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Q: Who does the cooking in your household?



My mom does. I'll make Chicken Helper or Tuna Helper but I usually eat all of it. It's not really cooking if it's not for other people. Sometimes the best chefs are men.

Borris Iliev
Bev More employee



My sister-in-law usually does. My boyfriend used to and he was actually really good. My favorite were his breakfasts with potatoes and eggs and he made great barbeque. Now I live with roommates and we take turns.

Ashley Hartman
Bev More employee



I do. It's changed over the years, now I cook sort of healthy. It used to be a lot more meat. My husband cooked at a diner and taught me how to cook.

Nelly McBurnie
homemaker



I do. I've always liked to cook. I grew up in a big family in Indonesia. I think men are usually older when they discover they like to do it. A lot of men are brought up with their mommies cooking for them. I think they miss out. Right now I am teaching my 11-year-old son to cook and he's interested in baking.

Bram Groeneveld
Dutch-English interpreter



I live with my family and we all kind of do. It's not like we get together and say, 'Let's all cook,' but you come home and someone will have made something or brought something back. I'm the salad master. I'll use balsamic vinaigrette and make a Cobb salad. Ranch is crap.

Bobby Gibbs
drummer

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ABOUT THE COVER

Tony Smith, a junior at Monte Vista High School, concentrates as he squeezes pastry dough onto a cookie sheet at the school's Culinary Academy. Photo by Jordan M. Doronila. Cover design by Ben Ho.

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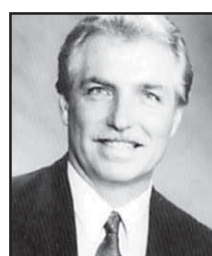
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A snitch more sophistication
would be OK.”

—Member of the Danville Historic Design Review
Committee when reviewing renderings for buildings
behind the old Danville Hotel. See story, page 5.

Oscars coming to Danville

Join the Hollywood fun Sunday night for the Oscars, at the Village Theatre on Front Street. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. Feb. 25 with food, wine and fun, at a cost of \$25 to support the Danville International Children's Film Festival that takes place in May. At 5 p.m., the ABC television broadcast of the 79th annual Academy Awards will be shown on a 15-foot screen.

“When a commercial happens, I come out on stage and we do trivia contests,” said Tim Neeley, director of the Children's Film Fest, which will take place May 18-20. “We give away DVDs, gift certificates, so much stuff.”

Fancy dress is optional, added Neeley, although one woman is dressing as the Queen of England in honor of the film “The Queen.”

“We have to have these fundraisers to keep these festivals going,” said Neeley, also director of the California Independent Film Festival. “The film festival itself doesn't generate much money.”

Call 558-2797 this weekend to buy tickets for Oscar Night, which is sponsored by AT&T.

The Contra Costa Jewish Film Festival is taking place Feb. 24-March 3; visit www.jfed.org.

Eco-entrepreneur files for Assembly

Fred Klaske, a Democrat and an environmental entrepreneur, filed the paperwork last week to run for the California State Assembly in the 15th District. The district is currently represented by Guy Houston (R-San Ramon) who must leave office in 2008 due to term limits.

“My campaign will focus on the issues that directly affect each of us,” said Klaske. “I believe that we must focus on finding solutions to our most difficult problems, not on making excuses.”

Klaske is the founder of a successful business focusing on the use of innovative, environmentally sustainable, technologies like solar electric power. He devotes time, expertise, personal resources and hands-on assistance to providing needy families with affordable and energy-efficient housing through Bay Area chapters of Habitat for Humanity and GRID Alternatives.

Special Needs Conference tomorrow

The San Ramon Valley Council of Parent Teacher Associations is holding a Parent and Community and Special Needs Conference on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Windemere Ranch Middle School at 11611 East Branch Parkway in San Ramon.

The conference begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The keynote speaker is Dr. Brad Berman, who will discuss “A Child's Journey into Adolescence: Neurodevelopment from Age 5 to 16.” Additionally, there will be 29 small group seminars to include topics entitled “Unlocking Personal Power”; “Autism Research—The M.I.N.D. Institute”; and “Medical and Non-Medical Approaches to Managing ADHD.”

“This conference is designed to serve as a resource for parents, educators, medical professionals and others in the community who would like some additional information to help them with one of the most demanding, important and rewarding jobs in their lives—raising children,” said Gina Turturici, community conference chairwoman of the San Ramon Council of PTAs.

Registration fee is \$32. To register, visit the PTA's Web site at www.srvCouncilpta.org or contact School Board Trustee Rachel Hurd by calling 833-9455.

Correction The story on the health job fair in the Feb. 16 issue should have said, “More than 400 high school students gathered at the Contra Costa County Health and Bioscience Career Fair” rather than “More than 400 high students gathered.”

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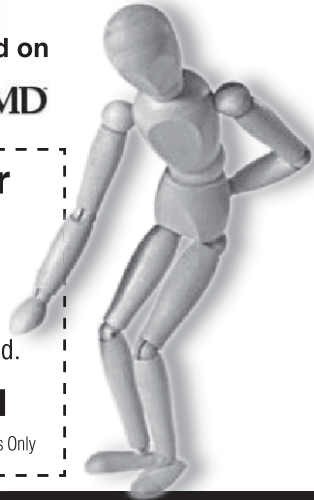
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Historic design group reviews plans for Danville Hotel area

Goal is 'period' buildings that draw pedestrians

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Members of the Danville Historic Design Review Committee say they want period architecture—with an edge. The committee gave Tom Baldacci, who owns the downtown property through Castle Companies, a critique on existing remodeling plans for the area behind the old Danville Hotel last week.

