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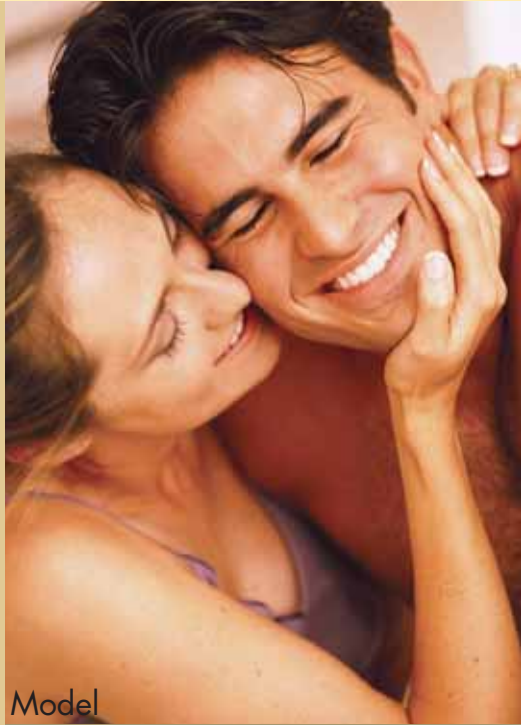
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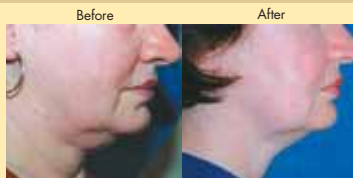
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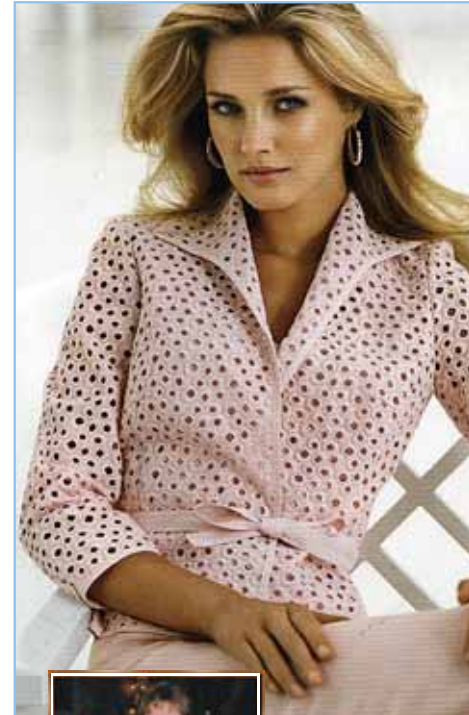
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Mary Jane Berkowitz
homemaker/professional mom



I would choose the chef. I like to cook, but it would be nice to have someone that could cook anything very well, especially at my whim.

Dave Halverson
musician



A chef would be nice. Would they do the shopping, too? But, I think I'd choose a housekeeper. That would take the biggest load off of our very busy schedules.

John Goriup
financial advisor



I could get into trouble with my wife if I chose the wrong one. I think a housekeeper would be the most useful. A chef would be nice, too; but we have no use for the others, a chauffeur, masseuse or secretary.

Steve Ringwood
retired attorney



A housekeeper would be the most valuable. It's a lot of work and time to keep a home clean and organized. Not having to spend time with cleaning would free us up to spend more time parenting and being involved in our child's activities and that's the most important thing.

Scott Gaviati
project manager

compiled by Judy Steiner

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Grease builds up. It’s like clogged arteries in the heart.”

—*Tad J. Pilecki, collection system program manager at Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, telling why sewer pipes need to be replaced in downtown Danville. See story, page 5.*

Dedication set for Alamo park

The Alamo R-7A Parks and Recreation Committee set the dedication and reopening for Andrew H. Young Park for 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, although work on the park will still be incomplete on that date. Park improvements will include wheelchair accessible tables, new landscaping and a plaque with a pedestal to honor Young. Young was instrumental in parks and recreation in Alamo, including the formation of county service area R-7A.

Lisa Carnahan of the county’s Public Works Department said the new plaque for Andrew H. Young will probably be at the reopening without its pedestal. The committee was concerned that friends and relatives of Young had waited too long for the dedication so it moved to go ahead without waiting until the park improvements were completed.

“We owe it to the seniors,” committee member Alicia Watson said. The public is invited to attend the dedication. The park is on Danville Boulevard at Jackson Way in Alamo.

Looking for more ‘Kuddles for Kids’

Amber Neukum and Shaina Rowe are collecting and distributing new stuffed animals for Easter for the patients at Children’s Hospital Oakland as a project for their eighth-grade leadership class at Charlotte Wood Middle School in Danville. They have named their project “Kuddles for Kids” and have placed donation boxes for stuffed animals in the three local Curves locations and also at Citibank in Blackhawk.

The girls plan to collect the boxes Monday, March 27, to get the stuffed animals ready to be distributed to the children, and are asking folks to help out by donating stuffed animals, with the tags still on to show they are new.

Grand opening to get Fit

Fit Personal Fitness Studio is holding its grand opening from 4-7 p.m. tomorrow, March 25, at 294B Railroad Ave. in Danville. Everyone is invited to see the refurbished facility, and enjoy entertainment and food at this opening party. It is also a chance to sign up for the Get Fit Stay Fit Challenge, eight weeks of two warm-ups and walks a week, plus advice from a life coach and a nutritionist, for \$59, plus one hour of personal training for half price. The studio is being opened by Sandy McEnroe and Gwen Johnson. Call 362-8001.

Kids go wild with Ranger Program

Children ages 7 to 10 are being offered a Junior Ranger Program beginning May 6, Mount Diablo State Park representatives announced this week. The program, which will be hosted by a ranger, will give youths an opportunity to learn about wildlife, nature and geology. Hiking and other outdoor activities will incorporate information about the park’s rock formations, wildflowers and rolling hills.

The three-hour sessions will be held on five consecutive Saturdays and are limited to 15 children with one accompanying parent. Advance registration is required. Contact Jack Duggan at 837-6129 or jduggan@parks.ca.gov.

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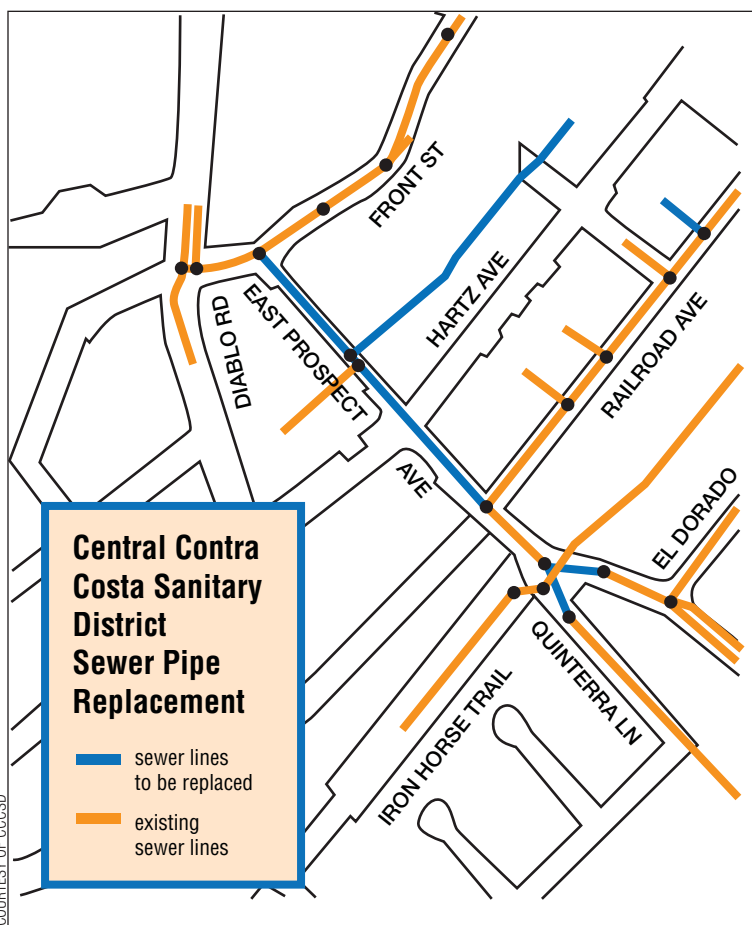
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Central Contra Costa Sanitary District plans to replace sewer pipes on Prospect Avenue this summer.

Downtown Danville sewers getting overhaul this summer

Old, clogged pipes need replacement, say sanitary district officials

by Jordan M. Doronila

Murky brown sewage may overflow to restaurants and homes in Danville if the sewer pipelines beneath the asphalt streets are not replaced. To prevent spillovers from happening in town, sanitary district engineers plan to upgrade some sewer lines.

Last week, engineers from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District presented plans to town officials and local businessmen at Town Hall to replace the sewer pipes on Prospect Avenue from Front Street to Railroad Avenue this summer.

Officials said the pipes are 50 years old and have accumulated fat, oil and grease, which keep the sewage from running freely. They said they need to replace the old pipes to avoid sewage overflow.

The oil and grease comes from residue left over by restaurants

downtown, they said.

"Grease builds up," said Tad J. Pilecki, collection system program manager at the sanitary district. "It's like clogged arteries in the heart. The pipes need to be replaced."

They also said installing new pipes would be economical because it would eliminate the continual expense of maintaining the old lines.

"It saves dollars for taxpayers," Pilecki said.

