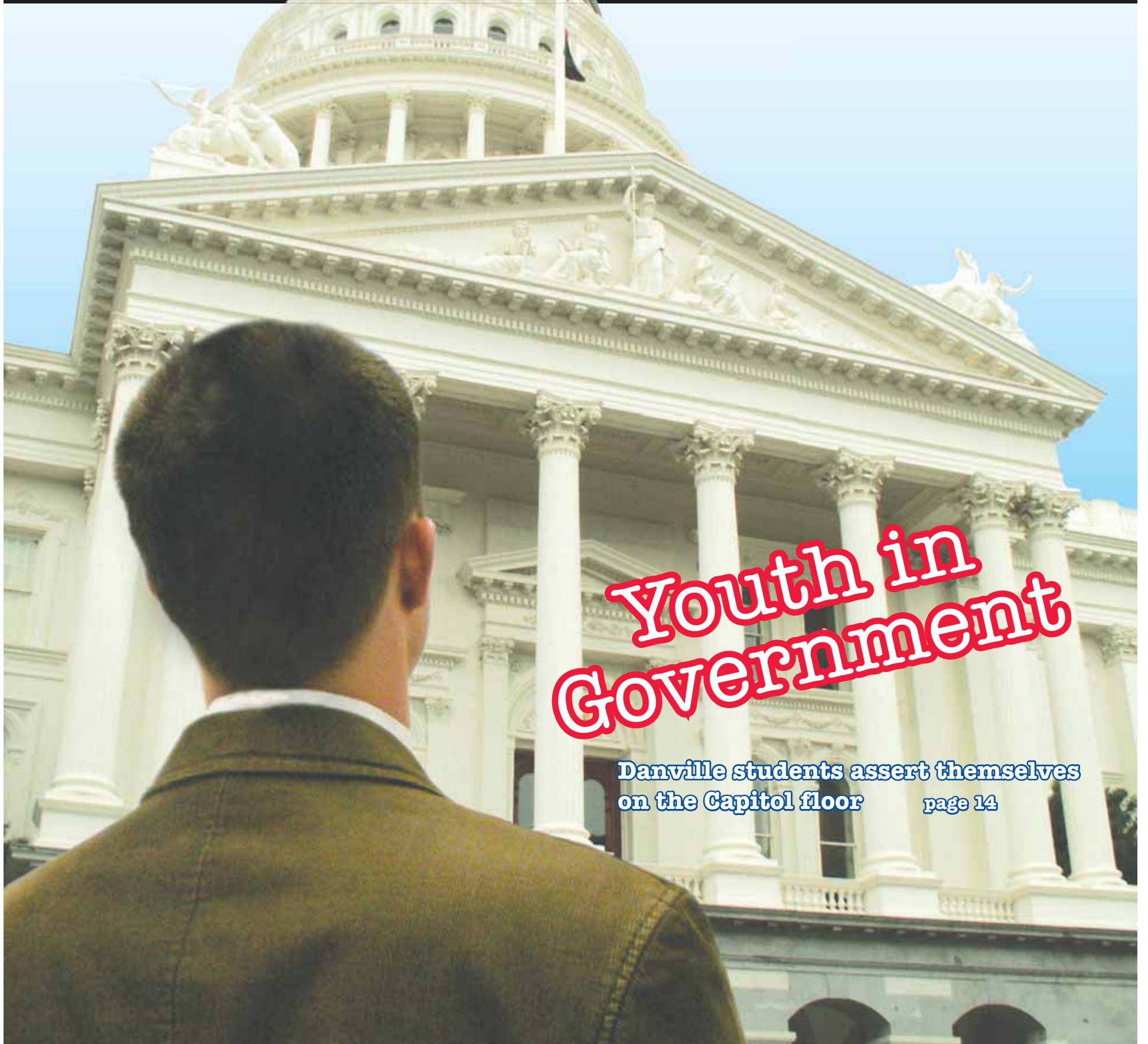
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Mitzi Devlin
mom



No. If we own the ports we should be able to take care of them ourselves. Their managing style would be used on a daily basis. In the case of an emergency, they might not respond the way we would want. I would like to know if the operations would be staffed with Arab citizens or American citizens.

Janine Seeds
tax consultant



According to some academics, there is no security risk. But Barbara Boxer says it's written in the contract that the Arab company will handle security. We have out-sourced this type of work to foreign countries in the past. I think the approval process went through too fast. But, I understand that we have good relations with the United Arab Emirates.

David Hall
retired



Oh, that's an easy one. Absolutely not! First of all, it should go to an American company. Secondly, to give this work to the United Arab Emirates makes no sense at all because of the security risk. I think it very strange that the President didn't know about this until after the deal was made.

Larry Ryan
sales



No! We are setting ourselves up for another terrorist attack. It should go to an American company. If we are trying to prove we are not hostile to the Arabs, it will just backfire. Based on history, I don't trust them and I'm sure they don't trust us.

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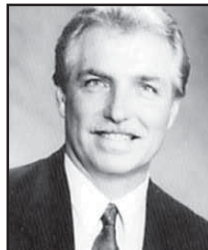
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ The biggest consumer for our food waste program is our Napa Valley wineries. They love it. ”

—Tom Remigio, recycling manager for Valley Waste Management, talking about sales of composted material from diversion programs. See story, page 5.

O'Neill preview tonight

Tonight, March 3, is the special public preview of American Experience's "Eugene O'Neill: A Documentary Film," being presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation and the National Park Service. Filmmaker Ric Burns and O'Neill biographers and historians Arthur and Barbara Gelb will give short lectures on the playwright and the making of the film.

The two-hour sweeping documentary will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the AT&T complex in Bishop Ranch, 2600 Camino Ramon. Tickets may be purchased at the door; donations are \$25.

Jazzing for schools

The Alamo Rotary Club will present a Dixieland Concert from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, March 12. The performance will take place at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd.

The event will feature the music of Bob Schulz's and the Frisco Jazz Band, one of the most talented groups on the West Coast, according to organizers. The seven-piece band is influenced by famous jazz musicians, including Turk Murphy, Louis Armstrong, Muggsy Spanier and Eddie Condon.

The Alamo Rotary Club will donate proceeds to support music programs at local schools. The cost of admission is \$20 per person. For more information, contact Al Makely at 820-6847. tickets are also available at Mark Kahn Jewelers, 3202 Danville Blvd.

Child advocate receives \$1,000 grant

Kids' Country, a nonprofit group serving children in the San Ramon Valley, has received a \$1,000 grant from Westamerica Bank. The grant will be used to establish a literacy program that provides reading opportunities for children.

The group will hire a literacy specialist and purchase books, music CDs and other resources. The specialist will combine literacy and character-building programs.

"The new program with a trained specialist and appropriate materials will make it easy to capture students' minds with literature that helps them build connections between big ideas in books and their own lives," said Leonard Heid, Kids' Country executive director.

Opening on transportation committee

The Danville Town Council is seeking candidates for one regular position and one alternate position on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee. The term of office is two years, commencing May 1.

The committee reviews the effectiveness of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's programs and its strategic plans. The meetings of the committee take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month in Pleasant Hill. For more information on the duties and responsibilities of the committee members, call staff liaison Connie Peterson at 256-4720.

Applications are available at the town offices, 510 La Gonda Way, by calling the City Clerk's office at 314-3401, or online at www.ci.danville.ca.us. Completed applications must be received by 4 p.m., Friday, March 31. The Town Council will conduct interviews on April 18.

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Duffield home heads to mediation

Discussion to center on mitigating impacts during construction

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Plans for the David Duffield home in Alamo are now headed for mediation, after the Bryan Ranch architectural committee rejected the proposal for the “scaled down” 17,000-square-foot estate last week. The committee reviewed the plans to see if they were consistent with the homeowner association’s covenants, codes and regulations.

The Duffields’ attorney Andrew B. Sabey said a mediation is tentatively planned for March 10.

“It’s sort of a fluid situation right now,” Sabey said Tuesday. “Our goal is to talk with the neighbors that have legitimate concerns about wanting to understand the construction impacts. We want to accommodate their concerns.”

Neighbors became alarmed last summer when Cheryl and David Duffield, founder of PeopleSoft, proposed tearing down the existing house at 7 Country Oak Lane and building a 72,000-square-foot estate on the site. After meeting with the neighbors, the Duffields scaled back their plans to a 16,661-square-foot house plus a garage.

In late November, 79 percent of the members of the Bryan Ranch Homeowners Association voted

to amend their CC&Rs to limit house sizes to 10,000 square feet. The amendment was filed with the county Nov. 28.

But proponents of the Duffield plans have said the balloting was not done properly and residents need to vote again on the change.

“The amendment is supposed to be going out for an authentic ballot process,” Sabey said. “That’s something we wanted to see happen last week.”

“The board is delaying sending out the ballot,” he added. “They want to see this mediation happen first.”

However, he noted that the amendment is not part of the mediation proposed for next week. “The validity of that amendment is not something that can be resolved privately,” he said. “But it never hurts to talk.”

Neighbors have voiced concern about whether such a large home is appropriate in a development that blends into Mount Diablo and values open space and also about the construction process for such a large project. The only access is via Stone Valley Road to Emmons Canyon Drive to Country Oak Lane.

Sabey noted that the size of the 22-acre lot at the end of Country Oak Lane is an advantage. “A lot of work can be done onsite without people having to come and go,” he said. “We are optimistic we can show what lengths we’re willing to go, how much less of an intrusion it is than they may fear.” ■

17-year-old feeds marijuana cookie to preschooler

School officials considering expulsion

by Jordan M. Doronila

A senior boy from Monte Vista High School has been charged with one felony count for feeding a 4-year-old boy a cookie drugged with marijuana in a childcare class.

“It’s upsetting for those who have children,” said Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department spokesman Jimmy Lee.

Last week, the 17-year-old was arrested the morning of Feb. 22 on charges of giving a 4-year-old boy in Monte Vista’s child development class a cookie containing marijuana. He was also charged with carrying alcohol on school grounds and child endanger-

ment, said Lee.

“If this all proves to be true, it was an extremely bad choice that this young person has made,” said Terry Koehne, community relations coordinator for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. He added that the student’s decision is going to affect him for a number of years.

School officials planned to take action by suspending the boy and were considering expulsion but were still investigating the incident.

Another student in his class saw what the 17-year-old boy was doing and reported it to the super-

“We’re confident that the incident had nothing to do with a lack of supervision.”

—Terry Koehne, San Ramon Valley Unified School District

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Give blood, give life

Danville resident Frank Haswell gets ready to give blood at an American Red Cross Blood Drive outside of the Danville office of Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho last Friday. Haswell, a former Vietnam medic, has been giving blood for the benefit of others since 1967, he said. Residents will have another opportunity to donate blood from 11:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Friday, March 17, at the Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Road. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to schedule an appointment.

Waste not, guilt not

Danville first to take part in pilot food scrap recycling program

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

At last there’s somewhere ecologically friendly to dispose of those bulky pizza boxes—the green waste cart in your own yard.

Starting March 1, Danville residents are taking part in a Food Waste Recycling Pilot Program aimed at reducing the amount of garbage put into landfills that could be composted. Under the program, food scraps such as vegetable peelings, bones, eggshells, coffee grounds, cheese and dairy scraps, and used paper towels and

napkins can go into the yard-waste container.