"There are details that may not

fit and we can identify those," Baldacci said, adding that the purpose of the presentation was to create discussion.

Baldacci and an architect provided rough renderings and told the committee they were open to suggestions.

The goal at past meetings has been to design the buildings to look like each structure had been built separately over time, in order to reflect the established character of downtown. After looking at working plans, committee members said they would like to see a slightly more modern, refined look.

"A snitch more sophistication would be OK," one committee member said.

"My only fear is that it looks too cartoonish," another said.

The group told Baldacci they didn't want the project to look like a hokey attempt to make one large building look like smaller separate buildings. They used structures at Disneyland as an example of what to avoid.

"We understand that. Our motto for this project is to get rid of the false fronts and make them real," Baldacci said.

The plans include spaces for

retail, restaurants, live-in space and offices.

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—Tom Baldacci, who owns the downtown property through Castle Companies

The committee also gave suggestions on ways to make the buildings look individualized, including

using different materials, eliminating some arches, improving the design of one of the corner buildings and planning for outdoor seating.

"If we don't plan ahead, it's going to look hodge-podge," said Danville Project Planner Jill Bergman, referring to the outside seating.

The designers are expecting to have two restaurants, one that is casual and one that is upscale. Some retailers will be able to both live and work in their space. A

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Tassajara tech center opens for excited students

10 years of fundraising pay off with state-of-the-art computer lab

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Faculty members, parents and more than 720 students celebrated the grand opening of Tassajara Hills Elementary School's new computer center last week in Blackhawk.

Principal Luann Duggan cut a red, white and blue ribbon with large wooden scissors, which belong to the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, to officially open the new computer center Wednesday morning, Feb. 14, at Tassajara Hills. The center, which is the size of a standard classroom, has 32 student computers.

It has been financed by Measure A funds and parents, said Duggan.

"It's taken a while to get it (built)," she said, noting the proj-

ect took 10 years.

School staff said students had access to computers before the center was built.

"We have had ongoing technology," said Susan Engel, the school's computer technology specialist.

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 modern classrooms and relieve overcrowding at existing schools. The measure was passed by San Ramon Valley voters in November 2002.

Parents are excited about the Tassajara Hill's new computer facility.

"After years of fundraising and planning, Tassajara Hills Elementary School has opened the doors of its beautiful new computer center," said Courtney Corda, technology committee member, in an e-mail. ■

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First-graders Baylee Burke (right) and Ashley Wyndust tackle technology in Tassajara Hills Elementary School's new computer center, which had its ribbon cutting last week.

JORDAN M. DORONILA

Celebrate Black History

Public invited to program of speeches, music and poetry

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

The Diablo Black Men's Group invites the public to attend a Black History program filled with poetry and music in San Ramon this Sunday.

"It focuses on the history of black education," said Spencer Tyrus, Diablo Black Men's Group member and program organizer. "We have a long legacy of contribution to American history."

"Some of the information has not been known," he added.

At the event, San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson will give a presentation. James Logan High School National Forensic Champions will give a performance, and San Ramon Poet Laureate Patricia Perry will recite from Maya Angelou's writing, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

Additionally, there will be music, refreshments and a Negro League Baseball display.

Tyrus said the program is an

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Town works with DACA on gallery space

Theater, community center being considered to showcase art

by **Natalie O'Neill**

The Danville Fine Arts Gallery may have closed its doors, but it's not gone for good.

The Town Council and members of the Danville Area Cultural Alliance are looking for an alternative space for the art gallery, which was located on the second level of the Village Theatre on Front Street.

The previous space presented accessibility issues and failed to attract the necessary pedestrian foot traffic, DACA representatives said. At a meeting with the town last week, they proposed moving downstairs to share the space with Danville Role Players Ensemble Theatre.

"The fine art gallery is a community cultural resource. It has no monetary value; it would be like determining the dollar value of the (Danville) library," said Bill Carmel, president of DACA.

The idea is that the theater-goers will support the art and art-viewers

will support the theater.

When the gallery closed itself to the public late last year, many DACA members began pleading with the town for another location.

"We're losing an art gallery and it's happening on your watch," said Fred Turner, DACA secretary.

But Town Council members questioned DACA representatives at a study session last week about a period of unpaid rent, along with what types of services they have provided to the community. They then concluded that the town could

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The fine art of setting parking lot time limits

Council debates three-hour allowance for new Front Street lot

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Three hours to shop and eat. That's how much time visitors to downtown Danville will likely get when the new Front Street parking lot is opened in the coming weeks.

A Town Council discussion last week centered on whether a three-hour parking limit is appropriate to both encourage leisurely shopping and discourage students and employees from using the lot.

"Those parking spaces need to turn over on a regular basis. I don't want it to turn into school parking," Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said at the study session.

A memo from the town Economic Development Coordinator Bonnie Guttman, used as a reference at the meeting, detailed that a three-hour limit is "consistent with feedback from merchants and citizens."

She also noted it will allow plenty of time for "customers to patronize multiple businesses, such as visiting a hairdresser and having lunch."

Many merchants along Hartz Avenue and Front Street feel that time frame is long enough to shop without feeling rushed, even for services that are typically more time consuming.

"That's a great amount of time for me because I'm fast. I can do a nail fill in an hour and a half," said Justine Fulgham, owner of One Front Street Nails.

But while most merchants agree, some residents feel that for older visitors and those coming in from

out of town, four hours is a more appropriate limit.