In addition, the sanitary district will renovate sewer lines by Ramona Road, Alamos Drive, Highbridge Lane and El Pintado Road.

The sanitary district has received permits from Danville to start working on the streets, and the projects are tentatively scheduled to begin in June or July and end in October, officials said. The East Prospect sewer replacement will begin in August.

At the meeting last Thursday, businessmen raised concerns about parking and smelly odors during sewer work. They also worried that events such as the Farmers Market

and the Hot Summer Nights car shows would be interrupted because of the pipe work.

The engineers said workers would install new pipes at nighttime, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., when businesses are closed, cutting open the streets. They said they would block areas of Prospect Avenue with cones while work was going on, and equipment would be gone by the next morning.

"There will be no obstruction on the roads," said Harriette Heibel, Communication Service Manager for the district.

"I don't think it's going to affect our business," said Sydney Fong, assistant manager of Tootsies on East Prospect Avenue. She added that her shop closes before work will begin each night on the sewers.

"It might affect us if they keep their equipment on the street during business hours," said Ashley Stringfellow, owner of Flaunt Boutique on East Prospect.

But Mardy Beck, owner of Body Adventures on East Prospect, had some reservations about the project.

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New recreation programmer going full steam ahead

Concerts, movies and classes are on the agenda for Alamo

by Natalie O'Neill

Music under the sun and movies under the stars. Sometimes all it takes to unite a community is a concert or a classic film. Valerie Matlock, Alamo's new recreation programmer, knows this first hand.

Matlock's plans for events, classes and activities were approved by the Alamo R-7A Parks and Recreation Committee at its Wednesday meeting last week at Hap Magee Ranch Park. Her goal is to inspire family togetherness and personal growth through recreation, with the aid of local business sponsorship. She also noted she is looking for ideas for classes and instructors as well as classroom space.

"How can you feel like you're part of a community if you don't have those positive, fun things to do together?" she said.

Family nights, safety prevention classes, outdoor games and music, and movies under the stars are just a few tentative plans outlined in Alamo's recreation program.

"I think she will be sensitive to the needs of all members of the community. It's really positive," said committee member Steve Mick.

Marie-Jeanne Parsons, another committee member, said she would like to see more hiking and social events for the elderly.

"We have a lot for the younger but not enough for the seniors," Parsons said.

The committee will have a strong say in the specifics of the recreation program. The public may also attend meetings and contribute suggestions. Alamo residents specifically are encouraged to attend.

"I really want to get a wide appeal of activities for all ages," Matlock said. Recreation that is broad enough to draw diverse crowds has been the most successful in the past, she said.

"I want to hear from you," she added. "Let me know your ideas for classes and special events. I am very open." Recent proposals for classes included digital photography, teen CPR, gymnastics and wine appreciation.

Matlock, who began coordinating the recreation program last month, hopes to start a community newsletter by mid-April to keep people up to date on community events. To accomplish this, she is looking for funding and sponsorship from local businesses in exchange for advertising space.

"This job is everything from fanatical planning, to making sure there are port-o-potties, to dealing



New Parks and Recreation coordinator Valerie Matlock is planning community events and classes for Alamo.

with the mayor, to making crepe paper flowers," she said.

Growing up in Alamo, Matlock played recreational softball and tennis. Having lived in Alamo helps her understand the needs of local people, she noted. Having participated in recreational activities helps her recognize what works and what doesn't when planning a big event.

Professionally, Matlock has done a laundry list of related event planning. She worked as a county assistant for Sunne McPeak, worked with youth, and has planned major local events.

Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Festival 2000, which she coordinated, taught her necessary lessons about planning recreational community events. She took the job after the original event planner quit unexpectedly and said it was a huge challenge to take on that type of

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District planning next upgrades to schools

Green Valley, Rancho Romero are up for summer Measure A projects

by Jordan M. Doronila

School district trustees approved plans to construct new facilities at Green Valley and Ranch Romero elementary schools at their meeting two weeks ago and have submitted them to the Division of the State Architect for approval.

"The projects provide a much better environment for students to learn in," said Terry Koehne, spokesman for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

By state law, all schools must submit their plans for new construction to the architect's board. If the state approves the two Measure A projects, construction in the schools will begin in the summer, Koehne said.

At Green Valley, the district plans to build an eight-classroom building; upgrade the computer classroom; build a new administration building for staff; and enlarge its multi-purpose room. The project will cost \$8.975 million.

At Ranch Romero, the district wants to build a kindergarten building; an administration building; a new roof; and accommoda-

"The Measure A projects allow us to repair leaky roofs, upgrade our technology and build new schools."

—Terry Koehne, school district spokesman

tions in restrooms for children with disabilities. Modernization at Rancho Romero will cost \$5.3 million.

"The Measure A projects allow us to repair leaky roofs, upgrade our technology and build new schools," Koehne said. "The projects provide our students and our community with much better and more appropriate facilities to learn from."

Measure A is a \$260 million school facilities bond that authorizes the school district to renovate, upgrade and expand local schools. It also aims to provide more modern classrooms and relieve overcrowding at existing schools, according to the district Web site.

The measure was passed by San Ramon Valley in November 2002. The same year, voters

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Got rakes, need yards

*Town looking for seniors
who need help in yard*

by Geoff Gillette

Despite the gray skies, spring is here and to many people that means cleaning up yard waste and trimming trees. Danville is set to help out those who can't perform these chores themselves with its third annual Lend a Hand day but it has a problem - it needs to find more folks who want assistance getting their yards in shape.

The event is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 29. Danville Mayor Karen Stepper said during that time volunteers will be assigned to homes throughout the town where

they will undertake projects for the residents. They will rake leaves and pull weeds, as well as perform other simple jobs. At the end of the day, all yard waste collected will be picked up by town workers.

Lend a Hand day was started by a former program administrator in the town and is held in conjunction with Older Americans Month, when residents turn out to help seniors with tasks they may not be able to do on their own.

"We've been doing this for three years," said Stepper. "It's a service project for the town and we always get the best people who come out and help."

Jenn Overmoe, Adult and Senior Services Program Administrator for Danville, said she has seen this event

blossom over the past few years.

"It's grown by leaps and bounds," she said. "We have gotten such a good turnout."

Overmoe said they already have more than 200 people lined up to help out on Lend a Hand day, which has created a problem of a different sort.

"We need more people who are in need of assistance," she said. "Right now we only have had five seniors contact us that they needed help. We'd like to have about 50 homes where we can send our volunteers."

Any person who is interested in volunteering or who would like to request help can call the town at 314-3476 or fill out a form online at www.ci.danville.ca.us. ■

Speaker to address teen drinking

A Town Hall Meeting aimed at stopping teens from drinking will take place at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, at the San Ramon Community Center. The forum will feature prominent speaker Michael Pritchard, a former probation officer and educator.

By the time adolescents reach eighth grade, 44 percent have had at least one drink and almost 20

percent report having been drunk, according to national data. Locally, 16 percent of high school freshmen report having been drunk; for juniors, that figure rises to 42 percent, according to the California Healthy Kids Survey taken by more than 2,600 students in grades nine and 11 in the San Ramon Valley.

Town Hall Meetings to address the issue of underage drinking are

taking place across the country during March. The local event is being organized by Communities Against Substance Abuse, the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation, the Town of Danville, San Ramon, the San Ramon Valley Council of Parent Teachers' Association and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. The community center is located at 12501 Alcosta Blvd. in San Ramon. ■

Sewers

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"I don't see how they can tear up the street without impacting the businesses," Beck said. "I'm surprised they haven't sent me a letter" notifying her about the plans.

"If the streets are all torn up, it'll put me out of business," she added.

Heibel said all debris will be gone before business hours begin, and workers will fill the holes with drain rocks and cover them with steel plates.

The work in Danville will cost \$1.2 million, said Alex Rozul, associate engineer at the sanitary district.

Sanitary district officials said the district is also improving the sewer systems in Walnut Creek, Orinda, Lafayette and Diablo.

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Grandparents go to school

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Recreation

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work at the last minute.

"For this job, you have to love working with people," Matlock said.

Currently the recreation program is in need of classroom space, volunteers, business sponsorship and class instructors. Classes will begin in early fall and instructors are encouraged to submit applications by June. Anyone in the community can volunteer or teach a class.

"You don't have to have a degree, you just have to have something interesting you can teach," she said.

Finding class space may be difficult without a community center, but Matlock plans to use a little creativity. For example, the group may meet at a local flower shop for instruction on flower arrangement, or a restaurant for instruction on cooking. Churches, parks and fitness centers are also possible class locations.

This summer, high school and college volunteers are invited to help coordinate and run these events. Matlock says volunteering will give young people a chance to learn a trade and get to know

"How can you feel like you're part of a community if you don't have those positive, fun things to do together?"

—Valerie Matlock,
recreation programmer

people—young and old—in their hometown.

Matlock is most excited about a series of outdoor mixed-genre concerts scheduled for this summer.

"We might have a country band one night and rock another night," she said. In her experience, concerts like this have been most successful.

Matlock has family and close friends in Alamo but lives in San Ramon with her children, who are involved in recreation programs in their neighborhood. She is a single mother and works part time in order to spend more time with her family.

"I couldn't have asked for a better job at this point in my life," she said.

Contact Valerie Matlock at alam-orec@sbcglobal.net or 451-9176. ■

Upgrades

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approved Proposition 47, a state-wide general obligation bond that awards funds to school districts throughout California for school construction.

In order to receive state funds, school districts have to provide a local match. The district has been able to secure more than \$40 million in state matching funds.