“We chose Danville because it has the highest diversion rate,” said Tom Remigio, recycling manager for Valley Waste Management, the residential recycling company under the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority.

Danville diverted 62 percent of its waste in 2003, the latest year with available figures, said Sharon Maves, interim executive director of the Waste Authority. Moraga was second highest in the area at 58 percent; Walnut Creek diverted

55 percent; Orinda, 53 percent; and Lafayette, 48 percent.

Valley Waste Management provided every residence in Danville with a plastic kitchen container to keep under the sink. The container has a snap-on lid designed to prevent odors. Residents may either collect their table scraps in the kitchen collector or carry them out to the yard-waste container each night. Newspapers or paper grocery bags can be used but plastic is not compostable. This includes

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Athenian School students (l-r) Anderson (Dakiem) Ellis, Ashley Olson, Miranda Mickiewicz, Josh Ross and Nicole Herrick-Kunitz are proud of their school's Waste Reduction Project to reduce solid waste at the school. Athenian received \$9,600 in grant money from the Contra Costa County Solid Waste Alliance to purchase a commercial compost unit called the Earth Tub, with the goal of reducing solid waste made by the school by approximately 36,500 pounds per year.

Waste

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coated paper plates, cups and milk cartons.

The collected food scraps and green waste are transported to the Newby Island composting facility in Milpitas, said Remigio. Although it's called "recycling," most of the food waste will be composted, that is, the organic materials will be broken down into fertile soil. This enables residents to compost food-soiled paper and other items not recommended for backyard composting.

The composted materials are sold commercially. "The biggest consumer for our food waste program is our Napa Valley wineries," Remigio said. "They love it."

The pilot program will last until the end of August. At that time, res-

idents will receive a survey asking questions about the effectiveness and convenience of the food scraps collection program. The authority's board of directors and staff members will review the responses to determine if the program should continue and be expanded to the other areas. There is no extra charge for the program.

The state mandates that communities must recycle 50 percent of their waste, which goal Contra Costa County reached several

years ago.

"We're still far behind our sister county, Alameda, and San Francisco," Remigio said. "I wish we would do as a society as San Francisco does. They're thinking of 75 percent and we're still at 50 percent."

"Our ultimate goal is zero waste," he added.

According to food audits, 10 percent of local table scraps in the county are being put into the waste stream that could be diverted. ■

Learn about composting

Composting workshops will be held in Danville, Walnut Creek, Orinda, Lafayette, San Ramon and Moraga throughout the spring. A basic and worm composting workshop is scheduled for 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 22, at Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville. For more information on home composting, call 906-1806.

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Marijuana

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vising teacher. In turn, the teacher told the principal, who then told the school resource officer.

The officer took measures to take the teen into custody, Koehne said. The teen was taken to Juvenile Hall in Martinez.

Koehne said the parents of the 4-year-old boy were notified immediately after the incident occurred. He said the parents and district officials met together to discuss what had happened.

"The meeting went as well as it can be expected," Koehne said.

But he said a lack of supervision did not spur the incident.

"We're confident that the incident had nothing to do with a lack of supervision," said Koehne.

District officials said they still believe the Childhood Development Program at Monte Vista provides important information on how a child develops physiologically and cognitively. Koehne said he hopes the cookie incident does not taint the positive aspects of the program.

"It's wonderful," he said. "It's a very popular program."

As of Tuesday, the officials were still deciding on the teen's fate in the district.

"We don't know yet," Koehne said. "We're still investigating." ■

Town OKs money for roadwork

Projects will provide upkeep for Danville streets

by Jordan M. Doronila

A new town resolution may give more Danville roads longer lives and provide drivers with smoother streets.

The Danville Town Council unanimously approved a resolution for the town to solicit bids to install sub-drains and remove crumbling asphalt in several roads. It is part of Danville's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which is a comprehensive plan of capital projects throughout the town.

"This is the first step in fixing the surface of the roads," said Rob Ewing, town attorney.

Town Manager Joe Calibrigo said the local projects are part of the annual pavement management program, which is a component of the CIP. Under the program, town staff members analyze and pri-

oritize pavement maintenance on Danville's public street system.

He said \$1 million has been allocated for road improvement projects.

The pavement program also has funds available for projects such as slurry seal in residential areas and overlays on several roads such as Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon. Slurry seals are thin applications of asphalt material mixed with sand or small rock chips. Overlays are usually done with asphalt and are 1.5 to 4-inch thick layers of hot asphalt applied to road surfaces.

All projects are meant to keep roads in Danville healthy and durable, town officials said.

The town plans to install sub-drains on the corner of Antelope Ridge and Squirrel Ridge Way, Lodgehill Court, Merrilee Place,

Greenbrook Drive and Appian Drive. Sub-drains at the edge of a road are designed to keep water from collecting on and under surface streets.

Danville plans to dig out and repair cracked asphalt on 28 roads. Some of them include Crownridge Drive, Magee Ranch Road, Novara Court and Jasmine Way.

The pavement management program is an annual effort approved by the Town Council to maintain the street system at a high level of service, officials said.

This program receives funding from various sources including the general fund, which is financed by property and sales taxes.

It is just one of the many capital improvement projects considered and implemented by the Town Council annually. ■

Award for country club

Crow Canyon Country Club has received the 2005 Bronze Circle of Excellence by ClubCorp, a leader in delivering premier golf, private club and resort experiences. The Bronze Circle of Excellence is one of the ClubCorp's most prestigious performance rec-

ognition awards and was presented this year to only 20 of nearly 170 clubs.

"We worked hard this past year, and I am thrilled that our club is being recognized," said Mitch Kessler, general manager of Crow Canyon Country Club. "I commend my entire

staff who operated together as a team to reach our club's goals."

Crow Canyon Country Club is a private club in Danville. Its facilities include an 18-hole golf course, 13 lighted tennis courts, a junior-Olympic heated pool, and other amenities.

Kiwanis Club donating \$39,000 in grants

Philanthropic group applications due March 13

by Kevin Zhou

The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley plans to donate more than \$39,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations. Individual grants typically range from \$250 to \$3,500 to support their endeavors.

The grants are primarily given to groups that benefit children, the elderly, or the terminally ill. Organizations that have received grants in the past include the Taylor Family Foundation, the Down Syndrome Connection, the Danville Community Band, and the Discovery Counseling Center.

John Lineweaver, chairman of the Grants Committee, said all 27 groups that received grants last year presented unique, yet ambitious, projects.

"They wouldn't get the grant if it wasn't an interesting and intriguing activity," he said.

Lineweaver also stressed the importance of applying early due to the large volume of applications they receive.

"This is a grant process that just opened the first of this month," he said. "But we typically get 80 to 100 applications."

Groups that receive the grants are required to submit a report by the end of the year on how they used the money.

Money for the grants comes from the club's fundraising events. The Kiwanis Club organizes the annual Danville Fourth of July Parade and held a golf tournament in April at the Round Hill Country Club.

Individual schools are not eligible to receive a grant but the Kiwanis Club supports them through a large donation made to the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. In 2006 alone, the club gave nearly \$21,500 to directly support youth programs. And for the past 20 years, the club has funded the grad nights for the district's high schools.

In addition to mentoring three high school Key Clubs, the Kiwanis Club helps out at the organizations where it provides money.

"We have the grant program, but we also have a very active community service program," said Lineweaver. "A few of the places that we have given money to and helped out were the Girl Scouts of America, the San Ramon Library, and the Museum of San Ramon Valley."

The deadline for submitting a grant application is Monday, March 13. Applications can be obtained at www.kiwanis-srv.org or by calling Lineweaver at 837-3665.

Recipients will be honored at a Grants Award Luncheon on Thursday, May 25. ■



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Fulfilling their Quest

Fifth-graders Rebecca Winning and Victoria Criswell write on each other's T-shirts in celebration of completing Quest at Vista Grande Elementary School. Quest is a group of courses that evolved from the national Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) program. It involves training sessions by police about treating everyone with respect, stopping bullying, and avoiding drug use. The fifth-graders received certificates for completing their sessions and enjoyed cake in recognition of their achievement. Danville Mayor Karen Stepper, who participated in their graduation, noted that the skills a person builds today "last an entire lifetime."

JORDAN M. DORONILA

Art fest honors students

by Kevin Zhou

Danville and Alamo students racked up the hardware at the Mt. Diablo Women's Club Art Festival earlier this month, winning 14 of the 21 total awards.

The contest is held annually to stimulate student interest in art. It is broken up into several age divisions, ranging from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

"They consider it quite successful," said Consuelo Wanek, publicity director of the Danville Women's Club. "It really helps the students to continue with their artwork."

The following were winners:

K-1, third place: Katie Munger, Tassajara Hills Elementary

Grades 2-3, first place: Ryan Storm, Rancho Romero Elementary

Grades 2-3, second place: Claire Therien, San Ramon Valley Christian Academy

Grades 4-6, first place: Sydney Lance, Rancho Romero Elementary

Grades 4-6, second place: Danielle Yee, Diablo Vista Middle School

Grades 4-6, third place: Shanaaz Deo, Tassajara Hills Elementary



Weekly goes shopping in the Big Apple

Judy McNulty of Danville does a little multi-tasking: She enjoys her Danville Weekly while shopping the after-Christmas sales in New York City on Dec. 28.

Take Us Along on your travels and send photos to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com or 315 Diablo Road, Danville 94596.

Grades 7-8, first place: Julie Therien, San Ramon Valley Christian Academy

Grades 9-12, first place: Holly Workman, Monte Vista High School

Graduating senior, first place: Heidi Bromley, Monte Vista High School; second place: Alison Littlejohn, Monte Vista High School; third place: Alex Michael, Monte Vista High School

Photography grades 9-12, first

place: Kimberly Blatter, Monte Vista High School; second place: Eric Murray, Monte Vista High School; third place: Roberto Jimenez, Monte Vista High School.

"In addition to the honor of receiving recognition for talented artwork, prizes consisted of \$25 for first place, \$20 for second place and \$15 for third place," said Wanek. "Graduating seniors received \$30, \$25 and \$20 for first, second and third place." ■

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Mickey 1991-2006

My little dog Mickey almost seemed to defy old age. At the age of 14, she had no arthritis, all her teeth, and still raced upstairs each night hoping we would let her sleep with us. Then, on Presidents Day weekend, she died. Just the week before, we had taken her for a walk downtown and people had stopped to admire her big black eyes and say she looked like a youngster. She loved everyone, and her mouth curved up in a natural smile.

Now we are very sad in our household, as well as in my daughter's apartment in San Diego and my son's flat in Berlin. The phone calls and e-mails flew around the world as we sympathized with each other and exchanged stories. For the first time, we all realized how sad it is to lose a pet dog. As my husband said, "We had something really fun in our lives, for a long time, and now it's gone."

We hadn't intended to get a dog that Sunday so many years ago when we were living in Thailand and visited the famous Chatuchak Market, which carries everything from plastic kitchenware to Asian artifacts to animals. We were going to buy a bird for our backyard aviary, but next to the birds were the puppies. In one cardboard box were three little white fluffy pups, each one looking like a miniature polar bear. My daughter, then 11, fell hard for the cutest one. At first my husband and I automatically said no, but then we reconsidered. Why not? We had a house with a yard, and even household help to do the extra work.