"As someone who's lived here 51 years, I think we ought to make it longer so older people have time to have lunch and diddle around. Older people don't walk as fast," said Lynn Bremer, who works at Gagen, McCoy, McMahon, Koss, Markowitz & Raines, a law firm on Front Street.

"Parking is an art, not a science. It's a weird balance, you have to keep tweaking (time limits)."

—Economic Development Coordinator Bonnie Guttman

Bremer said the three-hour limit wouldn't impact the amount of business the law firm gets because it has its own parking lot. But she said she has friends that come in from Pleasant Hill and Castro Valley who want to spend the whole day downtown and would like to see longer time limits.

The problem with this thinking, Guttman points out, is that if the limit is bumped up to four hours, employees will probably use the lot for half-day parking.

Employees of downtown businesses can purchase parking permits that allow for eight-hour parking in designated locations. But these employees might find the new lot more convenient.

Most of the town's research on the issue was taken from previous experience with the Clock Tower parking lot, Guttman said. Originally merchants near the Clock Tower wanted a two-hour time limit to encourage more business through a higher turnover rate.

About a year after the lot was put in, however, the town started getting calls from merchants and customers saying they were getting tickets. Customers said they didn't have enough time to make two stops, and merchants detailed that their customers were upset.

"Some women who get their hair done need longer than two hours," said Councilwoman Candace Andersen.

And Guttman said that the feedback she has received from Discover Danville and the Chamber of Commerce highlight similar points.

"Parking is an art, not a science. It's a weird balance, you have to keep tweaking (time limits)," Guttman said.

Project manager Mike Stella said the exact date of the opening of the Front Street parking lot could not be given, but that it would hopefully be opened in the next two weeks.

San Ramon Valley Principal Joseph Ianora was not available at press time to comment on whether the three-hour limit would deter students from using the lot. ■



COURTESY/ DIABLO BLACK MEN'S GROUP

A poetry and music program Sunday will be sponsored by the Diabolo Black Men's Group in celebration of Black History Month.

Black History

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opportunity for people to see young talent.

"It showcases youth in what they are doing in regards to displaying their talents in Black History Month," he said. "The emphasis is on youth."

Currently, there are 65 members in the Black Men's Group, which comprises Danville, Diablo, Alamo and neighboring communities. The group began in the mid 1990s as a place where black men in the Valley can find support, share personal experiences with each other, and talk honestly about the challenges of being African-American.

Tyrus said one of the group's main goals is to open itself up to the community and be a part of it.

Last year, it invited kids and adults from the Danville vicinity to the African Diaspora Museum in San Francisco. Around 20 to 25 students from San Ramon Valley High School attended.

"We try to break it up and do different things so it would be wider interest," Tyrus said.

He added that although the group has an age limit of 21 and over, it is "actually open to anyone in the community."

The cultural program in honor of Black History Month will take place from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, at the San Ramon Community Center, presented by the Diabolo Black Men's Group, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Rho Upsilon Omega Chapter, and Riches by Design Money Matters Network Inc. Admission is free. ■

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Meeting Congressman McNerney

Danville resident Bruce Giron visits with U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-11th District) at his recent open house at his new Pleasanton office, which drew about 200 constituents. The open house was an opportunity for members of the community to meet the congressman and his staff, as well as learn about what kind of services and aid the staff can provide to residents of the 11th District. The office is across from Stoneridge Shopping Center at 5776 Stoneridge Mall Drive, Suite 175. McNerney also recently opened a second district office in Stockton.



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third-floor apartment was also designed for "a professional couple ... empty nesters," Baldacci said.

Other suggestions revolved around the placement of businesses in relation to live-in units and restaurants. In part, the purpose is to draw people from Hartz and Railroad avenues.

"We should keep the offices out

of the quad. It makes it a much less desirable place to walk through. That beautiful quad becomes sort of a black hole," said Wayne Wickham, president of Discover Danville.

In addition to the building space, the plans also include a clock tower and an opening that takes shoppers to its underground parking.

"The clock tower gives it a town square type identification," Baldacci said.

Now, architects will take the committee's comments into account

when redrafting plans for the construction.