The Measure A Citizens' Oversight Committee conducts independent financial and performance audits to ensure funds are spent specifically on school

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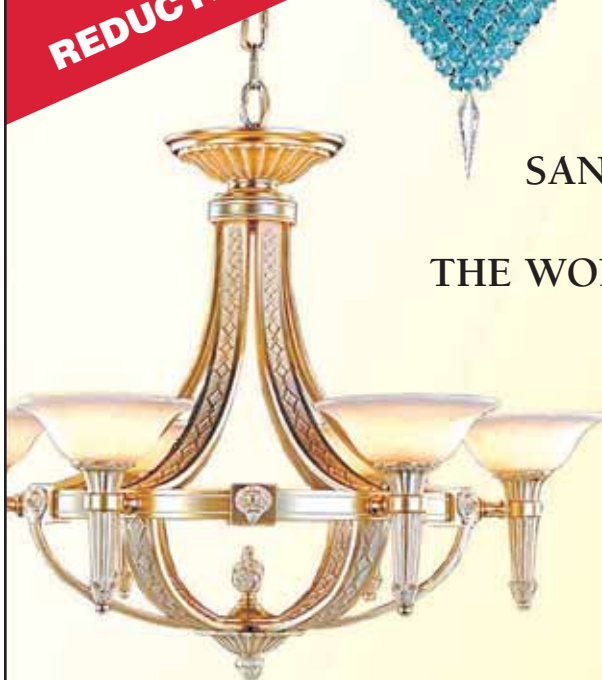
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A weighty competition

Fourth and fifth-grade Sycamore Valley Elementary students (l-r) Chris Parkinson, Serena Wong, Priyanka Mehta, Erin Morrissey, Brian Smith, Christopher Furstner and Aaser Ali took second place in Division I of the Odyssey of the Mind's Bay Area tournament held in Pleasant Hill recently. The Sycamore team built a balsa wood structure weighing less than 15 grams—the weight of three nickels—that held 165 pounds of weight. The team now advances to the state competition in Sacramento in April.



Rotary Clubs host visiting team from Mexico

Stay provides chance for young professionals to exchange ideas

The five San Ramon Valley Rotary Clubs are hosting a group of Mexican professionals during a six-day trip to the area. The Mexican exchange team, which is part of Rotary Club's broader Group Study Exchange program, will go on to visit more than 30 Californian cities in 37 days.

The exchange team consists of a doctor, two engineers, an art-

ist and a marketing manager. The San Ramon Valley Rotary Clubs—Alamo, Danville, Danville/Sycamore, San Ramon and San Ramon Valley—plan to take the physician to visit the San Ramon Regional Medical Center to observe surgery while the engineers will tour manufacturing facilities in nearby counties.

The visit began in Concord on Feb. 26 and will continue in Northern California cities including Chico, Redding and Mt. Shasta. The group will return to visit the Berkeley area before return-

ing April 3 to their homes near Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Rotary's International Foundation provides travel grants for professionals ages 25 to 40 to take part in the exchanges to see how their vocations are practiced in other countries, to develop personal and professional relationships, and to exchange ideas. Clubs in this area will also send a delegation to Mexico.

For more information on the GSE program, contact Laura Day at 866-7840.

—Kevin Zhou

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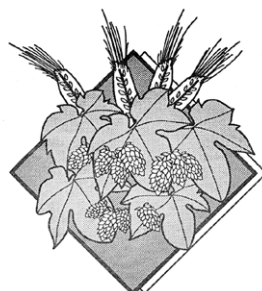
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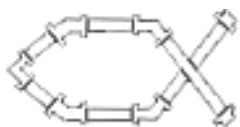
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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



'Kitchen Confidential'—not

Suddenly, like a miracle, after decades of marriage, my husband began to cook. And I don't mean hamburgers and spaghetti. He has explored Asian, fusion, Italian and Mexican as well as mastering Pad Thai and Shrimp Creole. The first thing he did was to buy a German chef's knife and a massive cutting board, and he uses only the freshest ingredients. At Christmastime when our son saw Jim's prowess in the kitchen, he bought him "Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly" by Anthony Bourdain. Jim loved the book, laughing out loud and shaking his head at times, which was enough to get me interested. No sooner had he put it down than I snatched it up.

The book, a raucous romp that has been called "Gonzo journalism," portrays a boisterous world of drugs and sex—and fine cuisine—that Bourdain says is the restaurant scene in New York City. I laughed at the characters in his kitchens, marveled over the long, hard hours that cooks spend on their feet, and grimaced over kitchen injuries—all those sharp knives and red-hot pans. But the most impressive thing was his absolute passion for food and its preparation.

After reading the book, I wanted to check out a local restaurant kitchen to see everything for myself. I called Bridges owner Colleen Negi, figuring if Bridges' kitchen was good enough for Robin Williams, it was good enough for me. Everything was just like the book described. Each chef had his "mis en place" set up with everything close at hand to prepare his dishes. They wore striped cotton pants and chef's jackets. They continually wiped their work counters and knives with clean towels and tossed them into a laundry bin. It was warm and toasty in that kitchen, and, yum, such wonderful smells.

It was lunchtime when I spent an hour touring with general manager Lisa Waldman. Executive chef Kevin Gin worked side by side with his lead line cook, Brian Second, sautéing, frying, baking, toasting, preparing each entrée and arranging it masterfully on a plate. Gin leaned fish and chips in an appetizing little tower and added garnishes. Second sliced a piece of cheese, placed it on top of a well-done hamburger patty, then put it on a pie pan and into the oven to perfectly melt the cheese. Meanwhile, he arranged lightly seared tuna and freshly cooked bacon on freshly baked focaccia for a tuna club. It was like a graceful dance as the two chefs worked side by side, and plate after plate

of scrumptious-looking food was placed on the shelf to be delivered to the diners. Before the lunch rush began, Second listened carefully as Chef Gin explained how he envisioned the bento box, a specialty lunch item at Bridges. Second was grateful for the insight, he told me, explaining he hadn't been thinking that way at all, that each chef thinks differently and he is fascinated to learn from Gin.

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At a nearby station, prep cook Antonio "José" Hernandez was expertly slicing salmon, trimming the edges of the pink fillet and arranging it into portions. He even sliced pork fillets like butter and I could see why—he sharpens his knife every five minutes. The salads and desserts are prepared in a pantry open to the dining room; another side station is used to refill breadbaskets and water glasses. Lisa brought a dessert created by pastry chef Sandi Lee to the kitchen for sampling—a chocolate cake with bananas and caramel rum and chocolate sauce. A server took a quick bite as she passed through, noting the importance of learning about everything on the menu to be able to answer customers' questions.

Coincidentally, executive chef Gin is just finishing "Kitchen Confidential." Gin, who also worked in San Francisco and Silicon Valley, said the sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll are greatly exaggerated. "My kitchen has always been strict," he said. "No radios or TVs." But he identified with the author's passion for food. "If you don't have that passion, you won't last," he said, explaining he spends 14-15 hours per day on his feet.

The well-run kitchen and well-appointed plates inspired me to host a dinner party. It's all in the organization, the preparation and the experience—and creativity is an essential part of the recipe. I'm sure Jim can handle it.

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Library entered 21st century with gusto

The Danville Public Library, featured in this week's cover story, is 100 years old, although it's been in its present building for only 10. It was a century ago that Danville residents requested a loan of 50 books from the state library, and what a lot has changed in that time. Today a startup library might request 50 computers.

In the dawning of the computer age, people predicted libraries would become defunct, with research being done on personal computers at home and books being read the same way. Computers were also supposed to create a paperless society but the opposite has happened as we print out everything for our records plus all the information on those interesting Web sites.

The library is becoming more and more the heart of the Danville community, which is a tribute to its ability to adapt. Libraries that are succeeding are those which embraced new technology and saw how it fit into their mission. The Danville Library has 16 computers with access to the Internet, as well as free wireless access for patrons who bring in their laptops. The library also holds computer classes in the basics, for people who need to learn the fundamentals or want improve their skills. Just as the children's section fosters love of reading in toddlers, computer classes help adults learn the joys of the Internet and the potential of search engines.

Wonderful as computers are for research and fact checking, they have not begun to take the place of holding a good book in your hands or turning the pages of a favorite magazine. But not everyone uses the library for these pleasures. The Danville Library has moved along with the times in providing Internet capabilities, which keeps a whole new generation of regulars coming.

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The Danville Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or on issues of local interest. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday for that week's edition; please limit letters to 250 words, and provide your name, street address and daytime telephone number. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length and style and for factual errors known to us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sycamore operating facts

Dear Editor:

Your article about the Sycamore Swim Team (March 10) does not state all the facts. The swim team does not pay all the costs for operating the main pool at Sycamore. The \$10,000 swim team annual payment to Sycamore for non-Sycamore members does not pay one-half the operating cost for the pool in the months the team uses the pool, let alone the capital costs. In the last Sycamore Board of Directors election, 419 of the 649 families voted against the swim team. The swim team got 278 votes (you can vote more than one vote for a candidate).

You liberals always want someone else to pay your bills. Why not ask the city to build a pool for the Stringrays?

Edward C. Cole, Sycamore resident

Crime to boot swim team

Dear Editor:

A huge part of my childhood was spent on a swim team, teaching lessons, lifeguarding with wonderful memories! I moved back to the East Bay in 1997 with two children ages 9 and 5 after my husband's fatal car accident. I only looked at family-oriented neighborhoods with swim teams. Sycamore was perfect!