The stall owner showed us a photo of an Alaskan husky, and this delighted my husband, who said he'd always wanted a big dog. With my daughter obviously in love with this little puppy, we

were in a very bad bargaining position. All we had on us was 2,000 baht—\$80—so we settled on that. I realized afterward that if we'd only have 500 baht, or even 100, that probably would have been



"We had something really fun in our lives, for a long time, and now it's gone."

the price. But we certainly got our money's worth. We brought home our darling little puppy and my daughter named her Mickey. After she survived an early bout with distemper, we called Mickey our little miracle dog. But she never did grow more than 15 pounds; it turns out she was a miniature American Eskimo, or Spitz. My

husband was disappointed but my daughter and I were thrilled. She was a perfect little lap dog.

Less than a year later, we moved back home. All the United States required for Mickey was proof of rabies shots, thank goodness, no quarantine period like the British Isles. When I went to pick her up at the San Francisco Airport cargo terminal, I filled out the paperwork then went to the warehouse and spotted her kennel in a corner, looking abandoned. When I peeked inside, she jumped up and began to wave her fluffy tail furiously, the long and lonely journey forgotten.

She adjusted well to life here. She took on the responsibility of barking loudly at any cat that dared enter our yard, as well as at the mail carrier. She sat at our feet during each meal, eternally optimistic that we might drop something. If I brought out her leash to go "bye-bye," she would dash to the front door in anticipation. When the kids were in town, she would show her utter joy by dragging out her ragged old stuffed dog, Max, that she had chosen from among my daughter's stuffed animals soon upon joining our family. She would bite Max's ear, gruffly growl and toss her head viciously from side to side, then run panting up to the adored visitor to share her excitement.

Mickey slowed down a little bit at the end, sleeping more, and we'd sometimes refer to her as the "little old lady in the big fur coat." In the back yard each night I used to gaze at the stars as I waited for her to find that perfect spot to do her business. I found I missed that, too, so after one week I went out by myself to look at the nighttime sky. But it just wasn't the same without my little Mickey. ■



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Efficiency or disservice?

The Planning Commission was in a quandary recently: After sending out notices about a Feb. 14 public hearing on developing the Weber estate, it received reports of red-legged frog larvae found on the property, causing a postponement of the discussion although it was too late to inform the neighbors. Planning Commission members needed complete reports to let the developer make his presentation, to have a discussion and to reach a decision, but we feel they should nonetheless have let the neighbors speak since they were there.

This issue is an emotional one, involving the development of the 15-acre property where Lucille Weber raised horses for many years and still lives, although she is elderly and reportedly infirm. Some neighbors say it had been the family's intention that the property remain open space and the property was deeded to the Salvation Army with this intention. However, the Salvation Army sold the property to developer Davidon Homes, which, in turn, plans to build 22 houses on it, leaving Lucille Weber living on 3.7 acres that will eventually go to the Town of Danville. Neighbors, many angry at the property being developed, especially during Lucille Weber's lifetime, canceled other Valentine's Day plans to attend the Planning Commission meeting to have their say. They were thwarted when the decision was made to postpone the entire hearing.

Danville is fortunate to have dedicated Planning Commissioners who put in long hours. Letting the people speak about a postponed issue may have seemed like a waste of everyone's time when undoubtedly many would return to express the same opinions at the next hearing, but it is an important part of the process, and officials should encourage public participation in any possible way. To assemble interested parties and then not to let them have their say is too frustrating. For some it is the only time they will appear at a town meeting. Although it may have meant several additional hours, repeated comments, and maybe even some irrelevant testimony, it's part of the job for a public official. To not hear the public, whenever they appear, does everyone a disservice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ecological vandalism

Dear Editor:

I read in the Feb. 17 cover story that an automobile was defaced. It was portrayed as a minor tragedy. Before we can rightfully punish local teenagers for acts of vandalism we must examine our own behavior. Danville is one of the wealthiest communities, in the wealthiest state, in the wealthiest country on the planet, and we create more waste than any demographic.

While these teenage "vandals" are disrespecting property, we adults are up to some vandalism of our own, on a much grander, sophisticated level. I call it ecological vandalism. We spin our donuts on the atmosphere by driving larger than necessary vehicles. The lawns we grow are toxic wastelands. Our fertilizers, bleaches, detergents, cosmetics, oils, paints, ant poisons and pesticides generate more pollution than the industrial chemical corporations we blame for our faltering air quality.

I grew up in Danville with loving parents and a tomato garden in the back yard. I still felt the urge to tee-pee, crank-call the bowling alley, and chalk the occasional wall. Despite this behavior, I managed to graduate from college and lead a normal life. There is a natural destructive urge in teenage boys that cannot, and should not, be extinguished but guided into productive behavior. Give the kids a project. Let them tear up some lawn outside the library to create a vegetable garden. Buy them music lessons and encourage them to start a band in the garage. Let them design and build a skate park. Then hold a skate event with food from the garden they've produced and music from the local bands.

Jesse Hersh, Danville

Assessing Weber decisions

Dear Editor:

The Salvation Army was within its legal rights when it sold the Weber property in Danville to a developer. Each of us is left to assess the moral/ethical implications of this sale.

The Town of Danville is within its legal rights to grant permits for the construction of new roads and homes on this property. Each of us can assess this decision, as well. In my own assessment, the town comes up short. The Leander Hills neighborhood that would be most affected by this development is already suffering from traffic woes that have not been significantly mitigated by the incremental measures that have been taken so far. The connection of Blemer Road and Matadera Way by a new roadway referred to by the town as a "circulation link" would funnel non-neighborhood traffic into a residential area that is ill-equipped to accommodate such traffic.

Lucille Weber may not be aware of what has happened with the family donation, or of what looms on the horizon, but those of us who are aware should long for something better from our fair town.

Steven Strane, Danville

Correcting facts on Weber

Dear Editor:

Regarding the article about the postponement of discussion on the Weber property (Feb. 24), there are several inaccuracies. The property was not "sold" to the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army, in its greed, took Lucille Weber to court to take over title. She had identified them as the beneficiary of her trust. Although her family and friends knew she never wanted the property developed, it was not stipulated in her will. When a friend tried to help her put a provision in the trust to keep it open space, the Salvation Army objected on the basis that it was "not in her best interest" to do so. The settlement gave her a generous stipend and a "life estate" on 3.7 acres. The excess that is not spent for her care will go back to the Salvation Army upon her death. Lucille's court-appointed attorney did not contact family to collaborate Lucille's desires and wishes. She should have been given the right to live out her life in the privacy that she has enjoyed for over 50 years.

Also, whenever I have asked town officials about a planned road

into Oak Hill Park from the life estate, I am being told there will not be one. Your article mentions a second new street to connect to Oak Hill Park. I would like to know what is correct. (Editor's note: There will be no road built in Oak Hill Park; however, the town plans to build trail access.)

I, too, was at the meeting. This proposed development has some very complex as well as emotional issues attached to it. It is not as simple as saying that Danville has planned to develop this property for years.

Kristen W. Trisko, Danville

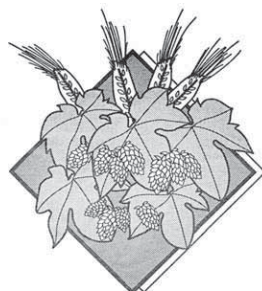
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POLICE BULLETIN

Alamo man fires at 'intruder'

An Alamo resident took his gun and fired six shots at a man he thought was intruding in his home on Via Del Gato at 4 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 23. The resident chased after the intruder when he heard him rummaging in his house, according to Sheriff's Department reports.

The perpetrator fled the scene when he saw the homeowner coming at him and then got into a getaway car, said Capt. Jon Cox of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department. The Alamo man kept firing at the

possible burglar as he was getting away in a truck. Afterward, he called the Sheriff's Office, said Cox.

Gun owners may only use their firearms for defense of their own life or to defend another person, said Cox, and the Alamo man may be criminally charged for breaking state law. Cox said the Sheriff's Department is still investigating the incident.

Cox recommended that people call 911 and not take such matters into their own hands.

OBITUARIES

Joseph Lloyd Macky

Lloyd Macky of Danville passed away Jan. 25.

He was born in San Francisco on June 6, 1916, and remained in the Bay Area for 89 years. He was the son of prominent artists Spencer and Constance Macky, and graduated from Lowell High School in the class of 1935. He spent 40 years as a sheet metal contractor and owned his own business in Berkeley. He retired in 1985 and became a "much sought after" local handyman. He was a member of the Richardson Bay Yacht Club and enjoyed traveling with his wife, Virginia.

He is survived by Virginia;

daughter Connie Boero and her husband Jeff of Orinda; three grandsons, Domenic, Peter and Michael Boero; brother Donald Macky and his wife Elvira of Napa; niece Donna Messenger of Granite Bay; nephew Ross Macky of Napa; and three stepchildren, Thomas Wisdom of Colorado Springs, Col., Ginny Sandell of Tiburon, and Ann McFarland of Laguna Niguel.

A memorial service celebrating Lloyd's life was held Feb. 11 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley.

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The Danville Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

Monday, Feb. 20

- Felony vandalism on Bobbie Dr. at 1:43 a.m.
- Auto burglary on W. El Pintado Rd. and Valley Creek Ln. at 7:00 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Hartz Ave. at 9:05 a.m.
- Identity theft on Pinnacle Ridge Ct. at 9:33 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. at 10:30 a.m.
- Grand theft from vehicle on Pinnacle Ridge Ct. at 10:29 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Alamo and El Pintado Rd. at 11:01 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Valley Creek Ln. at 12:00 p.m.

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- Malicious mischief on Lawrence Rd. at 1:03 p.m.
- Malicious mischief on Lawrence Rd. at 1:49 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Greenbrook Dr. at 2:37 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Diablo Rd. at 3:47 p.m.
- Petty theft, bicycle, on Boone Ct. at 7:57 p.m.
- Petty theft, bicycle, on Boone Ct. at 8:32 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Clydesdale Dr. at 9:18 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Diablo Rd. at 9:49 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

- Petty theft from building on Railroad Ave. at 8:13 a.m.
- Violation of custody order on Clydesdale Dr. at 10:41 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Love Ln. at 12:33 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Glen Valley Cir. at 2:59 p.m.
- Miscellaneous burglary on Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:09 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Hill Meadow Pl. at 5:41 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. at 11:08 a.m.
- Hit-and-run, misdemeanor, on Clydesdale Dr. and Diablo Rd. at 3:32 p.m.
- Malicious mischief on Hartz Ave. at 8:59 p.m.
- Stong-arm robbery, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:49 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on La Gonda Wy. at 11:58 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Diablo Rd. at 2:16 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Railroad Ave. at 12:13 p.m.