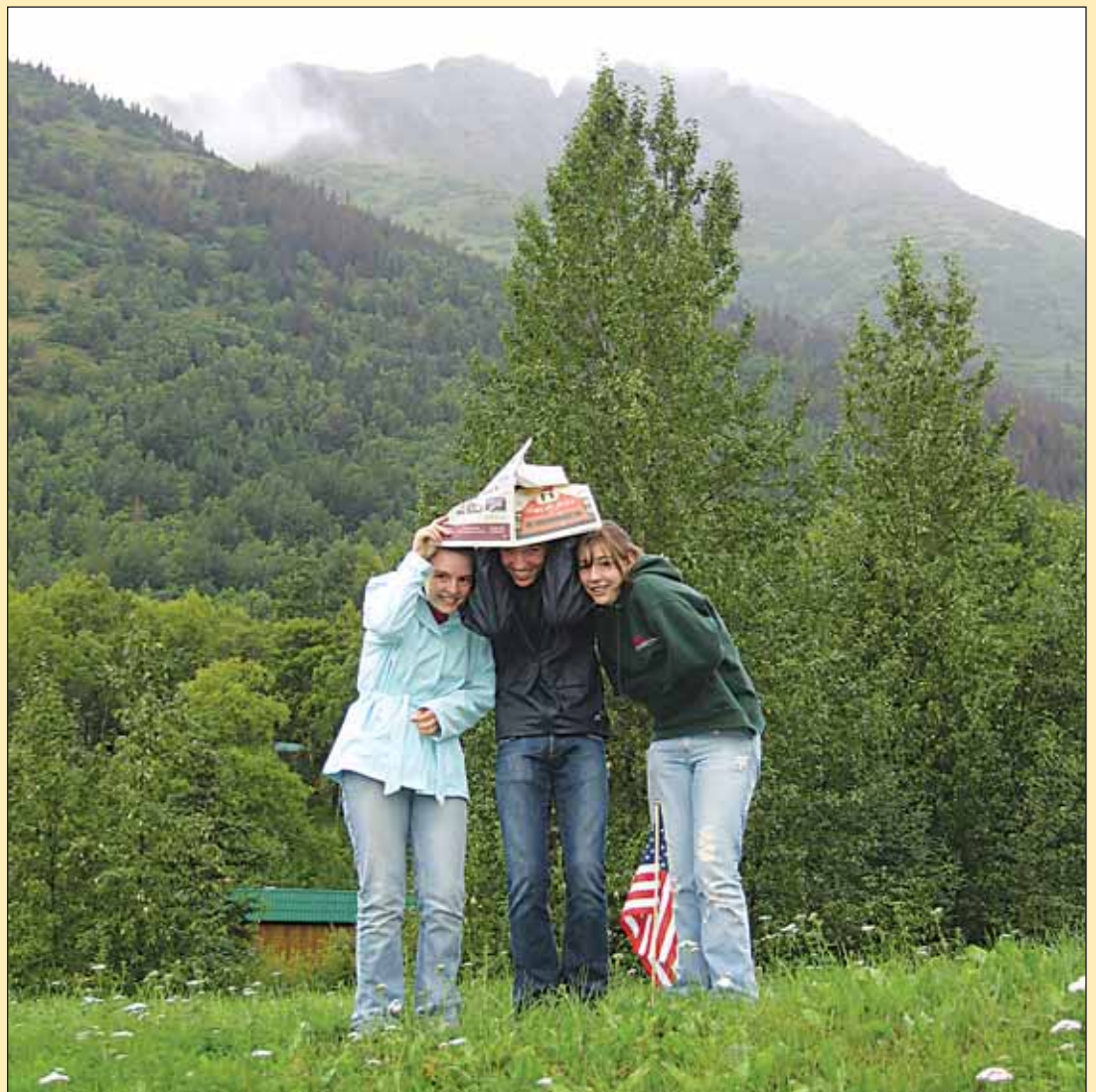
"The next step is getting a historical architect on board so they don't have to come in at the end and make major changes," Bergman said.

In designing the structures, the town, architects and Castle Companies are considering both Danville's past and its future.

"Does this fit in the design and flavor of the community? I would say it does," Baldacci said. ■

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TAKE US ALONG



Weekly umbrella

Stephen, Jessica and Mackenzie O'Malley are resourceful in the use of their hometown newspaper as they visit the Kenai Peninsula south of Anchorage last summer. They have visited 49 states in the past five years as part of their home school social studies curriculum, with their parents Tom O'Malley and Tori Blommer-O'Malley. What's left? Hawaii.

DACA

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accommodate their need for space "to some degree."

"I think we can work through this ... we need to work towards getting you out of the upstairs," said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

Supporters pointed out that the space was used for showing middle school art, for conducting art classes and for on-going lectures and demonstrations. The lectures included topics like "Art and Income."

Previously, DACA paid a fixed rental fee of \$100 a month, plus 3.5 percent of its gross income. Those numbers have not increased since 1992.

Despite the meager rent, DACA didn't pay rent for over a year, Councilman Newell Arnerich pointed out.

"(The town) is blocking a lot of other groups from using the space and here we have a group who is choosing not to live up to the agreement," he said.

Last year the group had an income of about \$28,000, which largely went to advertising and holding events.

In a recent letter to Bill Carmel, Calabrigo also detailed that more than \$450,000 in potential rental revenue could have been contributed, since DACA moved into the space in 1989. That number was an estimate on the part of the town, based on the fair market value of the space involved.

"DACA needs to get its act together," Americh said.

Members cited trouble with their previous executive director as a major reason for the group's failure to pay rent and noted that she recently left the organization. Carmel, who has been president for about three months, said new members are aware of the importance of operating in a professional way.

"We know that if cultural organizations don't operate like businesses we are going to get no government support at all," Carmel said.

In January, DACA members pointed to the fact that the upstairs was not compliant with the American Disabilities Act and that many of their older students and supporters could not make it up the stairs. This fueled discussion about how functional the space is for DACA's needs.

At last week's meeting, some board members agreed there were other problems, such as inactivity of the board during a transitional period for DACA.

"It's not about the staircase, the staircase is the whipping post—and I'm tired of the whipping post," a founding member of DACA said.

Fundraising will also be important for keeping the nonprofit organization alive, several board members said. Spaces that are currently being looked into include the first floor of the Village Theatre and the Danville Community Center.

"It's a matter of civic pride," Turner said. ■

Seeking a Valley Teen Idol

Talented teens to vie in Rotary contest for \$1,000 and a recording session

by Jordan M. Daronila

A prize of \$1,000 and a chance to record music at a professional studio will go to the winner of this year's Valley Teen Idol contest. Auditions begin next month in Danville.

The San Ramon Valley Rotary Club is looking for new teen stars and will hold initial auditions for its second annual Valley Teen Idol at the Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Road, from March 16 to 18.

The contest is open to performers ages 13 to 19. Teenagers are expected to sing a 60-second cappella performance in front of judges, some of whom are involved in the music industry.