We have thoroughly benefited and have a lot of neighborhood pride because of our swim team. My children have learned many life lessons throughout these years. My oldest, Ashley Wulf, swam Sycamore four years, junior coached one year, continued year-round for five more years along with four years on Monte Vista's Varsity Swim Team. She signed with Ohio University, Division I Swimming, Mid-American Conference. My youngest, Lisa Wulf, swam Sycamore for three years, year-round for three, and back to Sycamore last summer. To have these facilities and not use them according to the developer's plan is a crime!

We walk our dog past the pool and clubhouse daily. We only see dog owners and kids hanging out in the parking lot. Last summer we hired a security guard to watch these parking lot kids. Other than that, I don't see much activity. It's a ghost town! The swim team is a few months a year. When there is so much controversy about children sitting around eating, watching TV, playing video games, and surfing the Internet, why would we be taking activities away? With our facilities, we could be adding activities! By eliminating Sycamore Swim Team, we lose a valuable asset in our neighborhood and Danville will lose a very well-known piece of itself.

Amy Wulf, Sycamore resident

'Insulting garbage' targets high school kids

Dear Editor:

I am a student at San Ramon Valley High School. I saw a cartoon that appeared in the Feb. 10 edition of your

paper, showing two teens vandalizing the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. A school bus was parked next to it showing the words "SRV High." This cartoon was offensive to those who attend San Ramon, as well as those who teach there.

I agree with the police officer in the cartoon standing by doing nothing while the vandalism takes place. Officers wait to pull over the first teenager who makes the smallest mistake. As procedure, the officer at the scene calls for backup, in which two or three extra police cars appear. It isn't uncommon to see a 15 or 16-year-old smoking at Extra Mile. Not only is it illegal to smoke at that age, but it's illegal to smoke at a gas station. Maybe it's time the Danville police went the "extra mile" and tried to prevent teenage corruption instead of unknowingly supporting it.

As far as the vandalism, I don't see it happening, not to say it doesn't occur, however this city has bigger problems than kids having nothing to do on the weekends. The Police Department needs to get its priorities straight. I believe it was unfair for the Danville Weekly to print insulting garbage targeting SRVHS.

Brendan Lewis, Danville

Comments on town news

Dear Editor:

It appears the Danville Town Council has learned that disagreement (in this case, allowing alcohol at the street fair) is not the same as dissension, and may avoid future accusations of violation of the Brown Act. Now, if the State Legislature could only see the light . . .

An informal survey indicates only one Danville resident in 1,000 can name a provision of the Brown Act, while more than half can name at least two members of the cartoon family, "The Simpsons."

The award for "no-brainer" goes to Schwarzenegger Democratic aide Barbara Kaufman who predicted at the DACC Government Affairs Committee Meeting (I heard her say it) that the governor will win the Republican nomination in June (he's running unopposed).

Danville's a public governmental municipality, governed by entirely different laws than the private Sycamore Home Owners Association, governed by its Board of Directors, subject to Articles of Incorporation, Deed Restrictions, Bylaws and the Davis-Sterling Act. Its board answers only to its homeowners, not the Danville public. I don't live in Sycamore. If you want to cover Sycamore, which is of no interest to me, you should cover all homeowners associations in Danville.

Finally, it appears Supervisor Piepho has already picked her appointees for commissions and committees listed in the March 17 Danville Weekly, based on the 5 p.m. March 20 deadline.

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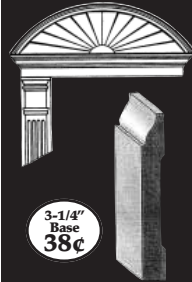
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Casino trip costs thief his freedom

Danville police investigating a case of identity theft arrested a local man after he used a stolen debit card at the Cache Creek Casino in Brooks, Calif. Sgt. Ron Bradley said the theft was reported March 9, when the owner of the card learned that more than 12 withdrawals had been made, totaling more than \$3,300. Initially, police suspected the card may have been taken at some point during the owner's move from one house in Danville to another.

After it was determined that the card had been used at Cache Creek, police were able to track down the individual using the card. Bradley said Eric Pierson, 37, had not only reportedly used the card but had disputed his winnings at the casino and filled out a complaint card using his real name. Pierson, a neighbor of the victims, allegedly stole mail from the homeowner that contained the debit card.

Pierson has been charged with possession of stolen property, possession of dangerous drugs and a parole violation. He may face additional charges from Yolo County related to the use of the stolen debit card, said Bradley.

—Geoff Gillette

POLICE LOG

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

Monday, March 13

- Suspicious circumstances on Diablo Rd. at 8:20 a.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Stone Valley Rd. at 8:44 a.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Tassajara at 11:27 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on El Pintado Rd. at 10:33 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Center Way and Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:46 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Crow Canyon Rd. at 6:45 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Stone Valley Rd. at 1:27 p.m.
- Petty theft from building on Love Ln. at 1:56 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplifting, arrest, on Fostoria Way at 3:56 p.m.
- Identity theft on Fountain Springs Cir. at 4:50 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on Pulido Rd. at 7:21 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on St. Helena Dr. at 8:43 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

- Suspicious circumstances on Blackstone Dr. at 3:19 a.m.
- Abandoned vehicle on roadway on El Cerro Blvd. at 10:37 a.m.
- Abandoned vehicle on roadway on El Cerro Blvd. at 11:11 a.m.
- Warrant arrest on Camino Ramon and Greenbrook Dr. at 3:13 p.m.
- Unlicensed driver on Camino Ramon and Greenbrook Dr. at 3:54 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Sutton Cir. and Sutton Ct. at 3:44 p.m.
- Embezzlement, felony, on Serena Ln. at 7:16 p.m.
- Drugs, possession of syringe, arrest, on Fountain Springs Cir. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:17 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Diablo Rd. and El Cerro Blvd.

at 11:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 16

- Suspicious circumstances on Sunset Dr. at 4:17 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:29 p.m.

Friday, March 17

- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at 11:55 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Hartz Ave. and Linda Mesa Ave. at 12:46 p.m.
- Petty theft defined on Waterman Cir. at 1:45 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 2:20 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on El Capitan Dr. at 3:40 p.m.
- Felony DUI, arrest, on Hartz Ave. and Linda Mesa Ave. at 8:30 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Plaza Cir. at 11:06 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on El Cerro Blvd. and El Cerro Ct. at 1:59 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. at 12:59 p.m.
- Burglary, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 4:38 p.m.
- Vandalism on Castanya Ct. at 6:17 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Monday, March 13

- Residential burglary on Rae Anne Dr.

Wednesday, March 15

- Vandalism on White Gate Rd.

BLACKHAWK

Saturday, March 18

- Domestic disturbance on Blackhawk Meadow Ct.

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Tuesday, March 14

- Identity theft on Bolla Ave.

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Mustang golfers score big victory

Monte Vista boys golf team edges Foothill to stay undefeated in EBAL

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The Mustang boys golf team beat Livermore, Foothill and California high schools last week to remain undefeated and go 5-0 in the East Bay Athletic League.

The Mustang boys golf team beat Livermore 203 to 225 at Round Hill Country Club on March 14, which set them up to play Foothill the next day. Jeff Hamm and Will Schram led the Mustangs with scores of 38 against Livermore.

Foothill and Monte Vista were both undefeated, and Foothill was seen as the Mustangs' biggest challenger for the league title.

"The boys are ready and they have known since day one that the league goes through Foothill this year," said first year coach Ron Hirshman before the Foothill win, noting they would have to be in the low 190s to win.

They proved to be very ready as the Mustangs beat the Falcons 199 to 207 on March 15 to stay undefeated and go 4-0 in the East Bay Athletic League. Geoff Gonzalez lead the Mustangs with a 37 followed by Will Schram, 38; Jeff Hamm, 40; and Jake Bieber and Drew Wagner each shooting 42. Foothill's Matt Miller led all scorers with a 35. Foothill is now 2-1 in the EBAL.

On the eve of St. Patrick's Day, the Mustangs kept the wind at their back and beat California at Round Hill Country Club, 196 to 219. Jake Bieber shot 37 and Chris Oki had a 38 to lead the Mustangs to victory

and go 5-0 in the EBAL.

The San Ramon Wolves beat Granada, 194 to 217, on March 14 at Las Positas Golf Course to go 1-2 in the EBAL. Cole Pickavance led the Wolves with a 38.

In other golf news, Danville resident MJ Mc Colgan, 5-time California State Special Olympics Golf Champion, 3-time National Champion, and San Francisco Tri Valley Sports Hall Of Famer has been invited to attend the 2006 Masters in Augusta, Ga., April 6-9. Mc Colgan will be the main speaker at the Annual United Cerebral Golf tournament at Crow Canyon Country Club on April 24.

Boys lacrosse

Monte Vista boys lacrosse team beat Amador Valley 16-2 on March 17 to go 3-0 in the EBAL. Ryan Westfall lead the Mustangs with 5 scores. In a non-league game, De La Salle beat San Ramon 17-6. De La Salle is now 5-0 and the Wolves are 7-2.

Boys tennis

San Ramon Valley beat Foothill 8-1 on March 13. In single matches Bryan Cox, Chris Parent, Jaymes Hansen, Bobby Arbabi and Craig Rothstein were victorious for the Wolves.

Monte Vista beat Livermore 8-1. Alex Starr, Adam Goldman, Seiyonne Surlyahumar, Jeff Presnell and Nikitta Malone all won their single matches.