- Credit card fraud on Highbridge Ln. at 2:51 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Boone Ct. at 7:04 p.m.
- Misdemeanor DUI, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:54 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24

- Misdemeanor DUI, arrest, on El Cerro Blvd. and W. El Pintado Rd. at 12:35 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Matteson Ct. at 7:46 a.m.
- Warrant arrest on Love Ln. at 9:23 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on La Gonda Wy. at 2:20 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25

- Misdemeanor DUI, arrest, on Alisal Ct. and El Cerro Blvd. at 3:28 a.m.
- Malicious mischief on Glasgow Cir. at 9:11 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Glasgow Cir. at 9:46 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Turrini Cir. at 10:12 a.m.
- Malicious mischief on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 10:15 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26

- Suspicious circumstances on Hermosa Ct. at 9:53 a.m.
- Malicious mischief on Hartz Ave. at 2:08 p.m.

The Office of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department's Valley Station in Alamo made the following information available.

ALAMO

Sunday, Feb. 26

- Disturbance in Alamo Plaza
- Residential burglary on Via Del Gato
- Petty theft from vehicle on Golden Meadow Pl.

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Tuesday, Feb. 21

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San Ramon beats Monte Vista on court

Lady Wolves also score victories, as do Mustang boys soccer

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

It was a big weekend for the San Ramon Wolves boys basketball team, the Lady Wolves basketball and soccer teams, and the Monte Vista boys soccer team.

Playing at the "Wolf Den" before a spirited, standing-room-only crowd Friday night, the San Ramon Valley boys basketball team, 2005 North Coast Section Champions, held on for a win against cross-town rival Monte Vista, 56-54.

The Wolves got off to a good start, leading 16-14 after the first quarter and 36-26 at half-time. Dan Davies made an important lay-up with 3:59 left in the game and was also fouled on the shot. He converted a key free throw to take a 56-50 lead.

Monte Vista's Ryan Whalen made another bucket with 3:30 to go and cut the lead to 4 points, 56-52. Battling back and forth both teams went scoreless for three minutes until the Mustangs' Corey Higgins hit a jump shot to trim the lead to 56-54. With 5.4 seconds to go in the game, Monte Vista got the ball back for one final shot. Higgins' 3-point attempt fell short of the rim to give the Wolves a 56-54 victory. Stefan Tappin led the Wolves with 13 points.

The victory resulted in both teams finishing the season with identical 10-2 records in the East Bay Athletic League and they were crowned co-champions. They could face each other again as both teams will now advance to the NCS Championship. Monte Vista received the fifth seed and was to play 12th-seeded California at home on Tuesday. San Ramon received the fourth seed and was to play the winner of this game on Wednesday.

At Monte Vista, the Lady Wolves basketball team won the league championship playing against the Lady Mustangs before a packed house, 50-48. The win reversed an earlier loss to the Mustangs and gave the Lady Wolves their first league title since 1990.

The game had many lead changes



The San Ramon Wolves listen intently to Coach John Raynor at the hotly contested game against Monte Vista last Friday, which the Wolves won 56-54 to become co-champions of the EBAL with the Mustangs.

but the Wolves held on to win with Carly Bonderer leading the Wolves with 14 points. Erin Tao kept the Mustangs in the game to the end, leading all scorers with 17 points. The Wolves finished the season with a 20-6 overall record and 10-2 in the EBAL. Monte Vista finished the season 19-6 and 8-4 in the EBAL.

Both teams will now advance to the NCS Championships. The Lady Wolves received the fifth seed and were hosting No. 12-seeded Newark Memorial at San Ramon on Tuesday. The winner of this game was to play No. 4-seeded San Leandro on Wednesday. Monte Vista received the sixth seed and was to host 11th-seed Liberty on Tuesday, with the winner playing No. 3-seeded Berkeley the next evening.

On Saturday, the Lady Wolves soccer team completed the "trifecta winning weekend" to win their first NCS 3A title since 1998 against Foothill 1-0. Foothill knocked off No. 1-seeded Monte Vista 2-1 to advance to the finals and brought a 18-4-4 record into the championship game. The Wolves had defeated Carondelet in the semi-finals 1-0 to advance to the finals with a 23-2-2 overall record. Strong defense led the Wolves to the NCS victory. Sophomore Jillian Armstrong scored the winning goal midway in the first half to secure the

win for the Wolves.

The Monte Vista boys soccer team capped a huge weekend for Danville sports teams with a soccer shocker 2-1 victory over top-seeded Richmond on Saturday at Pinole High School to win the NCS 3A Championship. The third-seeded Mustangs were 21-4-1 coming into the game against the top rated Richmond Oilers whose record was 21-2-3. Jeff Penna scored the winning goal late in the game to secure the first NCS 3 A soccer Championship in the school's history. The huge upset was the Mustangs' 11th straight victory of the season. ■

E-mail your results to sports@DanvilleWeekly.com or fax 837-8454.

Correction

The story last week about the first round of the NCS 3-A boys soccer championship should have said that the game between San Ramon and College Park was tied 1-1 at the end of regulation play and after two 10-minute scoreless overtimes, the exciting game went to a shootout; San Ramon won the shootout 4-3 with Zack Corral scoring the winning goal.



Rovers win district cup in exciting finale

In December, the Mustang Rovers (U9 Boys) won the District Cup in a thrilling game over the Newark Earthquakes. The game was 0-0 into the second overtime when the Rovers scored to win. The Rovers are (front, l-r) Ben Elisha, Jacob Weiss, Drew Kerr, John Hammill, Daniel Colton, Johnny Cox; (back) assistant coach Chuck Lancaster, head coach Andy Kerr, Kyle Henry, Keegan Lancaster, Ryan Miller, Declan Watts, Patrick Bauer, assistant coach Ted Colton (not pictured, Ryan Huggins).

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Students from all over California participate in the model legislative session as part of the YMCA Youth and Government program.

Danville students assert themselves on the Capitol floor

story and photos by **Jordan M. Doronila**

They gripped the hands of California voters with hefty handshakes, relished smiling in front of the camera, and championed laws ranging from making all schools teach Creation and Evolution theories to legalizing euthanasia for the terminally ill.

No matter who or what they supported, most of the California high school students said being part of the YMCA Youth and Government filled them with positive energy and dumped their negative thinking, especially kids from the San Ramon Valley YMCA in Danville.

"You emphasize your own strengths in the program," said Sara Schnaitter, a former California delegate and now advisor to the San Ramon High School contingent. "It encourages positive attitudes, and negative attitudes disappear."

"It helps build your self-esteem," said Caitlin De Sa, former Monte Vista delegate, now a Las Lomas High School advisor. "You break out of your shell."

"Students think differently beyond their realm," she added, referring to how kids get out of their bubble and grow by learning from each other's differences. "It's fun to come back."

More than 2,200 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from all over the state gathered together at the California YMCA Model Legislature and Model Court over Presidents Day weekend at the state Capitol, the Hyatt Hotel and the Convention

Center in Sacramento where they received hands-on experience in how government works.

The program begins in September, and youths, as well as volunteers, meet together to discuss issues facing California by using the legislative and judicial processes. For nine months, the teen delegates write bills, prepare briefs, select governmental positions to role-play, attend statewide training conferences, and run for various elected offices as well as serving as justices.

Some play the roles of journalists in print and television, and the group publishes a newspaper covering its legislative activities.

Around 230 students from the San Ramon Valley played roles.

"It's a life-changing program," said Mina Nafei, a senior at Monte Vista High School, who was a model senator.

"I was very quiet. I felt the need to be passive," she remembered. But when she began to participate in Youth and Government, she found out that she was passionate about issues such as allowing gays to marry. She said her passion prompted her to speak up and as a result, she became outgoing.

"I'm left as you can go," Nafei said she discovered about her politics. "The program gave me a sense of where I stand."

"It's exciting," said Kathy Chiverton, executive director for the San Ramon Valley YMCA, who

was chief of staff to former Contra Costa County Supervisor Millie Greenberg. "I think it was a positive experience."

Kelsey Cox, a senior at Monte Vista High School and a model lobbyist at the program, said that before, she didn't know anything about Youth and Government.

Nevertheless, she joined the program.

"I could see myself doing this as a career," she said.

The teens spent Presidents Day weekend arguing about legislation, writing stories in the student-run "Y&G Daily Voice" newspaper, discussing law cases, finding ways to raise campaign funds, and meeting with top public officials such as California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson.

They also heard words of encouragement from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger inside the Capitol.

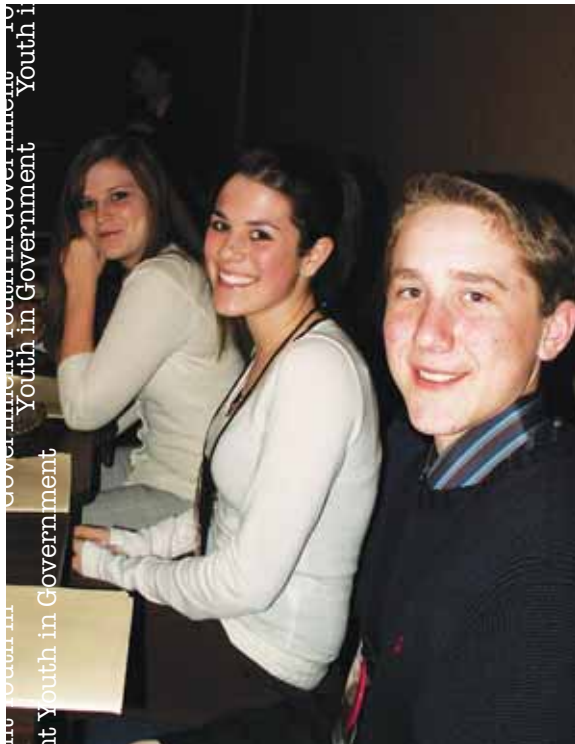
Still, the most interesting and compelling aspect of the program was the opportunity to speak on the legislative floor, promoting their proposed bills, said members of the San Ramon Valley YMCA.

"Public speaking is something I got out of the experience," said De Sa.

When the weekend of politicking and networking ended, some kids from the San Ramon Valley contingent cried, said Chiverton.

"Some tears were shed parting," she said. "They had grown so close."

"Students came back excited about their experience and opportunities for leadership," she added. ■



About the program

Clement Duran, a YMCA director from Albany, N.Y., developed the Youth and Government program in the mid 1930s. He wanted to find a meaningful experience for young people where they would be inspired to become active and concerned participants in government.

He came up with the idea of a "model" legislature that would provide "hands-on" learning. Duran developed the slogan, "Democracy Must Be Learned By Each Generation," to interpret the purpose of the program. The first Model Legislature was held in Albany in 1936.

With encouragement from the National YMCA, the program spread rapidly to nearby states. With Duran's help, California initiated its program in 1949. Approval and support were enlisted from Gov. Earl Warren, who had two sons in the first program.

A statewide committee of leading citizens, including several state officials and legislators, was organized. The committee, now known as the governing board, secured resolutions from both Legislative houses allowing the youth delegates to use the Senate and Assembly chambers. State officials worked as consultants to youth officers as well as conducting training sessions for delegates.

Every governor since Warren has been involved, usually by meeting in question-and-answer sessions with the delegates and by allowing the elected Youth Governor to use his office.

In 1972, Gov. Ronald Reagan ordered National Guard facilities to be made available for pre-training conferences. In 1974, then-State Sen. George Deukmejian developed a high level advisory board for the program and chaired it for nine years until he became governor.