"It's a fun way for kids to express themselves and to utilize their talent," said Debora Killeen, the founder of the event. "There's so much hidden talent out there."

Judges will select a group of performers to enter the semifinals April 4 at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville, and the final contest will be held April 14 at the Canyon View Dining Hall in San Ramon, formerly Charlie Brown's.

First prize winners receive \$1,000 and a recording session. Second prize winners get \$500; and

"It's a fun way for kids to express themselves and to utilize their talent. There's so much hidden talent out there."

—Debora Killeen,
founder of Valley Teen Idol

she started the event as a way to raise money for Rotary functions and to get kids and the community involved with each other. The idea came from the popular show "American Idol" on Fox TV, she said.

"Most of the kids had a great experience," she said, about last year's event. "It was good practice for them."

Unlike the hit TV show, Valley Teen Idol focuses on building teen esteem and allowing teenagers to express themselves. Constructive criticism is given, as opposed to breaking them down, she said.

"It's not so good," Killeen said, about how the judges criticize teens on American Idol. "It's entertainment."

Valley Teen Idol brings a diverse mix of youths who sing rock, gospel, theater and country music.

"You would be amazed," she said. "These kids are really talented."

The auditions March 16-18 are limited to the first 200 applicants; the cost is \$40. To find more or to register as a contestant, visit the Rotary Club of the San Ramon Valley's Web site at www.sanramonvalleyrotary.org or telephone Debora Killeen at 260-4565. ■

third place performers get \$250.

Tickets for the Teen Idol gala competition at Canyon View Dining Hall are \$65, which includes dinner, the show, entertainment and a silent auction, said Killeen. All proceeds will go to Rotary activities, which include providing scholarships to students, helping out with international projects and assisting the elderly.

Last year, the event garnered 65 youthful participants from the San Ramon Valley. Killeen said

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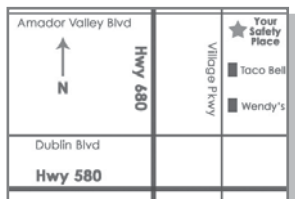
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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Better to write your will before you die

We might hope we will never need a lawyer, or an oncologist or several other professionals. But the truth is we all need someone to help us plan what will happen to our possessions when we die.

I had lunch last week with Sarah Nix, an attorney who does estate planning as an associate at the law firm of Gagen, McCoy, Koss, Markowitz & Raines on Front Street.

"I can't tell you the number of times people say it's on their list of things to do, but it's No. 12," Sarah said.

She also hears a lot, after people have met with her to set their estates in order, "I actually slept better last night."

Of course parents with little children have the most at stake. They need to leave legal instructions as to the little ones' guardianship if anything should happen to them. Sarah has spoken to groups of parents with young children. She and her husband live in Danville with their two little girls, ages 28 and 10 months, and she is a member of the Iron Horse Mothers Club.

"Everyone should, at the very least, have a simple will. You can name guardians for minor children in your will," Sarah explained. A will can direct who receives the assets in your estate, such as property, bank accounts and personal possessions.

Any estate with assets over \$100,000 has to be probated. This usually takes nine months, but the worst part is the cost. Fees are based on the dollar value of assets. So a house worth \$1 million—and most around here are worth at least that—would cause the fees to be based on \$1 million even if the house is practically all mortgaged. Fees on a \$1 million estate would run \$46,000.

If people have their assets in a trust, probate is avoided entirely, Sarah pointed out. The administration is brief and not costly and a good estate plan can help minimize estate taxes.

Sarah said her goal is to make it easier for people when their loved ones die, and this includes leaving clear instructions. Do they want to be cremated? Do they want their organs donated? She said these questions often cause couples to surprise each other with their reactions.

"When I bring up organ donations, the woman might say, 'I don't want you to be picked apart,'" Sarah said. One person will assume cremation is the way to go while the partner might be shocked at the thought. People have strong feelings on these subjects, Sarah

has found, and they often have not discussed them.

The cost runs \$3,000-\$3,500 for complete estate planning for a couple, which includes two wills, a trust, two advance health care directives, and two durable powers of attorney. The planning includes deeding real property into the trust and completing beneficiary forms for life insurance and retirement plans. It also means planning the estate according to each family's individual situation.

Clients first make an appointment and fill out a form. Then they meet with Sarah for several hours to go over their personal information. At that time, they also make an appointment for a date to return in four to six weeks for a signing session.

Sarah mails the clients a draft of the document early on so they can look it over. When they meet again, they discuss any questions. "We go over it asset by asset to make sure they have covered everything," Sarah said. Then they sign the

Do they want
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document with a Notary.

Sarah grew up in Millbrae. After graduating from UC Davis in Communication and English, she went to work at the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office in its family support division. Much of the work was heartbreaking, she said, but she learned how to deal with people in stressful situations. She also found it satisfying to work with families on legal issues.

She studied law at University of California, Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco while working at an estate planning and tax firm. Before joining Gagen McCoy, she worked as an estate planning and business attorney in San Francisco. But when she heard about the local opening, she acted on it, going on the job interview just nine days after her first baby was born.

Sarah will be giving a free presentation on estate planning at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, at Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation in Walnut Creek. To register, call Sarah at 837-0585 or e-mail snix@gagemccoy.com. It could be your first step to sleeping better at night.

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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

February is Black History Month

Schools teach so many things these days—from reading, writing and arithmetic to computers to health to all facets of history. An important part of the curriculum is Black History, which is highlighted in February, Black History Month.

Black History Month evolved from Negro History Week, begun by Harvard scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926. He was determined to bring Black History into the mainstream, and he chose the second week of February, the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, 1818-1895, an American abolitionist, author and statesman.