On March 14, the Mustangs

beat the Wolves 7-2 to go 4-0 in the EBAL. Mike Starr, Ramsey Lemaich, Tim Landin, Jeff Brandt and Nick Greenwald led the Mustangs with single match wins. The Wolves were 4-2 in the EBAL. ■

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

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday

Swimming: Monte Vista at Granada San Ramon vs. Amador Valley

Girls Lacrosse: Monte Vista vs. San Ramon, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Softball: San Ramon at Washington, 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Boys Golf: Monte Vista at San Ramon Valley, 3 p.m.

Boys Volleyball: Monte Vista at Granada, 6 p.m., San Ramon vs. Amador Valley, 6 p.m.

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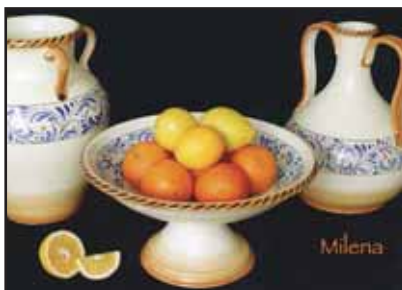
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Going to the library used to be a lot like going to the dentist ... you went because you had to go. You did it because you required a reference book or had to read some great old piece of literature for a class assignment. Libraries maintained a quiet found in mausoleums and seemed designed to get you in and out as quickly and silently as possible. Librarians were stern-faced women who shushed you for breathing loudly. Think spinster Mary Bailey from "It's a Wonderful Life" and you've got the right idea.

As time progressed, libraries became more than a repository for reference tomes. More and more books were added to the shelves, and a greater variety became available. There were children's books and magazines. Book discussion groups would form and meet in some quiet corner of the building. Still, though, it wasn't what you'd call a "happening place."

Cut to today and you'll find that libraries have become a vibrant part of the community. Instead of a last resort, libraries are the first stop on many a person's daily journey. Drive by the building a few minutes before the library opens and you might see a small line of folks waiting to get in.

The Danville Library is no exception. On any given day, parking in the lot is at a premium, and on holidays or school vacations, you'd better get there early or plan on parking somewhere on Front Street.

With all of the programs and services being offered by the library, you will see patrons of all ages flocking through the double doors at any time. Youth Services Librarian Amy Collen helps to bring in the younger demographic.

"We have a variety of programs for kids of all ages," said Collen. "We have our preschool classes, where we read and sing. We have our summer reading programs, where the kids can earn prizes by reading."

There are three weekly programs aimed at children from birth to 5 years old. Mother Goose Time is for ages 3 and younger, during which Collen provides a mixture of stories and activities to keep the youngsters stimulated.

"I do a lot of the same songs for the repetition of it," she explained. Because the children are so young, the parents generally sit with them on the floor, sing the songs and do the dances to help the kids to learn. Collen said even at such a young age she sees a real response from the children.

"I find that they really get into it," she said. "When I get up to do the songs, they get up and perform them too."

Preschool Storytime is the level, for ages 3 to 5 years. It's a similar program, and Collen works movements into the songs to encourage the development of motor skills.

"We also try to focus on literacy and socialization," she said. "The kids all sing and dance and do activities together."

The third program is new, called Preschool Movement Time. It incorporates many of the same aspects as Storytime, but with additional activities. Children will do crafts and play games. Collen said since the program is completely interactive between the parents and children, the adults get every bit as involved as the kids.

For the older children, there are reading programs and contests that allow them to earn prizes depending on how many books they read. The summer reading program is the largest of these. Each year, kids will sign up and be given a chart. As they read books they get stamps on the chart, detailing their progress. Each chart has milestones on it, and as the children hit those milestones they can collect a prize. Collen said the program is extremely popular; last year, 2,700 children signed up and 1,000 took it all the way to completion.

During the school year there are other contests, such as "Read Your Way to a Free Pizza." Kids up to sixth grade can sign up, read 10 books, and win a free pizza from Papa Murphy's. From March to April, a similar program earns them a free ham-

burger from In-N-Out Burger. Collen said many of the kids would read anyway, but having the incentives is a good way to keep them on track.

"Some kids like to read just to read but it helps to have a goal," she said.

Monthly shows in the Children's Reading Room also help to bring in children.

"I try to book shows that I know the kids will like, but that we can also incorporate into reading," Collen explained. "In January we had a magician come in. And afterwards we could point kids to the books on doing magic or books with a magic theme." A "Hard Day's Knight" will be the next show, on April 18.

Teens and adults aren't ignored at the Danville Library. On the contrary, the library has extended a hand to area teens as a quiet area for either individual or group study as well as help preparing for college. Acting Branch Librarian Seng Lovan has been working to increase the options.

"In the study areas we have tables for groups that want to work together or we have cubicles if someone needs peace and quiet to work," she said.

Lovan noted there are a number of advantages for teens and adults to studying at the library.

"One of the big things we have is technology," she explained. "A lot of what we have wasn't even available five years ago, so it's helped to draw more people in."

One example is Internet access. In an age of high-speed connections, being able to get online and access Web pages quickly has become a must. The Danville Library has 16 computers with access to the Internet. For those with laptops featuring wireless cards, the library is also a hotspot, allowing free wireless access to the Internet.

"We do have rules regarding what you can and cannot do," Lovan cautioned, "and you have to agree to that before you can have wireless access."

That access allows use of extensive research databases.

"We have InfoTrack, which has hundreds of magazines and articles. It's a good database for researchers. We have a student resource center," she said. "These databases even index print as well as digital."

Lovan said the library holds a workshop for students preparing for the SAT exam.

"We hold those strategy sessions quarterly," she said. "We bring someone in from Princeton Review to go over the scoring and format. We talk about College Admissions and Financial Aid Programs. We give tips on how to feel more confident taking the SATs."

One area that has been problematic over the years has been stocking the shelves with books that teens and young adults want to read. Lovan said they've been working to improve what they have in stock by going straight to the experts.

"We have a Library Teen Advisory Board. They advise us on program development, help with the selection of new materials and assist us with outreach," Lovan said. She added that the teens on the board talk to their friends and at their schools about the materials, programs and technology available at the library.

The Advisory Board members also lend their thoughts and opinions to the task of putting together programs that will bring teens in through the door.

"We ask them what sorts of things they'd like to see and we continue to try to put together programs based on that input," Lovan said.

For those unfamiliar with the Internet, e-mail and search engines, the library offers a class on "Internet Essentials." Held quarterly, the classes put students in front of Web-connected computers and help them learn to navigate Web sites, search engines and research databases.

"This was a big thing for us," Lovan said. "We can get a portable classroom from the county. Each library can request it. It

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on, the library hosts author visits. Recently San Ramon Curator Beverly Lane and photog- h Cozine, the authors of "San Ramon Valley: amo and San Ramon," gave a slide presentation ed the history of the Valley. Local author Elm et with residents to talk about and read from k, "Even As It Stings."

the library also gets help from groups like Friends le Library and the Danville Library Foundation.

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Wednesday of each month between October e group provides a general interest presen- e of those coming up include KRON TV's cConnel talking about Bay Area backroads and Kay Payne providing a slide show and current Monet exhibition at the California e Legion of Honor.

the programs keep people coming to the library, but y officials get the word out to the community?

n is a big part of how we're getting people into said Lovan. Besides the teen ambassadors from

board, the library sends out representatives to ols, classes come annually for library tours, and s volunteer readers to three area preschools.

n thing we try to do is promote reading and lit- ositive thing. That reading a book isn't a chore, thing done for enjoyment," Lovan said. "People is vision of the library as this place where they hen they walk in the door. But it's not that way s still a pretty quiet place, but it's also a place e can learn and explore and grow." ■

100 years of reading

The beautiful spacious Danville Library opened 10 years ago, but its history actually goes back 100 years. The first library was established in 1906 when the Danville Grange applied to the California State Library for a loan of 50 books, according to an article in the June 7, 1961, edition of the Valley Pioneer. The State Library had an established traveling collection that would be loaned for three-month intervals to various communities. Danville was one of nine communities in Contra Costa County to take part in the program.

This was Danville's entire library for the next seven years. In 1911, after legislation was passed allowing the establishment of libraries, the Grange applied to the state to create its own town library. After two years, the Contra Costa County Library was founded and on Nov. 9, 1913, the Danville Branch opened in the Improvement Club Room over the post office on Front Street.

In 1926 the library was moved to the new Legion Hall. Funding for the room at the Legion Hall came from a "large entertainment given in Danville toward the end of February," according to the Valley Pioneer article. A group of residents worked together to outfit the room, which was described as "delightful, sunny and large enough for a few years." The new location opened on March 17, 1926.

Those "few years" turned into almost four decades, as some library branches closed during the Depression and reopened again in the boom times following World War II. In the early 1950s, the San Ramon Valley Library League was formed to lobby for a new larger library. On June 6, 1961, the library room at the Legion Hall was closed, and after days of moving books and reshelving, the new library opened June 12 on South Hartz Avenue. This building is now the home of Wilson & Kretzer Mortuary, 825 Hartz Way.

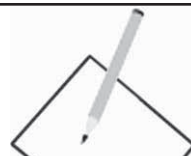
As the population continued to grow over the next 30 years, it became obvious that the town had once again outgrown its facility although some relief came in 1989 when the city of San Ramon opened its own branch library. In 1995, ground-breaking was held for a new updated library on Front Street. After a year of construction the new building was dedicated and opened Aug. 4, 1996.

It's now been 100 years since that first loan of 50 books from the state and 10 years since the new facility was built. Acting Branch Librarian Seng Lovan said the library has come an extraordinarily long way in that time. The Danville Library's hardbacks, paperbacks, magazines and audiovisual supplies now add up to an impressive 72,859 items.