He established an endowment fund to help assure the continuation of the program for future generations.

Today's expanded program includes a Judicial Program featuring Trial, Jury Trial, Appellate, Judicial Review and Supreme Courts, a dual Legislative Program, and special programs for Pages, Print and Video Journalists, Legislative Lobbyists and Legislative Analysts.

Sophomore participants have a special Forum program designed especially for first-year delegates.

Manuals and advisory bulletins continue to provide local advisors with the best experience of other Youth and Government Programs. During the last 20 years, California has sent its Youth Governor to the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs each summer in Black Mountain, N.C. Since 1992, California's delegation has increased to 30 delegates and advisors, enjoying success at this highly competitive conference.

The San Ramon Valley YMCA Youth and Government group was partially funded by four organizations: The Danville Rotary Club; The David and Betty Baldacci Family Foundation; Chevron; and Union Bank. The group received an estimated \$20,000 from them.

Clockwise from upper left: San Ramon Valley High School sophomores Kaycee Spalding, Nicole Dias and Brandon Lewis play model justices in the appellate court; Lindsey Jester, a senior at San Ramon Valley High, sifts through paperwork as she prepares to participate in the model legislative session in Sacramento; Model Senator Mina Nafei, a senior at Monte Vista High, sits in the state Senate Chamber in the Capitol.

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by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Nourishment for the body; sustenance for the soul.

A book that incorporates the two was the goal of Blackhawk resident Parisa Ambwani as she spent more than two decades in her kitchen perfecting her recipes, then assembling them in a super-cook-book combined with her philosophical sayings.

"Even as a child, I was dreaming: What can I do for the people?" said Ambwani. The answer she found was to produce her cookbook, "Recipes from the Heart."

"Every section has wisdom and food," she said. "I believe they are not separate from health."

The unique volume has taken 20-plus years to conceptualize, perfect the recipes and combine the sayings appropriately. Ambwani knew from the beginning that she had this objective and she would reach it but she was not sure what twists and turns the journey would take.

"Every step took a long time to think about," she said. "I'm doing the recipes, then I have to get in the 'spirit.' How am I going to pair these two?"

She learned her cooking—and her philosophy of life—from her mother, whom she remembered saying, "Good eating habits will enhance your physical, mental and emotional condition; it will also enhance your spirit."

As a college student majoring in fine arts at the University of Tehran, Ambwani cooked with this aim, preparing foods that were nutritionally balanced, although at that time it was also important to prepare the food in as little time as possible.

She married and moved here more than 30 years ago and continued to enjoy cooking.

"I was cooking a lot and my husband liked my food," Ambwani recalled. "I was always making something new. Then he said, 'Can you make the same food? The way you made it before?'"

He suggested that she make notes of the ingredients she used so she could duplicate his favorites. Her collection of notes grew as did the idea of creating a special book on nourishing the body and the soul.

Others helped with the book, including Teresa M. Brown, who did the illustrations and the calligraphy that begins each section, and Chris Engstrom, a registered dietitian from Alamo.

"There are some very creative things in there," said Engstrom. "I helped with the nutrition information. She kept remaking the recipes so the nutrition information would change." It eventually ended up in a separate section.

"She likes ingredients with the least amount of processing," Engstrom said.

As Ambwani developed the recipes she photographed the finished products and ended up with 500 pictures. "I wanted all the photos in the book but it would have been too fat, and extremely expensive," she said. Now the book contains a center section of 16 pages of glossy colored photos of finished dishes.

Each section begins with a heading and words of wisdom lettered in calligraphy.

"Main Dishes" is paired with "Raising Children."

"Parents give their children the first flowering seeds of love. That source of energy and love remains forever," it begins. The book is dedicated to Ambwani's granddaughter Alexandra.

"To me, raising children is the most important thing in life, to ourselves, to society, to our country," said Ambwani. Cooking fish, which have a short life, is paired with her wisdom on "Cycles of Life and Death."

"The book is a wonderful blend of traditional and international cuisine," noted editor Griselda Blazey, a professor of nutrition, in the introduction. She also stated that even she, an experienced cook, learned from the book and was inspired to try many food items she had never considered making in her own home. The book is also good for beginning cooks, explaining step by step how to make bread and cakes, sauces and soups, she said.

**"EVEN AS A CHILD,
I WAS DREAMING:
WHAT CAN I DO FOR
THE PEOPLE?"**

—PARISA AMBWANI

The book begins with 293 pages of Ambwani's recipes, then has additional informative sections, including almost 50 pages of food preparation tips; a 22-page glossary; seven pages on nutrition; and a back section on Good Health, addressing the physical environment, wholesome meals and nourishing the spirit. The recipes are indexed in the back.

As the project neared completion, Ambwani began to talk to publishers and printers. "Fortunately whomever I met were wonderful," she said. "I interviewed many, many printers." She finally chose one to produce several hundred copies and now, book in hand, she has begun to talk to bookstores.

She had a book signing in November at Barnes and Noble in Walnut Creek and sold 24 copies. The book sells for \$39.95 and is now available at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave. in Danville.

The book was also recognized at the 2005 International Annual Cookbooks and "Culinary Arts" Awards on Dec. 8 in St. Petersburg, Fla., where Ambwani received the Cordon d'Or—Gold Ribbon—in two categories: Self Published Cookbooks and Culinary Entrepreneur.

And she continues to cook. "Put five or six items in front of me and I will create food for you," she said. She has taught cooking classes at local community centers and hopes to do so again, now that her cookbook is out. She will always include that important ingredient—spirituality.

"Food is not separate from spirituality," she said. "There is a balance between the two." ■



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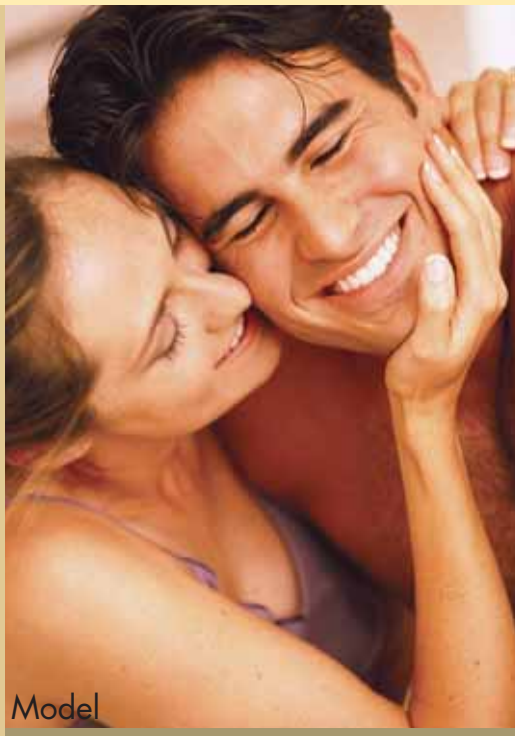
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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Are you 'ready, set, go' in the kitchen?

I've always been a strong proponent of being organized when you cook. It's a habit I learned early, watching my mother in the kitchen. She always pulled out her bowls, pots, spices and such before she started to work her culinary magic. She also taught me to keep a sudsy bowl of water in the kitchen sink to wash and rinse utensils and bowls while cooking to minimize the after-meal cleanup.

It's only in recent years, however, that I discovered the official culinary term for the practice of cooking in an organized way—"mise en place." Mise en place (pronounced "MEEZ ahn plahs") is a French term that literally means to "set in place." It refers to the practice of preparing all utensils and ingredients necessary for a dish to combine prior to final cooking. But don't think of "mise en place" as just a term. It's an invaluable approach to a smooth, effortless cooking process.

Many home cooks drag themselves into the kitchen in the mornings, operating on auto-pilot to prepare breakfast or dash into the kitchen at night, pull ingredients from a grocery bag, turn on the stove and cook as they go. More and more, mise en place is the work that home cooks are avoiding by purchasing ready-to-cook meats, ready-to-dress salads and ready-to-serve desserts. But imagine trying to prepare your taxes without first gathering all the receipts and papers needed to complete the tax forms. Or, imagine heading out on a weeklong cruise without packing with a detailed travel list. If preparing a sandwich, mise en place would mean placing all the ingredients for the sandwich on the counter before starting to assemble. You may find you're a tad short of jelly before you spread one slice of



For cooking efficiency and enjoyment, it helps to first set up your own "mise en place" so everything is ready for the cooking to commence.

bread with peanut butter or that you are completely out of mayo to go with your roast beef.

Mise en place is the key to a professional chef's kitchen. Preparing the mise en place ahead of time allows a chef to cook without having to stop and assemble items, saving time and allowing for easy transitions in the kitchen-to-plate-to-table transformation. It's why most professional kitchens have a sous chef—someone whose specific role is to manage the stocking, assembling and preparing of ingredients for the chef's menu. Imagine chopping sacks of potatoes and onions, crates of mushrooms and tomatoes, pounds of poultry, beef and seafood—this work takes up more of the cooking labor than anything else and is often as or more important than the final cooking step.

Here are some tips for practicing mise en place in your kitchen:

- In anticipation of making a particular dish, check your cupboard for all needed ingredients or take your recipe along with your shopping list.
- Before preparation day, review the entire recipe and check for ingredients, pots/pans, utensils and equipment needed. At preparation time, place them all nearby.
- Begin with a clean kitchen and prep the workspace by removing all unnecessary items from the countertop.
- Assemble and wash ingredients. Chop, dice, grate and sift—pre-measure ingredients and put into individual small bowls like custard cups, preferably in order of use or grouped by sub-tasks. Pre-measuring and setting aside ingredients frees up your measuring utensils for later steps. Williams-Sonoma carries great prep bowls. (See Resources.)

- Special preparation (e.g. toasting bread for crumbs, chilling ingredients or bringing them to room temperature) should be handled early on rather than in the midst of another step.
- Preheat the oven and prepare pans in advance.
- Clean the work area and utensils as you go. It's easier to maintain control over your cleanup before foodstuff dries. Besides, what a relief to only have to clean the table dishes afterward.

And a few more thoughts:

- By applying the mise en place concept to your cooking, you'll find that with more and more practice, you'll increase your cooking speed in slicing, chopping, dicing, etc. And you'll create more uniform pieces to enhance the speed and visual presentation of your meals.
- Mise en place can make complicated recipes less stressful (and more pleasurable) to prepare because you're not trying to complete several tasks simultaneously. You'll be freer to try those recipes

you once avoided.