Schools last month included a unit on the Martin Luther King Jr., whose Jan. 15 birthday is a holiday. Lessons focused not only on the man and the changes he wrought but on the importance of family and of having dreams to create a better world. For older students, studying Martin Luther King Jr. is a time to discuss passive resistance and civil disobedience, and achieving justice and equality in our country and in our community.

When people no longer have children in school they can forget to visit these important issues periodically. This is where the Diablo Black Men's Group comes in. The group's mission is to promote fellowship and help African-Americans and other minorities in the Diablo Valley "actualize full citizenship, to include liberty, good health, social equality and economic vitality." The group is presenting a Black History Program from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the San Ramon Community Center that sounds informative, inspirational and enjoyable for everyone. A Negro League Baseball Display will drive home the heartrending historical fact that blacks for a long time were kept out of major league ball clubs, where they are our heroes today.

We study history to learn about ourselves and to better understand the present. Black History is an important part of American history and learning about society today.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Weber property on agenda

Dear Editor:

After a year delay, the Weber property is back up for review by the Planning Commission. The public hearing is Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

This is the 15-acre parcel that Lucille Weber had willed to the Salvation Army who in turn took her to court to take title of the property before she died. She is still living on her "life estate" that was part of the court settlement.

Davidon Homes is requesting a zoning change as well as a

tree removal permit for this 22-home subdivision. The Town of Danville seems set to approve this project because they get a through street from Matadera Way to Blemer as well as drivable access into the back of Oak Hill Park. In their eagerness to have these two things, the town seems ready to ignore some major flood control issues with Green Valley Creek; the cumulative impact on the environment; and traffic concerns from the surrounding residents to name a few.

I encourage all residents of Danville to come to this meeting and see local government and concerned citizens at work.

Kristen Trisko, Danville

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POLICE BULLETIN

Gas station fire extinguished quickly

A fire broke out on Presidents Day at Danville Olde Town Arco, a gas station across the street from the Danville Livery.

Danville police saw flames spewing from the Arco station's garage window on San Ramon Valley Boulevard and Boone Court on Monday, around 12:46 p.m., said Sgt. Troy Craig.

Three fire trucks from the San Ramon Valley Fire

Protection District arrived at the scene to quell the flames.

The fire was started by a parts cleaner that was in the garage, said Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Mentink.

It took three to four minutes to stop the fire, Craig said. There were no injuries.

"It was put out very quickly," he said. "They did a very good job."

"We were there for traffic control," he added.

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, Feb. 11

- Defrauding innkeeper on Camino Ramon at 2:32 a.m.
- Grand theft on Hartz Ave. at 3:25 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on W. Prospect Ave. at 10:44 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 11:42 a.m.
- Battery on Blemer Rd. at 12:27 p.m.
- Threats disturbance on Fostoria Way at 1:08 p.m.
- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 6:45 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Alamos Dr. at 7:48 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 12

- Court order violation on Verona Ave. at 7:11 a.m.
- Vandalism on Timberline Ct. at 7:38 a.m.
- Identity theft on St. George Rd. at 8:13 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Greenbrook Dr. and Old Orchard Dr. at 10:51 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. at 10:58 a.m.
- Accident on Fostoria Way at 11:08 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Meese Cir. at 11:35 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Fountain Springs Cir. at 11:37 a.m.
- Court order violation on La Gonda Way at 2:29 p.m.
- Commercial burglary on Camino Tassajara at 4:12 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Boone Ct. at 4:30 p.m.
- Identity theft on S. Forest Hill Pl. at 7:06 p.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Joaquin Dr. at 9:33 p.m.

- Promiscuous shooting on Dolcita Ct. at 9:34 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

- Petty theft from building on Stone Valley Rd. at 12:22 p.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 12:37 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on southbound I-680 off ramp and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 6:16 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Greenbrook Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- Littering on Conway Dr. at 8:36 a.m.
- Grand theft from building on Love Ln. at 11:49 a.m.
- Petty theft on Camino Tassajara on 12:46 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Love Ln. and Railroad Ave. at 1:10 p.m.
- Petty theft on Holbrook Dr. at 1:15 p.m.
- Grand theft on Santiago Dr. at 1:25 p.m.
- Identity theft on Canary Ct. at 1:53 p.m.
- Identity theft on Wabash Pl. at 3:27 p.m.
- Battery on El Capitan Dr. at 5:04 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

- Threats disturbance on Quintera Ln. at 9:01 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:25 p.m.
- Identity theft on La Gonda Ct. at 2:27 p.m.
- False I.D. to purchase alcohol on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 4 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Fostoria Way at 4:33 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Gerbera St. at 10:29 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. at 12:17 a.m.
- Party disturbance on Clydesdale Dr. at 12:38 a.m.
- Battery on Hartz Ave. at 10:42 a.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, on Fostoria Way at 1:15 p.m.
- Grand theft on Ramon Ct. at 1:35 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Stone Valley Rd. at 5:43 p.m.
- Petty theft on Fostoria Cir. at 5:47 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on southbound I-680 on ramp and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 7:19 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 7:20 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on W. Prospect Ave. at 8:29 p.m.
- Fight disturbance on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:46 p.m.
- Verbal disturbance on Camino Ramon at 10:48 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Cameo Dr. and Maiden Ln. at 11:07 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

- Accident, property damage, on Country Hills Ct. at 1:56 a.m.
- Noise disturbance on Camino Tassajara at 3:14 a.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Messiah Pl. at 10:19 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Buckingham Dr. and Camino Tassajara at 12:29 p.m.
- Accident on Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:17 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Hartz Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:26 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Heather Garden Ln. at 10:58 p.m.