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Rotarians to the rescue

*Surgery teams visit villages
and change people's lives*

by Cheri Eplin Molnar

If it takes a village to raise a child, then it takes a group of 29 Rotarians—and one sister-in-law willing to help translate—to change the lives of 143 patients, mostly children, from the university city of Pereira, Colombia.

Rotaplast, a program that provides surgical intervention to eliminate untreated cleft lips and palates, makes Danville Rotary President Vic Georgiou proud.

"Truly, these doctors perform more than surgery," Georgiou said. "It's an art form. Sculpture, that's what it is."

During the week most of us celebrated Valentine's Day with flowers and chocolates, volunteers from the "5 Club" Rotary, which included members from Danville, San Ramon and Lafayette, joined other national Rotarians on a recent mission to Colombia. There, the volunteers performed complicated medical procedures, changing the lives of not only the individuals but also their families—forever.

Georgiou, the designated "quartermaster," a military term for "supply guy," was responsible for transporting 45 cases of surgical supplies to and from Colombia.

Georgiou described the narrow one-way streets to the villages as "poverty in paradise," as he addressed the Danville Rotary members at their March 13 meeting. He led fellow club members through a slide show presentation, from the historical perspective, to the geography of Pereira, to the emotional photos of children lined up outside a fence.

"The first couple hundred were assessed and from there, most were chosen to receive surgeries," Georgiou explained. "Each child, although accompanied by three to four adults, was allowed to bring only one adult into the hospital."

Additional slides showed the smiles of those impacted by volunteer miracle workers, from a father holding a young girl named Eliana, who received cleft surgery, to the unbelievable before-and-after photos of a 55-year-old grandpa. The audience "oohed and aahed" when they saw the dramatic change after the man's cleft lip was

repaired to reveal a new big smile.

The Rotaplast program requires doctors, anesthesiologists, nurses, translators and other volunteers to perform complicated medical procedures for families that don't have the money to pay for the procedure themselves.

"These folks are amazing," Georgiou said.

In the Pereira mission, approximately 20 procedures were performed a day with work beginning at 7:30 a.m. and sometimes ending as late as 8 p.m.

"The doctors would take only short breaks for nourishment or take a power nap of 20 minutes," said Paul Fisher, chairman of the board and team leader for this mission. Sundays were the only official day off.

Fisher said doctors on the mission proclaim, "This is what it's all about," remembering what drew them into the medical profession. He noted that because liability differs when medical teams cross borders, the surgeons are left to focus on what they do best—perform medical miracles.

"Rotarian volunteers do all the necessary paperwork," said Georgiou, which included Post-its on the wall to keep track of candidates for surgery. They also perform the other necessary "grunt work."

"Every person that volunteers plays an important role," said Fisher, "from nurses who care for these patients in their fast 24-48 hour recovery times given in the hospital to the local Rotarians from the host country who support our efforts in the first place by providing a hospital to perform the surgeries to the continued support families receive long after the team leaves."

Even Rotarian family members, such as Danville Rotarian Steve Grote's mom, become involved by creating quilts as part of the "Quilt Project," which provides each patient with a blanket of comfort that they can take home as a reminder of the program. "Others pack bags filled with stuffed bears and goodies," said Georgiou, which are given as parting gifts.

In 1996, Rotaplast was such a concerted effort of Rotarians that it became a separate nonprofit corporation and has since consistently expanded its number of annual missions. The program was founded in 1992 by Rotary Club President Peter Lagarias and Dr. Angelo Capozzi in collaboration with the Rotary Club of San Francisco. Their first mission facilitated a surgical program in La Serena, Chile, and treated children with the cleft lip and palate anomaly who would otherwise not receive surgical intervention.

As part of a bigger, international effort, the goal of Rotaplast is to eliminate cleft lips and palates in children worldwide by the year 2025. And with one to two missions performed each year, from China to Bolivia, the Rotary is well on its way to achieving this target. ■



This little guy in Pereira, Colombia, waits to have his cleft lip and palate repaired by a surgical team that worked 12-hour days while on a Rotaplast mission in February. The Rotary-sponsored group performed 143 surgeries.



Presenting the Past



COURTESY OF BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

Blackhawk Museum docent John Bingaman (right) examines an object while his co-worker uses a whisk broom to delicately uncover fossils at the bone bed at the Blackhawk Quarry in 1994-95.

The Blackhawk Ranch Fossil Quarry

by Beverly Lane

When California paleontologists speak of the Blackhawk Ranch, they are not talking about the upscale Danville housing development, but of the rich fossil quarry first studied by the University of California Museum of Paleontology in the 1930s. The quarry dates back 9 million or 10 million years.

The East Bay was then composed of low rolling hills with streams draining westward toward a southward extending ancestral San Pablo Bay. The countryside was a savanna with heavier woodlands along the courses of the streams. There was a range of hills west of what is now called the San Pablo embayment, more or less in the position of the present-day San Francisco Bay. In this part of California, an almost unimaginable change of landscape has evolved in just the past 9 million years.

The Blackhawk Ranch Fossil Quarry is in a pocket of deposition in one of those westward flowing streams. Swift waters and seasonal floods carried and jumbled up many animal bones, jaws and teeth as they were being deposited along with rock pebbles in this pocket. Much later, after the depositional pocket was consolidated, de-watered and converted into pebbly rock, the older rocks in the core of Mount Diablo were pushed up much higher than its current elevation of 3,849 feet.

The overlaying strata, including the fossiliferous bed at the quarry, were tilted to steep angles by the up-thrust of this huge plug we call Mount Diablo. Many of the strata, even those at the quarry, have been overturned from the vertical by as much as 30 degrees. The overturning has been increased by gravity-slumping of beds near the earth's surface on steep hillsides.

This site is fascinating for students to examine. It demonstrates geologic faulting, mountain-making, earthquakes and tremendous surface changes in the California Coast Ranges over the past few million years.

Only a small part of the quarry has been excavated, and no one knows how deeply the fossiliferous deposits may extend under the present surface. More than 3,400 museum-numbered specimens of animals and plants have been obtained at the quarry. Most of these fossils were collected by a Works Progress Administration crew in the mid 1930s and later. Community digs took place in 1994 and 1995 and a few UCMP-sponsored visits come to the quarry each summer.

The fossils include plants, skulls, long bones, teeth, tusks, ribs and foot bones of a great variety of animals, such as mammals, reptiles and fish. Common vertebrates found are gomphotherium simpsoni (an ancestor of later mastodons and elephants), beavers, mice, squirrels, foxes, hayaenoid dogs, cats (including a saber-toothed variety), skinks, weasels, otters, horses, camels, rhinoceros, llamas, antelopes, salmon, turtles and cranes. Plants recovered include leaves of poplar, willow, oaks, elm, sycamore, mahogany and sumac. The quarry biota is a good representation of the larger animal and plant life in the East Bay region nine million years ago.

Located in the southern foothills of Mount Diablo and owned by the University of California, the Blackhawk Ranch Fossil Quarry has put the San Ramon Valley on the map. An exhibit called "Beasts in Your Back Yard," which features the quarry, is on display at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave. in Danville, until April 22.

Sources: Ron and Kevin Crane, Geology of the San Ramon Valley; UC Museum of Paleontology, various materials on the Blackhawk Quarry, www.ucmp.berkeley.edu. Image of a contemporary dig c. 1995, courtesy of the Blackhawk Museum.

—Beverly Lane, a longtime Danville resident, is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon."

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The purpose of the town hall meeting is to increase awareness on the issue of underage drinking, identify how underage drinking affects the community, and brainstorm possible solutions. The meeting will provide an opportunity for parents, teachers, officials, youth, and other community members to voice their concerns and suggest ideas for preventing young people from using alcohol.



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Grape Expectations!

From my earliest memories, I've always had an easy litmus test about food: "If it tastes bad, it's probably good for you; if it's delicious, it's probably not." For example, cod liver oil: It tastes bad = it's healthy. Want another example? Red Nehi sodas: They taste great = they're not that good for you (especially the red dye #2). Not convinced? Neither was I at first. My mother used to try and trick me: "Here, have some ... it's goood for you." Sassafras tea? Liver? Okra? Licorice cough drops? Ha! It probably didn't help that I grew up in an era where we actually tasted everything we consumed. (I'm sure they have cod liver oil injections these days.) And even when they tried to hide the non-healthy stuff, I found it ... like the gooey-sweet caramelization of an upside pineapple cake or the thick, sweet cream left in an ice cream churner. I always found it, but I knew it was too tasty to be healthy. And if it was healthy, it wasn't quite going to live up to my taste expectations.

Most of my life I've been taunted by that test. Frosted flakes vs. granola...white vs. whole grain bread... whole vs. low-fat vs. soy milk ... ice cream vs. frozen yogurt ... non-fat vs. regular "anything." For those who love the taste of great food, it's sometimes a challenge to eat healthy at the same time!

But for all of us who think life is unfair, things are looking up. Recent scientific and nutritional studies reveal that a few of our favorite foods, while delightful to the palate, may also aid in good health. In a time when most of us hear and fear about the worse of medical news and diet trends, this is the kind of culinary news worth passing on.

First, let's start with grape, berries and nuts. The chemical compound resveratrol found in grapes, berries and some nuts has been proved to extend the life span of fish, showing the first proof of its anti-aging effects in vertebrae.