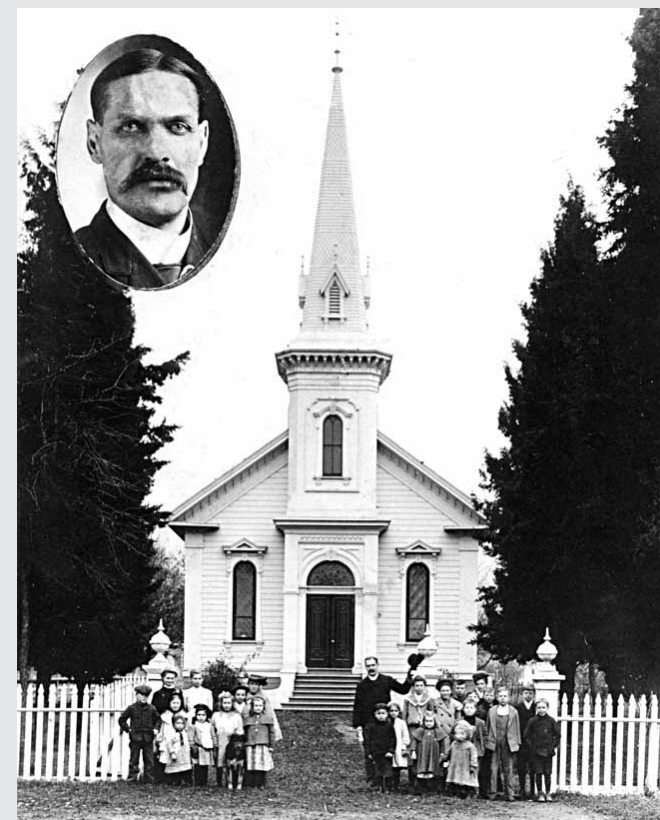
- If you just don't have the time to prepare the key base ingredients of gourmet meals but still want to make meals with those mise en place ingredients, try Boulette's Larder for homemade stocks, fats, pastry doughs and other specialty ingredients. (See Resources.)

So, you don't have to remember the term or even pronounce it correctly but don't forget this common-sense concept. Save yourself time and frustration on the back end by making time on the front end to get ready, set and go!

Jacqui Love Marshall lives in Danville with her vintage-car-loving husband, two pugs and binders of recipes. E-mail her at Epicure@DanvilleWeekly.com.

Resources: Boulette's Larder, Ferry Building Marketplace, San Francisco, (415) 399-1155; http://www.bouletteslarder.com/bl_thinkinside.html Williams Sonoma, Glass Prep Bowls, 10 oz., Set of six, \$12; <http://www.williams-sonoma.com>

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Alamo-Danville Artists

The Alamo-Danville Artists are hosting Randall Stauss, who will be giving an oil painting demonstration, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. This event is free and visitors are encouraged to come. For more information, call Ginger Miller 837-6414.

Careers

San Ramon Valley School District

The San Ramon Valley School District is hosting a Certificated Job Fair on Saturday, March 25. Applicants who wish to reserve a spot must currently hold a CA credential or have one by June 6, must have submitted a complete District application (including a resume, three letters of recommendation, and a credential), and have submitted an Interview Request Form by March 6. For more information, contact Mary Garcia at 552-2955 or mcgarcia@srvusd.k12.ca.us.

Classes

Danville Police Citizen's Academy

The Danville Police Department is offering a session of the Citizen's Academy for Danville residents and employees who want to receive a better understanding of the police and community partnership in crime prevention and detection. Interested applicants must be at least 18 years old with no misdemeanor convictions in the last year and no felony convictions, a minimum background check will be conducted. This event is free, but reservations are required. For more information and an application, contact Shawn Desmond at 314-3355.

Mixed Media Fun for Kids

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Mixed Media Fun for Kids class from 3-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, for ages 6-13. Marilyn MacDougall is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$78 for five weeks, plus \$8 for materials. For information, call 838-1959.

Oil and Acrylic Painting Class

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers an Oil and Acrylic Painting class from 10 a.m.-noon, Mondays, and from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays. Charles White is the instructor. Classes are ongoing and for all levels. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Clubs

Diablo Valley Networking Group

Come join this dynamic team of business professionals to network and promote your business at 7:30 a.m., every Tuesday at Father Nature's restaurant in Danville. For information, e-mail Coach2Excel@aol.com

Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild

The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Their speaker for March is Don Linn, who will be talking about how he developed his own style of artistic machine quilting. Guests are welcome. Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

Diablo Valley Single Parents

This group meets at 6:30 p.m., on various days each month, and at different locations in the valley. Contact Rich at abersr@toast.net or 838-9487.

Diablo View Toastmasters

This chapter meets from 7:55-9 a.m., every Tuesday, at the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Novice and veteran speakers meet to develop speaking skills. Guests are welcome. Call Josh Taves at 791-2233.

eWomen Network Accelerated Networking Luncheon

The eWomen Network holds its monthly accelerated networking luncheon from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., the second Thursday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Contact Claire at 648-3105 or claireshepherdson@ewomennetwork.com.

Kiwanis San Ramon Valley

The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Mudds Restaurant in San Ramon. Meeting includes a guest speaker and lunch. For information, visit its Web site at www.kiwanis-srv.org.

Model RC Boaters Association

The Danville Model RC Boaters Association seeks new members. To learn more, call president Rich Mahan at 785-0421.

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

The society meets from 1:15-3 p.m., the third Thursday of every month except August, at the California Savings Building, Rossmoor Shopping Center, Tice Valley Blvd. and Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek. Guest speakers are at each meeting.

San Ramon Valley Exchange Club

The San Ramon Valley Exchange Club invites you to join them at noon, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., (sign in at 11:45 a.m.). RSVP 275-2412. The cost for lunch is \$16. The speaker for the Wednesday, March 8 meeting will be Col. William Scott Wood of Camp Parks in Dublin.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

The society meets at 10 a.m., every third Tuesday of the month, except August and December, at the LDS Church, 2449 Stone Valley Road. Guest speaker at every meeting. All welcome. For information, call Ed at 299-0881.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club Hikes

The San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club Hiking Group invites prospective members to join as they explore East Bay Regional Parks. The group meets at 8:30 a.m., every Friday. Hikes are usually two hours and within 30 minutes of San Ramon. For information, call Sharon at 735-8960.

San Ramon Valley Rotary Club

This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m., each Wednesday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Guests are welcome. The club offers a great way to make new friends while making a difference in your community. Call Bill at 838-9110.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization meets at 7 p.m., the second Thursday of each month, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Wealth Book Club

Wealth Book Club is presenting "The 5 Lessons a Millionaire Taught Me About Life and Wealth," by Paul Evans from 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, March 6. Read and join the discussion or just listen. To RSVP and get directions, visit www.wealthbookclub.org

Concerts

Danville Community Band

"Music Through the Decades," featuring the Danville Community Band, will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 5, at the

WEEKEND PREVIEW



And the winner is...

The California Independent Film Festival Association will be presenting live coverage of the 78th annual Academy Awards on a 15-foot screen to raise money for its kids film fest in May. Come and join the fun with food, drinks and games at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 5, at the Village Theatre on Front Street. Tickets are \$25; call 314-3463.

Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This program highlights music through the decades including classical, popular and rousing marches, also featuring the Haydn Trumpet Concerto, with soloist Bill Lohman. For more information, call 736-2280.

Danville Girls Chorus

Danville Girls Chorus, under the direction of Ken Abrams, 2006 Educator of the Year, will be performing its Spring concert at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 18, at East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara Rd., Danville. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 14 and can be purchased in advance by calling 837-2624. Tickets will also be available at the door, but concerts have sold out in the past.

Dixieland Festival

A Dixieland Festival featuring Bob Schulz and the Frisco Jazz Band will be held from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, March 12, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Admission is \$20 per person. For tickets and information, visit Mark Kahn Jewelers, 3202 Danville Blvd., Alamo, or call 837-3262 or 820-6847.

Events

Bella Belly Maternity Shop Opening

Bella Belly Maternity opens with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Danville at noon, Friday, March 3, with Danville Mayor Karen Stepper. Bella Belly features designer fashion maternity wear. The opening event March 4 features "Mr. Dad," with food and entertainment for the kids. Bella Belly Maternity is located at 700 Hartz Way. Call 820-1115.

Blackhawk Republican Women's Luncheon

The topic for the next luncheon will be the Study of Family History with speaker Lisa Cooke at 11:15 a.m., Monday, March 13, at the Blackhawk Country Club. The cost is \$16 and reservations are required by noon, March 10. Contact Marianne at 820-6452 or e-mail ryons1009@sbcglobal.net.

Country Folk Art Craft Show

The Country Folk Art Craft Show will be at the Alameda County Fairgrounds from 5-9 p.m., Friday, March 10; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 11; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday, March 12. Admission is \$7 and your admission handstamp will re-admit you all three days. For more information, visit www.countryfolkart.com.

Danville Sidewalk Sale

Discover Danville will be hosting Downtown Danville's Sidewalk Sale to celebrate their customer appreciation with huge discounts on normally priced items from the downtown Danville businesses, from Friday, March 10, through Sunday, March 12. Come and join the fun!

St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance

The Irish-American Culture Club will be holding its sixth annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville. No-host cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dance and music from 8-11 p.m. Formal or party attire. Cost for members is \$45 per person, non-members, \$50 per person. Call Betty at 939-5285.

Exhibits

Beasts in Your Back Yard

The new exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley features fossils excavated from the Blackhawk Quarry in the late 1930s. The exhibit is running through April 22 at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. There is no admission fee but donations are encouraged. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsrv.org.

Film

Eugene O'Neill Documentary

Eugene O'Neill Foundation and the Danville Park Service present a special preview of American Experience's "Eugene O'Neill: A Documentary Film" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 3, at the AT&T (formerly SBC) complex in Bishop Ranch, San Ramon. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 820-1818.

Fundraisers

A Hollywood Affair

A Hollywood Affair dinner event to benefit Coyote Creek Elementary School will be catered by Scott's Seafood and feature music, dancing, and silent and live auctions from 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 11, at the Blackhawk Museum. Cocktail attire. \$75/person. Call 648-2487.

Academy Awards Evening

The California Independent Film Festival Association is presenting a fun-filled evening complete with a live broadcast of the Academy Awards. Enjoy food, drinks, hors d'oeuvres and wine. The event is to benefit the Danville International Children's Film Festival. Doors open at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 5, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$25 per person. Call 314-3463

Children's Skin Disease Foundation

The Children's Skin Disease Foundation is holding an evening of dinner and gaming to help children's wish come true. Make your own wish come true by taking home one of the fabulous auction items. Cost is \$100/person. The event is from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at the Round Hill Country Club. Call 736-5039 or visit www.csdf.org.

Giant Rummage Sale

A giant rummage sale benefiting the Wellness Community, a nonprofit organization that provides free emotional support to cancer patients and their loved ones, will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. For more information, call 676-3142 or 685-3673.

Hats off America Masquerade Ball

Hats off America is hosting a Masquerade Ball to benefit the families of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Come and enjoy a champagne reception, live auction, dancing and prizes for the best costume starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at the Blackhawk Museum. Call 855-1920 or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

Thrift Shop Winter Clearance

Assistance League of Diablo Valley is holding its annual Winter Clearance sale, with all items 50 percent off from Tuesday, March 7, through Thursday, March 9. The sale will continue offering each piece of merchandise at only \$1 on Friday, March 10, and items will be \$1 per piece or \$5 per "Fill a Bag" on Saturday, March 10, at Way Side Inn Thrift Shop & Costume Rental, 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. The thrift shop will then start its first day of spring merchandise on Tuesday, March 14.