OBITUARIES

William Anthony Kloos

William Anthony Kloos, 85, a resident of Danville for 51 years, passed away on Jan. 30 with his family at his bedside.

He was born May 25, 1921, in Spokane, Wash. He served in World War II in the Army Air Corps and retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve after 23 years of service. He attended UC Berkeley where he met his future wife, Verna Mayhood, in physics lab.

In 1985, after 31 years as a mechanical engineering associate, he retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories. He enjoyed his retirement farming his in-law's fruit orchard in Suisun Valley. He also enjoyed skiing, wood-working, electric car design, automobile restoration, camping, the outdoors and travel.

He is survived by Verna, his wife of 60 years; their four children Bill, Mike, Vern and Jane Kloos and their spouses;

seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother John of Huntington Beach; sisters Emmy Mes of Orinda and Mary Ann Niebuhr of San Mateo. He was predeceased by his brother Bill.

A celebration of his life was held Feb. 16 at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Danville. Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Kitchen, 121 Golden Gate, San Francisco, CA, 94102 or American Precision Museum, 196 Main St, Windsor, VT 05089.

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Griffin's goal golden

Mustangs' narrow win over Richmond keeps them in the NCS playoffs

by Rachel McMurdie

Varsity soccer senior defender Jack Griffin of Monte Vista proved the third time is a charm. His first two shots, both headers off a corner kick, were collected by Richmond's keeper but his third shot found the back of the net, breaking the 67-minute stalemate and giving the No. 1-seeded Mustangs a 1-0 win over Richmond in the North Coast Section 3-A quarterfinal match Saturday.

The win allowed Monte Vista (17-0-7) to advance to the semifinals, where they hosted Washington-Fremont on Wednesday. (Scores unavailable by press time.)

Griffin's shot came with just 13 minutes left in the game. David Miller-Hershown sent a perfectly placed corner kick toward the center of the goal where Griffin put it past Richmond's Nelson Gonzales. Gonzales, who had four saves during the game, had stopped two of Griffin's headers earlier in the game, but this one found its way past. Monte Vista's goalkeeper, Jack Lynch, put a stop on the Oilers' advances on the other end, picking up six saves.

Saturday's match was the fourth time in the past five years the Mustangs and the Oilers (18-5-1) had met in the playoffs. The Mustangs, despite a lower seed in the previous three years, won each of those matches by one.

Girls soccer

In a dramatic double-overtime, San Ramon Valley earned a 3-A quarterfinal win over California

High on Saturday. Five minutes before the game went to penalty kicks, San Ramon Valley's Amanda Glass sent home the game-winning goal, a header off a corner kick carefully placed by Gabby Parisella. The victory sent the No. 5 Wolves (15-7-3) into the semifinal match Wednesday where they hosted top seed Castro Valley. (Scores unavailable by press time.)

In another 3-A quarterfinal Saturday, the Mustangs cruised to an easy win over Castro Valley, 6-1. Monte Vista (14-3-7) scored twice in the first 10 minutes. Back-to-back goals in the second half crushed any hope of an Eagle (17-5-4) comeback. Courtney Jones led the Mustangs with three goals and one assist. Lauren Anderson put in two goals and Melanie Buich capped off scoring with a final goal in the 78th minute.

Boys basketball

Five East Bay Athletic League schools earned bids to the North Coast Section Basketball Playoffs, which began this week. Monte Vista, San Ramon Valley, Foothill, Amador Valley and California High will vie for their share of the boys basketball title, but they'll once again face tough competition from De La Salle, this year's No. 1 seed and winner of the last eight crowns.

On Tuesday, San Ramon Valley (17-9) played No. 5 Newark Memorial (19-7) in Newark in the first round. Newark won, 72-63, and advances to the quarterfinals.

San Ramon Valley, edged Pittsburg (16-9), Washington (16-

10) and James Logan (12-14) for the 12th and final berth in the D-1 bracket.

Monte Vista, seeded third, will host the winners of the Amador Valley/Antioch first round game, in a quarterfinal match tonight at 8 p.m. The Mustangs (23-3) beat both teams during the regular season. In a non-league game in December, Monte Vista beat Antioch 57-50. The Mustangs are 2-0 this season over Amador, winning 47-44 in January and 74-43 on Feb. 6.

Girls basketball

After a 25-1 regular season and a league title, the Mustang girls basketball team is looking for another crown in the NCS playoffs. Tonight at 6:30, third-seeded Monte Vista will host the winners of Tuesday's first round matchup between Granada and Pittsburg. The Mustangs are 2-0 over Granada in the regular season, first beating them 44-38 in January and then 51-34 when the teams met Feb. 9.

Wrestling

San Ramon Valley's Matt Rudow won the EBAL title in the 171-pound division Saturday. Rudow pinned two opponents before beating Granada's Peter Pelle 6-5 in the final match.