"The resveratrol-fed fish showed more vivaciousness, swimming more than counterparts even as they aged..." Grapes are already known to reduce platelet clumping and harmful blood clots and to protect LDL cholesterol from the free radical damage that begins artery damage. A new study outlined in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry revealed that cranberries contain the highest levels of phenols, a disease-fighting antioxidant. Pears, red grapes and apples contain the next highest levels of phenols. (source: www.scientificamerican.com)

To add to your healthy-and-good assessment of grapes, a recent study conducted by the Litwin-Zucker Research Center for the Study of Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders found that "resveratrol in wine reduces levels of a harmful molecule linked to Alzheimer's disease." The study revealed that resveratrol "is found in high concentrations in red wine" and pinot noir grapes appear to carry the greatest amount of the compound in a dietary form. While the study concluded that the amounts found in red wines may not be enough in themselves to totally defend us from Alzheimers, I'll certainly drink to whatever protection they do offer us against memory loss. Salut!

Then, there's the new research about chocolate. According to scientificamerican.com: "Now, results from a study of Dutch men have shown that cocoa consumers were half as likely to die from disease than those who did not eat the sweet treat." While the exact reason for the benefits of chocolate seem to still be a mystery to researchers, "chocolate definitely decreased blood pressure and prolonged life..." and "lowered the overall risk of cardiovascular and any other disease by as much as 50 percent." Quick, grab a Snickers bar!

And, coffee! Several studies have found links between coffee and a reduced risk of type 2 dia-

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3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 cup low-fat dairy sour cream
1/4 cup low-fat milk
1 large egg, beaten
2 tsp. grated lemon peel
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup chopped dried cranberries
1 1/2 cups halved seedless grapes

1. Combine all ingredients except grapes; mix well. Gently fold in grapes.
2. Grease and flour the bottoms of two 8-1/2 X 4-1/2 X 2-1/2-inch loaf pans. Pour 1/2 of the batter into each pan.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes.
4. Turn out onto wire rack and cool completely before slicing.
5. Bread may be tightly wrapped and refrigerated up to one week. For longer storage, wrap in aluminum foil or in freezer-safe plastic bags and freeze.

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Despite the new good news, a caution: As with most things in life, eat in moderation. Don't overdo, lest you prove the researchers wrong. And, enjoy while you can. Chances are, some researcher will reverse these findings one day. In the meantime, hide that litmus test away in a nearby drawer and try these recipes. P.S. With all the recipes, drink with lots of pinot noir!

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Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

16 Blocks (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:55 p.m. Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:50 p.m.
Aquamarine (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 3:15, 8:05 p.m.
Ask the Dust (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:30, 5:05, 9:45 p.m.
Brokeback Mountain (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:05, 3, 7:30, 10:25 p.m.
Date Movie (PG-13)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 1:05, 5:55, 10:45 p.m.
Deep Sea (NR)	Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 10:30, 11:35 a.m., 12:40 p.m.
Don't Come Knocking (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55 p.m.
Eight Below (PG)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:15, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:20 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 10:35 a.m., 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20 p.m.
Failure to Launch	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:55 p.m. Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 12:10, 2:55, 4:30, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11:05 a.m., 12:05, 1:40, 2:45, 4:30, 5:25, 7:20, 8:10, 9:55, 10:45 p.m.
Firewall (PG-13)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 10:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:25, 6:50, 9:35 p.m.
Hills Have Eyes (R)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:40, 5:15, 7:55, 10:40 p.m.
Inside Man (R)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 3:45, 6:40, 9:35 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:35 p.m. Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 1:25, 2:50, 4:20, 5:45, 7:15, 8:40, 10:10 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:10, 4, 7, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 12:40, 1:10, 3:50, 4:20, 7, 7:40, 10:10, 10:40 p.m.
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Mrs. Henderson Presents (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 2:55, 7:35 p.m.
Munich (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 4, 9:40 p.m.
Pink Panther (PG)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tues noon, 2:15, 6:50, 9:25 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m., 1:35, 3:45, 6:35, 9:20 p.m.
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She's the Man (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m., 2, 4:25, 6:55, 9:35 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11 a.m., noon, 1:50, 2:50, 4:40, 5:35, 7:10, 8:20, 9:40, 10:50 p.m., Mon-Tues no show noon, 2:50 p.m.
Stay Alive (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:30 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 12:20, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 p.m.
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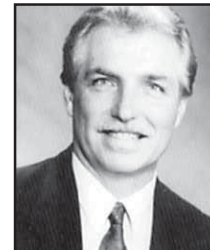
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

PBS Artist Stefan Baumann

Alamo-Danville Artists' Society will be hosting well-known PBS Television artist Stefan Baumann at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. This event is free and visitors are welcome. For information, visit www.adas4art.org.

Author Visits

Author Don Larsen at Library

Don Larsen, author of "I've Never Been an Old Man" and "Prairie Tides: The Ebbs and Flow of an Era," will be telling his story at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. For information call 837-4889.

Garry Wills at Rakestraw Books

Garry Wills, a New York Times best-selling author and eminent scholar, will be talking about his newest book, "What Jesus Meant," at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Reservations are required; call 837-7337.

Meditate with Dr. Marshall Zaslove

Come and meditate with Dr. Marshall Zaslove, who will be offering simple and effective techniques to help you find your inner peace, at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 6, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. For information call 837-4889.

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.

Civic Meetings

Danville Parks and Leisure Services Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Danville Planning Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Town Council Meeting

The Danville Town Council normally meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Classes

Second Journeys: Celebrating the Second Half of Life

A new program called, "Second Journeys: Celebrating the Second Half of Life," will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m., for four consecutive Thursdays, April 6-27, at the Danville Community Center on Front Street. "Sage-ing Circles" is for men and women over 55 years old, who are invited to discover deep sources of inner wisdom, purpose and creativity. This program is \$60 and you can sign up by calling 314-3400 or Jean Crane at 820-3345.

Clubs

Danville-Alamo Garden Club

Danville-Alamo Garden Club will be touring the UC Botanical Gardens for a docent-led tour "Around the World in 60 Minutes," on Thursday, April 6. The group will be meeting at 10:30 a.m., in the Sycamore Park & Ride parking lot. For information and reservations, call Sandy at 736-2989.

WEEKEND PREVIEW



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Automotive styling

Michael Lamm, author and historian, will be talking about the different styling themes in American history and how the appearances of cars in different eras were influenced by the social and economic climates, from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 25, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. Admission is charged for non-museum members; students with a valid I.D. will be admitted free. For more information, contact Jon Hart at 736-2277 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Julie's Book Club

Julie's Book Club will meet and discuss "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 24, at Rakestraw Books, 209 Railroad Ave. "We try to read good fiction you might not pick out for yourself. Join us!" says Julie. Registration is at Rakestraw Books, which will offer a 10 percent discount on the group's monthly selection.

SRV Republican Women

San Ramon Valley Republican Women will be hosting a meeting called "Anatomy of a Conviction: How the Contra Costa County DA's Office Sought and Won Justice for the Pack Family of Danville," starting at 5:30

p.m., Tuesday, March 28, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m., the dinner and meeting will start at 6:30 p.m., and the speakers will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and the public is invited. Contact Sandee Wiedemann at 443-6500 or Xosandee@earthlink.net.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra

The Prometheus Symphony Orchestra will present the fourth concert of its 40th Gala Season at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 26, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito Ave., Oakland. The orchestra itself will be featured in Prokofiev's "Suite from Romeo and Juliet." The event is free, but dona-

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Voices of Musica Sacra

Two spring concerts featuring the Voices of Music Sacra will be include some works of Hayden, Schubert and Mozart, at 8 p.m., Friday, March 24, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek; and at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 26, at Santa Maria Catholic Church, 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. For information, call 944-5239 or visit www.voicesofmusicasacra.org.

Events

Fitness Studio Grand Opening

Fit, a personal fitness studio, will be having its grand opening from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, March 24, 294 B Railroad Ave., Danville. Get fit with its Weight Loss Challenge eight-week program for only \$59, which includes weekly activities and discounts on personal training. Call 362-8001.

Garden Tour

Danville Alamo Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be hosting a Home Garden Tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13. Tickets are \$25. For information contact Tena Gallagher at 837-0826 or gardentour@aauw-da.org.

Rose Diseases: Diagnoses and Control

Contra Costa Rose Society will be presenting a lecture on "Rose Diseases: Diagnoses and Control," at 7:15 p.m., Monday, March 27, at the Gardens at Heather Farm, Walnut Creek. This event is free. For information, call 681-1551 or visit www.ccrose.org.

Fundraisers

Easter Hat Parade

The Blackhawk Museum Guild will present an Easter Hat Parade fashion show and lunch catered by Scott's Seafood Grill & Bar (no host bar) at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 1 (no fooling), Blackhawk Museum. This event will benefit the Children's Education Transportation Fund, which helps defray transportation costs for schools in Contra Costa County. Call the Museum Guild at 736-2277 or visit www.blackhawekmuseum.org.

Sheriff's Jubilee Charity Ball

Contra Costa County Sheriff's Charity will be hosting its 26th annual Jubilee Ball to benefit the Wheelchair Foundation and West Contra Costa Salesian Boys & Girls Club, at 6 p.m., Sunday, April 9, Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event will include dancing and a cocktail reception. Tickets are \$125 each, or \$250 per couple. Call 372-0969.

Spring Boutique Sale

The MOMS Club and Children's Film Festival will be hosting a Spring Boutique Sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. This event will benefit a national charity, Mother to Mother Fund. Free refreshments will be provided with drawing prizes and entertainment for the kids. For information, contact Cori at 803-8083.