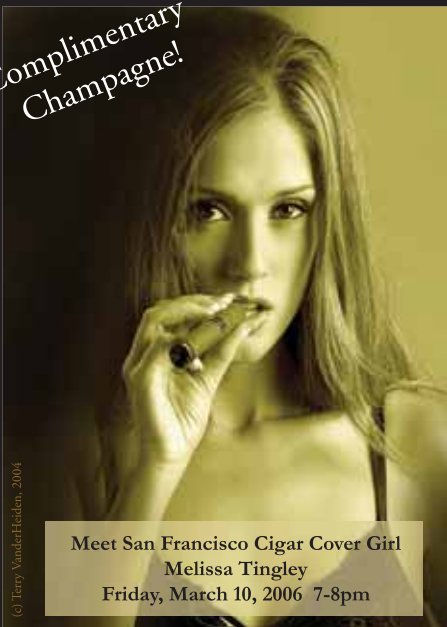
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Vista Grande Elementary School

Vista Grande Elementary School is holding its annual Art Auction Gala on Saturday, March 25, at the Behring Museum, Blackhawk. Prior to the event there will be an online silent auction from Feb. 23-March 23, at www.vges.srvusd.k12.ca.us/auction. For more information, contact Kim Short at 838-8511.

Viva Las Vegas!

"All Things Golden '06...Viva Las Vegas!" fundraiser, which benefits the Golden View Elementary School Gator Education Fund, will be an evening of dinner, dancing, live and silent auction starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Angie Dimitri at 735-0555.

Health

African Drumming Circle

Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism for cancer patients. Patients, friends and family are welcome to join Patricia Frame and experience this fun way to get "good vibrations," from 5-6 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. No rhythmic or musical ability is required. This event is free, however reservations are required. For information, call 933-0107

Health Open House

An open house will be held to educate the community about cutting-edge health concepts and practices including exercise and fitness and upper cervical chiropractic and nutrition. It will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7 at 21 Minute Fitness, 21310 San Ramon Valley Blvd. #6, San Ramon. Call Dr. Charlton at 847-2095.

When Mom or Dad Has Cancer

School-age children whose mom or dad has cancer can participate in fun, creative activities to help them express themselves while teens have a group where they can discuss concerns from

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 11, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Parents meet concurrently. Reservations are required. For information, call 933-0107.

Kids & Teens

Debi Derryberry

Debi Derryberry, the voice of "Jimmy Neutron," will be in the area to perform "What a Way to Play!" The show begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 18, at Village Theatre, Danville; 3 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at Front Row Stage Theatre, Dougherty Station, San Ramon; and at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 19, at Heather Farm Community Center, Walnut Creek. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 552-7335.

Mother Goose Time

Bring your 0-3-year-olds to Mother Goose Time and enjoy storytime, finger play, songs and nursery rhymes, at 10:15 a.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 30-March 15, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Registration is required, call 837-4889 or visit www.ccclib.org.

Town of Danville Flag Football

Come and join the fun at Danville's Flag Football program for boys and girls, ages 9 to 11. League games will be from 5-9 p.m. Wednesdays from April 5-May 24 at Sycamore Valley Park. Parent volunteer coaches are needed and a meeting will be held Monday, March 27, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Center St. For more information, call 314-3482 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

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from 7:45-10 a.m., Thursday, March 23, at Mimi's Cafe, Dublin. Registration is required. The cost for members is free and is \$35 for non-members, including the cost of breakfast. For more information, call 201-3410 or visit www.b2bpowerexchange.com/dublin.

Beyond Screaming: Women's Self-Defense

Danville Karate International is offering a comprehensive eight-hour course for women from 2-6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11, and 1:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday, March 12, at 105 Town and Country Drive, Danville. For more information, call 820-9612.

California Association of Mortgage Brokers

The East Bay Chapter of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers is hosting a free informative seminar to help prospective homebuyers understand all aspects of home buying. The seminar will be from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, at the Walnut Creek Marriott. For more information, call Deanne Thompson at (510) 547-4114.

Children of Dysfunctional Families

"ACDF Recovery - There's Nothing Wrong with You: From Surviving to Thriving," a retreat for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families Recovery, will be March 3-5 at the San Damiano Retreat in Danville. For more information, call 837-9141 or visit www.san-damiano.org.

Diablo Bonsai Club

The Diablo Bonsai Club will be hosting a lecture and workshop on the basics of how to plant and raise Bonsai Plants, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Camellia Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 979-1708 or visit www.angelfire.com/ca2/diablobonsai.

Financial Management Session

Technology Ventures Corp. presents a Financial Management session with information that explores raising capital, understanding and using financial statements, and dealing with various tax issues, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. This event is free, but reservations are required. Call 960-1600 or visit www.techventures.org.

Human Resources Association

The Greater Tri Valley Chapter Northern California Human Resources Association presents "Employment Law Update for 2006" from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional Drive, Dublin. Register online at www.nchra.org.

Memoir Writing

San Damiano Retreat presents a Memoir Writing event, "Viewing my Life," with Ursula Caspary Frankel. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the session is from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 14. Registration is \$55, including lunch. For more information, 837-9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Teen SAT Strategy Session

The Princeton Review is presenting a free strategy session on taking the SAT college entrance exam to give high school students an overview of the college admissions process, new changes to the exam, and effective test-taking tips and strategies from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 16. Seats are limited and registration is required. Reserve a spot at the Danville Library, 837-4889.

Live Music

Peace Lutheran Church

The Paul Scheffert Trio, a soulful and funky jazz group, will be performing a free jazz set with the theme "Jazz at Peace," at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 12, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassjara, Danville. There is no cover charge and an abundance of free parking. For more information, call 648-7000 or visit www.peace-journey.org.

On Stage

Around the World in 80 Days

Center REPeritory Company presents Mark Brown's adaptation of Jules Verne's classic, "Around the World in 80 Days." Show times are 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesdays; 8 p.m., Thursdays through Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m., Sundays, now through March 4, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. For more information, call 943-7469. Tickets can be purchased at the DLRC Ticket Office, 1601 Civic Drive or the Ticket Office Outlet at Barnes & Noble in Walnut Creek.

'Broadway Bound!'

Curtain Up! Productions presents "Broadway Bound!" featuring songs and scenes from musicals such as "The Sound of Music," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Annie," and much more, performed by students from North Creek Academy, at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at the Village Theater, 233 Front St. in Danville. Tickets are \$5. For information, call 314-3463.

'Wigged Out!'

Victoria's Hair on Stage in downtown Danville presents the outrageous musical comedy "Wigged Out!" at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., on March 18, at Victoria's Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Wigged Out, voted "Best of the Best" in the Tri-Valley for two years

running, is produced by Shelly Award winner Jeff Seaberg. Tickets are \$38 and can be purchased at Victoria's Hair on Stage Box Office, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday or by calling 855-7469.

Seniors

Bridge

Seniors meet to play bridge from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Friday at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Cost is \$1. Reservations are required. Call Jerri Kaldem at 837-6283.

Danville Senior Citizens Club

The club meets from 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. Membership is just \$9 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

Laugh Club

Medical research has proven what people have known for ages. Laughter is good for you. Join us for a half-hour laugh session at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. This event is free. Call Fred Turner at 216-4590.

Prime Time

Prime Time, a non-denominational gathering of "seasoned citi-

zens," meets from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado. Various activities are offered in addition to educational speakers and day trips. Free tax help for taxpayers with middle and low income, will be held Tuesdays, Feb. 7 - April 11. For an appointment, call 837-5229. Lunch is served at noon for \$3. Drop in or call Ruth Ann at 820-6387 for information. If you need transportation, call 837-5229.

St. Isidore's Young at Heart

The Young at Heart meet from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., every third Tuesday at St. Isidore Church, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville, Mass at 11:15 a.m. is optional. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. at no charge. Nonprofit bingo follows. Reservations appreciated. Call Joan Singer at 820-4447.

Support Groups

Hospice Offers Support

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa offers a variety of support groups and workshops for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. Individual grief counseling for

Hospice families is also available. Groups are offered from 7-9 p.m., Friday evenings at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo. All groups and workshops are offered without fee and require preregistration. For a schedule of groups in the Pleasant Hill area, for additional information and/or to register, call 887-5678

Overeaters Anonymous

The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulimia. It meets from 7-8 p.m., every Tuesday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No fees. Call Susie at 275-1391.

PFLAG

The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a support group that meets at 7:30 p.m., every third Monday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 831-8172.

Widow and Widower's Support

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa is pleased to offer a support group for widows and widowers from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings from Jan. 25-March 15 at the Hospice's administrative office, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill. For further information and/or to register, call 887-5678.



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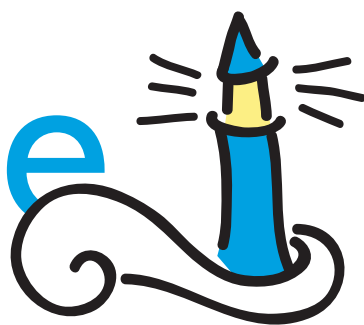


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Danville

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$352,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,100,000
Average sales reported: \$978,100

Alamo

Total sales reported: 3
Lowest sale reported: \$1,015,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,600,000
Average sales reported: \$1,270,000

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$263,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,405,000
Average sales reported: \$634,178

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville

12 Cross Bridge Place R. Miller to K. Bock-Willmes for \$352,000
4444 Deer Ridge Road M. & M. Hamilton to F. Nafeiy for \$2,100,000
1 Dover Court Sirva Relocation to J. Catti for \$885,000
656 Dunhill Drive P. & D. Mantas to S. Turney for \$1,110,000
215 Glasgow Circle J. & B. Wilson to J. & L. Olson for \$940,000
112 Rassani Drive A. Harbury to Mason Trust for \$1,050,000
50 St. Luke Court J. & C. Walker to J. & G. Bishop for \$770,000
60 Stanton Court S. & G. Coleman to S. & A. Noden for \$1,079,000
321 Sutton Circle E. & C. Neiman to L. & M. Plummer for \$700,000
222 West Linda Mesa Avenue S. & S. Menard to M. Ameli for \$795,000

Alamo

1386 Casa Vallecita J. Kendall to D. Heieren for \$1,600,000
1917 Park Meadow Drive Schmidt Trust to R. & J. Chandler for \$1,195,000
1580 Ridgewood Road Boss Trust to G. McDaniel for \$1,015,000

Walnut Creek

747 Autumn Drive Vanzee Trust to C. & K. Roghair for \$930,000
2145 Cactus Court #5 A. Alvarez to A. Chick for \$635,000
2728 Cherry Lane S. & J. McAfee to L. Steward for \$722,000
1681 Countrywood Court J. Digangi to K. Hogan for \$580,000
1440 Dewing Lane D. & P. Orton to Bohannan Trust for \$692,000
28 Diablo Ridge Lane Ashley V Partners to Crosthwaite Trust for \$895,000
1474 Dos Palos Drive M. & E. O'Connor to I. Selskiy for \$750,000
1165 Elmwood Drive E. & K. Depaepe to S. & J. McAfee for \$929,000
1045 Homestead Avenue T. & S. Doherty to H. & I. Giebus for \$715,000
455 Kit Fox Court S. & A. O'laughlin to E. & E. Deleon for \$1,405,000
1376 Las Juntas Way #A P. & J. Giorvas to T. Recchia for \$495,000
1450 Los Vecinos E. & M. Belusa to M. Patel for \$639,000
3151 Manor Avenue L. Knudsen to M. Mehrazar for \$690,000
207 Marshall Drive P.