Third Annual Teen Esteem Fundraiser

Teen Esteem will be holding its third annual fundraiser, "Don't Be Fooled," starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 1, at the Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo. The night will include a silent and live auction, no host bar, dancing, guest speaker, Doug Herman, and dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$95 per person. For information and a listing of auction items, visit www.teenesteem.com.

Health

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mind stay healthy, from 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, March 30, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free, but reservations are required. To register, call 933-0107.

Lectures/Workshops

Creation vs. Evolution Lecture

Frank Sherwin, speaker and author from the Institute for Creation Research, will be presenting two free lectures from 7-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, at Rolling Hills Community Church, 1565 Green Valley Road, Danville. The first lecture, "Scientific Evidence for Creation" will be from 7-8:10 p.m., and the second, "Mount St. Helens," will be from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Call 964-1086 or 838-7729.

Motor Trend Styling Lecture

Mike Lamm, managing editor of Motor Trend, will be presenting reflections of styling themes in American history from 1900-today, from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 25, Blackhawk Museum. Lecture is free with paid admission into the museum. For information, call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Support Groups

Danville TOPS

The Danville chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at 9 a.m., every Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road. Call Bob Blendow at 935-9344 or Rosemarie at 838-7870

San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group

The San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group meets from 7-9 p.m., every other Monday in Danville. Call Denise for location and information at 837-0510.

Volunteering

Bringing Back the Natives Tour

Volunteers are needed for the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, from 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Sunday, May 7. This tour will include 64 pesticide-free, water conserving gardens that provide habitat for wildlife and native plants. Registration is required to volunteer. Contact Kathy Kramer at (510) 236-9558. Visit www.bringingbackthenatives.com.

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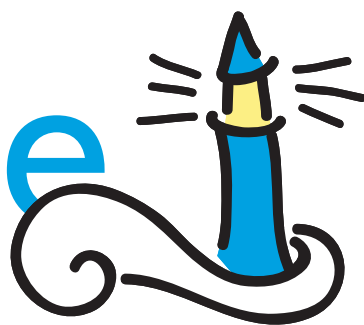
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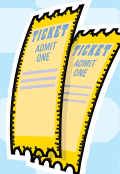
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Highest sale reported: \$3,075,000
Average sales reported: \$1,148,375

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Total sales reported: 4
Lowest sale reported: \$912,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,750,000
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Total sales reported: 20
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271 Jasmine Way I. & D. Chin to A. Barake for \$995,000
339 Monte Albers Way Shapell Industries to O. Dantzler for \$1,333,000
31 Old Town Lane Lee Trust to K. Alberts for \$1,010,000
4051 Skylark Lane P. Tucker to Y. & G. Gelfond for \$620,000
421 Sycamore Circle G. & B. Walter to S. Anderson for \$545,000
162 Tivoli Lane S. Turney to P. & M. Baratta for \$845,000

Alamo

21 Abington Lane R. & J. Wlasenko to R. & C. Daoust for \$1,050,000
1200 Danville Boulevard Knapp Trust to D. Adami for \$912,000
950 Forest Lane Forest Lane

Limited to Newman Trust for \$2,750,000
2230 Ridgewood Road Groff Trust to S. & S. McClary for \$1,225,000

Walnut Creek

1315 Alma Avenue #143 Alpine of Alma Development to J. Bernard for \$383,000
1315 Alma Avenue #246 Alpine of Alma Development to K. & H. Williams for \$397,000
1315 Alma Avenue #465 Alpine of Alma Development to M. Warner for \$425,000
1743 Carmel Drive #20 S. & S. Ehsan to R. Wardhaugh for \$420,000
247 Charter Oak Circle Lee Trust to T. Rueda for \$545,000
558 Churchill Downs Court R. & J. Lemmon to Exchange Support Services for \$599,000
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2 Bedrooms

113 Midland Wy.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$485,000**
648-5336

400 Canyon Woods Pl., Unit B
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty **\$542,988**
217-5072

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

3 Bedrooms

612 Luz Ct.
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Pacific Union **\$779,000**
314-4803

208 Promenade Ln.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$853,000**
699-3527

230 Marigold St.
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Intero **\$869,000**
586-5456

248 Abigail Cir.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA **\$945,900**
314-2428

4 Bedrooms

3862 Sheffield Cir.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,130,000**
984-3992

3845 Sheffield Cir.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA **\$1,149,999**
734-5052

1025 Yorkshire Pl.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes Danville **\$1,150,000**
791-4214

504 Honey Lake Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams **\$1,175,000**
855-6456

23 Old Town Ln.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,189,000**
855-4125

220 Manchester St.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty **\$1,275,000**
217-5020

13 Meadowlark Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,299,950**
855-4022

4400 Mansfield Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,299,950**
457-6960

403 Laurel Dr.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,375,000**
855-4141

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

110 Sunhaven Rd.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,599,000**
997-5120

124 El Cerro Ct.
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Pacific Union **\$899,000**
314-4803

265 Stetson Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord **\$919,000**
735-7653

1012 River Rock Ln.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty **\$929,000**
217-5050

373 Squirrel Ridge Wy.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty **\$959,950**
217-5017

14 Woodranch Cir.
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire Realty **\$979,000**
217-3112

5 Bedrooms

644 Dunhill Dr.
Sun 2-5 p.m. Prudential CA **\$1,199,000**
202-6475

1124 Blue Spruce Cir.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,449,000**
736-0717

230 Lyon Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel **\$1,449,000**
846-6500

742 Danville Blvd.
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel **\$1,449,000**
998-9747

1925 Casablanca St.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,688,000**
977-5120

6 Maplewood Ct.
Sun Intero **\$1,699,000**
855-4075

6 Bedrooms

109 Laurelwood Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel **\$2,900,000**
216-9117

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

4 Bedrooms

291 Davey Crockett Ct.
Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Intero **\$1,449,000**
858-5233

1182 Danville Blvd.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$2,750,000**
838-4300

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

5 Bedrooms

94 Park Meadow Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,395,000**
855-4155

31 Abington Ln.
Sat/Sun 1:30-5 p.m. Century 21 **\$2,299,000**
787-2074

153 Smith Rd.
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel **\$3,598,000**
683-4900

Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms

3894 Cottonwood Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$1,299,000**
577-4165

520 Blackhawk Club Dr.
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate **\$1,525,000**
683-5689

29 Chestnut Pl.
Sun 1-4 p.m. UCB Real Estate **\$2,297,500**
351-8686

4 Bedrooms

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

Walnut Creek

1 Bedrooms

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

1919 Ygnacio Valley Rd., #35
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$394,950**
648-5354

542 Churchill Downs Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty **\$549,000**
217-5050

3 Bedrooms

1877 Holland Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero **\$525,000**
855-4115

475 Le Jean Wy.
Sat/Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Intero **\$869,000**
858-5233

4 Bedrooms

1942 Highridge Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell **\$859,990**
339-3500

2 Bedrooms

389 Catalan Wy.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes Danville **\$799,900**
791-4214

3 Bedrooms

1111 Nancy Ln.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel **\$695,950**
462-0365

626 S. Blackbrush Ln.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty **\$720,000**
984-1787

117 Enchanted Wy.
Sat/Sun 1-5 p.m. Re/Max Accord **\$769,000**
200-3908

115 Shadowhill Cir.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel **\$774,999**
899-8651

2481 Millford Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty **\$788,888**
217-5069

2935 Langhorne Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord **\$865,000**
735-7653

4 Bedrooms

300 Flax Ln.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA **\$1,053,800**
819-7653

23 Gait Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA **\$1,199,000**
314-2428

73 Elmwood Dr.
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Hometown GMAC **\$809,990**
426-3815

2235 S. Donovan Wy.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21 **\$829,000**
699-9508

34 Ascot Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord **\$929,000**
735-7653

174 Pebble Pl.
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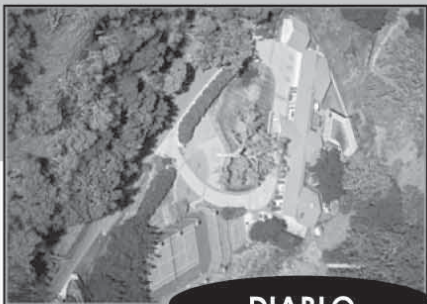
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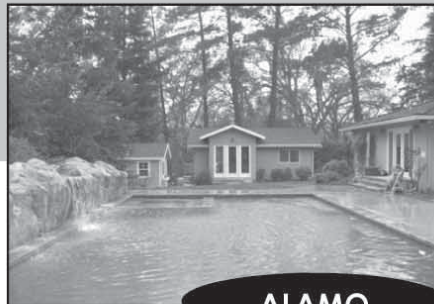
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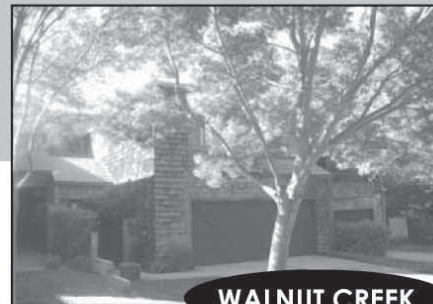
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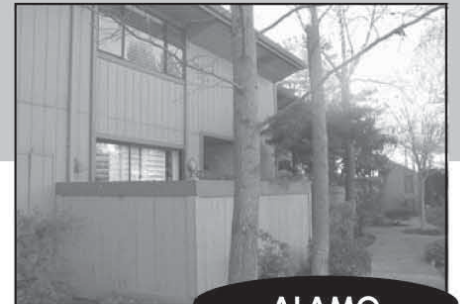
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