Conlon to N. & B. Fullerton for \$725,000
155 Montanya Court J. Goudey to R. & C. Turlington for \$670,000
430 North Civic Drive #107 C. Gerstenfeld to J. Lee for \$288,000
420 North Civic Drive #201 T. Chua to Tdpci Trust for \$342,000
370 North Civic Drive #303 M. Ormeno to M. Campbell for \$431,000
470 North Civic Drive #305 Botkins Trust to M. Barros for \$325,000
470 North Civic Drive #405 K. Skinner to R. & M. Edrosa for \$263,000
2734 Oak Road #118 M. Dier to J. Dodds for \$315,000
2856 Saklan Indian Drive Hunt Trust to A. & K. Gibbons for \$855,000
1800 San Luis Road Glass-Acosta Trust to D. Sharma for \$799,000
185 Sierra Drive #317 S. Khoury to M. Sartain for \$344,000
1628 Siskiyou Drive L. Roenspie to H. Qi for \$760,000
945 Terra California Drive #2 Huntington Trust to R. Davis for \$545,000
3118 Terra Granada Drive #3 Barrs Trust to Goldstein Trust for \$485,000
126 Vista Hermosa J. & E. Giedraitis to D. Richard for \$533,000

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Danville

2 Bedrooms

407 Oneida Ct. *\$665,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 984-1787

3 Bedrooms

150 Town and Country Dr. *\$1,099,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4104

1344 Fountain Springs Cir. *\$810,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 895-2804

230 Marigold St. *\$869,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 586-5456

315 Freitas Ct. *\$899,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 699-7004

4 Bedrooms

710 Contada Cir. *\$1,149,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2456

269 Jasmine Wy. *\$1,150,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5017

533 Knollwood Ct. *\$1,177,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 487-1996

98 Toyon Ter. *\$1,244,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Diablo Keys 820-3300

13 Meadowlark Ct. *\$1,324,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4022

403 Laurel Dr. *\$1,370,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 250-4599

106 Windover Dr. *\$1,575,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 736-1666

11 San Andreas Dr. *\$1,575,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5048

310 Amelia Ln. *\$1,585,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5048

6 Maplewood Ct. *\$1,699,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4072

11 Jillian Wy. *\$1,890,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 330-6768

191 Blackstone Dr. *\$939,999
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5048

108 St. Edwards Ct. *\$979,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 323-6735

1611 Harlan Dr. *\$979,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 586-5456

442 Woodbine Ln. *\$998,800
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 949-3059

47 Stoddard Ct. *\$999,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. King Brothers Real Estate 736-7007

5 Bedrooms

1240 Robyn Dr. *\$1,099,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 785-4959

644 Dunhill Dr. *\$1,250,000
Sun 2-5 p.m. Prudential CA 202-6475

742 Danville Blvd. *\$1,449,000
Sat/Sun 130-430 p.m. Alain Pinel 998-9747

6 Bedrooms

265 Montego Dr. *\$4,600,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3329

Diablo

4 Bedrooms

21 Calle Del Casarillo *\$1,950,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 984-3060

5 Bedrooms

1528 Avenida Nueva *\$Call for price
Sun 1-4 p.m. UCB 831-6230

Alamo

3 Bedrooms

1415 Livorna Rd. *\$1,225,000
Sun 1-430 p.m. Empire Realty 785-1353

4 Bedrooms

504 Oakshire Pl. *\$3,699,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 785-6219

Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms

5057 Blackhawk Dr. *\$2,198,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 683-4900

29 Chestnut Pl. *\$2,299,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. UCB Real Estate 351-8686

5 Bedrooms

33 Liquid Amber Ct. *\$1,389,900
Sun 130-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-6000

Walnut Creek

1 Bedrooms

1431 Marchbanks Dr., #4 *\$310,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4075

2 Bedrooms

1919 Ygnacio Valley Rd., #36 *\$375,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5354

1919 Ygnacio Valley Rd., #35 *\$399,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5354

47 Iron Horse Ln. *\$679,900
Sun 130-430 p.m. Intero 487-2629

3 Bedrooms

1877 Holland Dr. *\$539,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 699-3527

2264 Hillside Ct. *\$650,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero (800) 492-6365 ext. 6365

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

236-F Canyon Woods Wy. *\$529,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4072

3 Bedrooms

3609 Crow Canyon Rd. *\$584,888
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 621-4090

313 Bellflower Dr. *\$729,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4072

115 Landsdowne Loop *\$748,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4108

2548 Rockhampton Rd. *\$761,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4020

3019 Sombbrero Cir. *\$777,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155

135 Enchanted Wy. *\$782,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 984-1787

5260 E. Lakeshore Dr. *\$825,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5346

4 Bedrooms

127 Corral Cir. *\$1,030,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 945-4677

200 Oakham Ct. *\$1,099,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 949-3059

3526 Sandalford Wy. *\$1,162,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4070

620 Belem Ct. *\$1,174,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452

1925 Barossa Dr. *\$1,198,888
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 858-1717

2671 Marsh Dr. *\$649,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 785-8369

35 Elmwood *\$845,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2559

30 Victory Ct. *\$899,350
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 875-1738

109 Pebble Pl. *\$919,500
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 989-1748

3011 Wrangler Rd. *\$929,500
Sun 130-430 p.m. Alain Pinel 323-6735

174 Pebble Pl. *\$934,500
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452

413 Donner Wy. *\$984,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452

5 Bedrooms

2954 Ascot Dr.	*\$1,149,500
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	968-1452
361 Adelaide Hills Ct.	*\$1,228,800
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	785-1386
2567 Craneford Wy.	*\$1,494,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	831-3326
10046 Nantuckett	*\$1,500,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	251-2559
636 Hardcastle Ct.	*\$1,750,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	426-3859
5 May Ct.	*\$885,000
Sat 2-5 p.m. Prudential CA	202-6475

Pleasanton

1 Bedrooms

3845-B Vineyard Ave.	*\$329,000
Sun 2-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	426-3843
829 D Division St.	*\$369,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	251-2556

2 Bedrooms

845 D Division St.	*\$419,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	251-2556
847 A Division St.	*\$419,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	251-2556
4269 Pleasanton Ave., Unit B	*\$450,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty	463-0436
2153 Rheem Dr.	*\$565,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell	998-0605
4190 Peregrine Wy.	*\$585,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	426-3843
5762 Belleza Dr.	*\$600,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	362-2058
5507 Baldwin Wy.	*\$614,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	426-3846
4147 Moller Dr.	*\$659,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	200-4723

3 Bedrooms

5168 Willow View Ct.	*\$669,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord	249-1112
1960 Florio Cir.	*\$669,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty	463-0436
3937 Petrified Forest Ct.	*\$749,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell	339-3500

1821 Sinclair Dr.	*\$789,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	586-5456
4417 Talle Wy.	*\$794,990
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord	735-7653
6767 Paseo Santa Cruz	*\$797,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21	800-637-0318
5325 Prato Ct.	*\$829,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	855-4131
4719 Golden Rd.	*\$899,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley	200-2602

4 Bedrooms

567 Montori Ct.	*\$1,450,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams	202-6298
512 Bunker Ln.	*\$1,840,000
Sun noon-4 p.m. Interio	484-2045
5711 Ohana Pl.	*\$2,495,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	847-7355
5381 Springdale Ave.	*\$659,999
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	200-3939
4122 W. Las Positas Blvd.	*\$774,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord	997-8405
6823 Singletree Ct.	*\$788,888
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams	397-4390
3276 Touriga Dr.	*\$859,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes Realty	963-1565
5511 Paseo Navarro	*\$880,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	426-3860
1939 Foxswallow Cir.	*\$949,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	831-3390

5 Bedrooms

2411 Via de los Milagros	*\$1,399,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty	734-5061
18 Castlewood Dr.	*\$1,575,000
Sat/Sun noon-4 p.m. Interio	484-2045
1993 Nicosia Ct.	*\$1,725,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams	202-6298
8250 Regency Dr.	*\$1,848,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	426-3845
4353 W. Ruby Hill Dr.	*\$1,950,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Tri-Valley	989-4123
2654 Sanderling Wy.	*\$Upon request
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams	397-4300

6 Bedrooms

4574 Gatetree Cir.	*\$980,000
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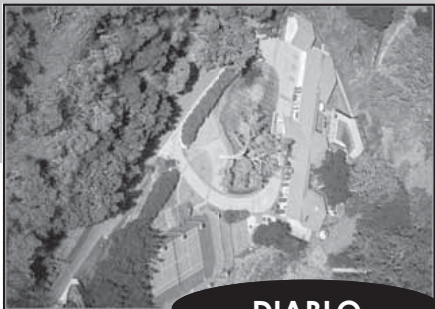
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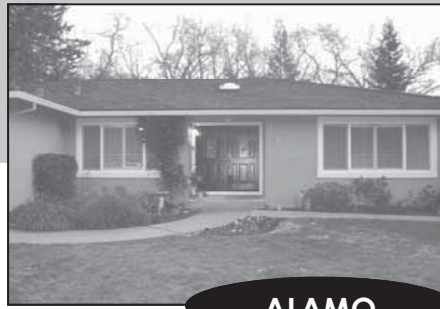
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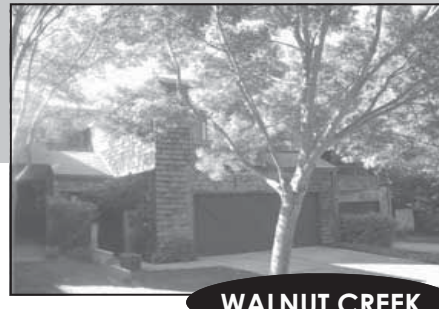
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Pristine Custom in Magee Ranch **\$1,699,000**
4bd plus music room, 4.5ba, stainless granite kitchen with maple cabinetry and floors. Huge detached in-law unit or home office. Private lot with views.
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Exceptional Location! **\$1,649,000**
Never before on MLS. Expanded Howard model with granite kitchen, hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, 2-story entry with skylight.
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Turn-Key in Magee Ranch **\$1,629,000**
4bd plus office, 3ba, gorgeous granite kitchen, open floor plan, freshly painted. Park-like backyard with play structure and hot tub, backs to open space.
Julie Whitmer **925.997.5120**



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Priced Below Last Sale!! **\$1,575,000**
Model perfect 4bd, 3.5ba, 3669+/-sf, library, backing to open space with sparkling pool. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab. Luxurious master suite.
Carol Erbert **925.736.1666**



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New Listing **\$1,324,950**
Premier location off Orange Blossom Way. 4bd, 2.5ba, 3-car garage, 2475+/-sf. Upgraded home updated kitchen. Close to one-third acre with Flagstone pool.
Ju Dee, Ju Dee, Ju Dee **925.855.4022**



BLACKHAWK

Excellent Country Club Location **\$1,099,000**
Mostly single story plus large loft on upper level. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, volume ceilings, custom paint, two fireplaces. Open and spacious.
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