Monte Vista's Ben Theriault wrestled his way into the semifinal round of the East Bay League championships but lost to Foothill's Tommy Wipfli in the 135-pound division. Wipfli, a senior, went on to win his fourth straight EBAL title. ■

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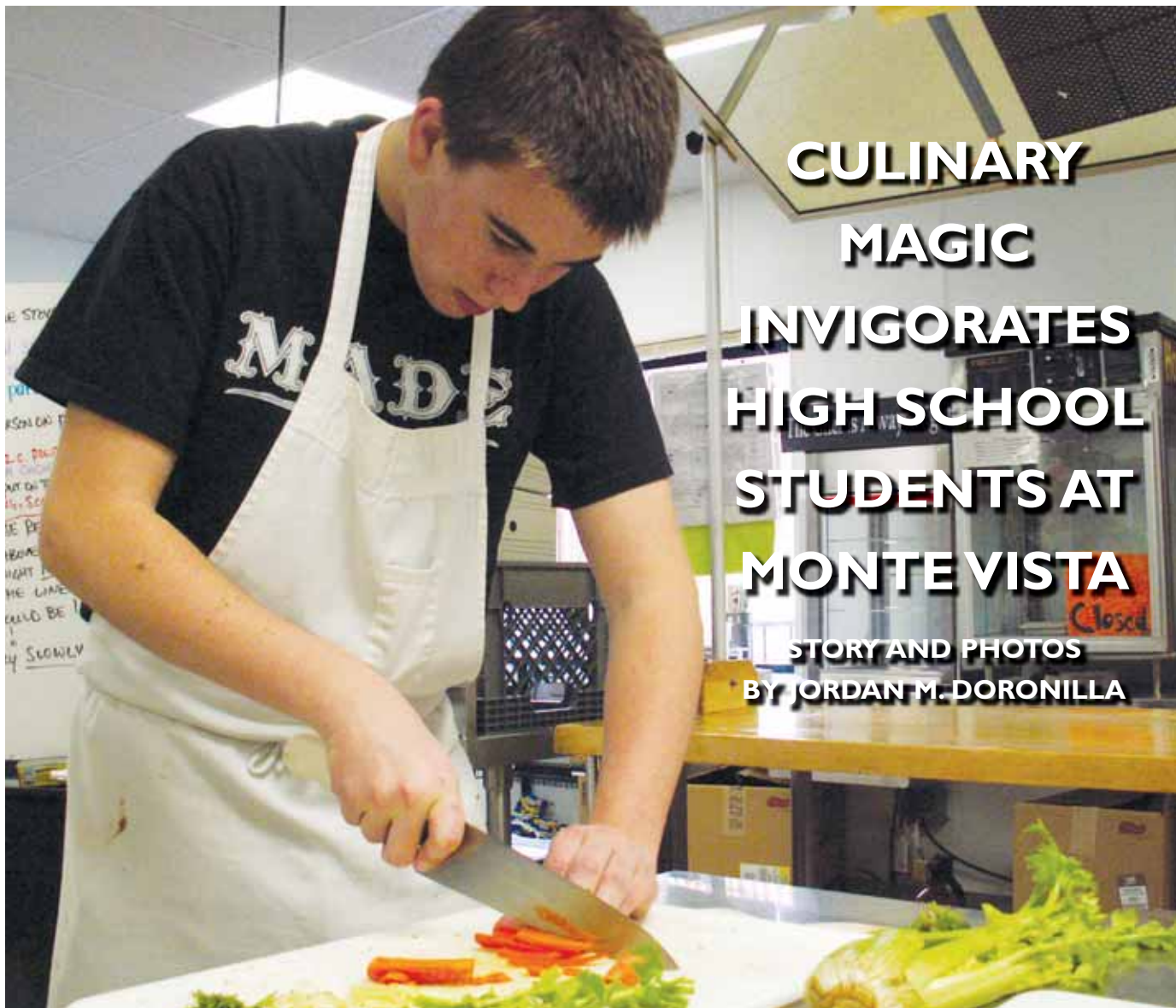
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CULINARY MAGIC INVIGORATES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT MONTE VISTA

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY JORDAN M. DORONILLA

Clang! Bang! Thud, thud, thud... A mishmash of sounds—pans clanging, knives chopping, water running and youths laughing—vibrates the Monte Vista High School Culinary Academy on a gusty Wednesday afternoon in February.

“We love to cook,” said sophomore Chris Mathis.

“It’s really awesome,” said junior David Schoenberg. “It’s a completely different class. It’s really a great experience.”

“I dig this class because cooking is an essential thing to learn because you don’t have to go out and buy food to eat,” said David Ginthe, a sophomore.

Culinary instructor Kellie Jo smiled to hear her students’ comments.

“They really thrive in class,” she said. “They excel here ... they feel proud.”

Chef Jo teaches the art of cooking to nearly 200 students at the Culinary Academy. She said her pupils learn how to cook and make their own food, instead of buying restaurant food, which can be unhealthy. Additionally, they learn teamwork and leadership skills. And they learn how to manage their time.

“It’s really helped with my personal growth,” said Lacey Rosenberg, a senior who is one of Jo’s teaching assistants.

“I actually learn new techniques,” said junior Ryan Benito. “I get to interact with others.”

Monte Vista junior Tony Smith said he plans to pursue cooking professionally.

“I love cooking, basically,” he said. “I took it in freshman year.”

Jo, an Oak Ridge graduate, introduced her class to students in high school.

“I started cooking in high school,” she said. “I started at Monte Vista High School.”

She went to work at the Culinary Academy after graduating, and she worked at the hotel and Culinary Academy at Valley College.

Jo has 20 years of experience in the hotel industry with Hilton, Marriott, and Wolfgang Puck in San Francisco. She is currently a manager of training at Fresh Mex Restaurants for Gap Food Solutions.

She has also worked as a caterer and as a Tante Marie’s in San Francisco.

She got into the industry at Monte Vista High School from Chevys.

“I vowed to become a chef after I completed my corporate training.”

Jo said she has worked for many teachers and chefs, and she has learned a lot from her legs” when she was in school.

However, she has also worked in Human Resources and she has overheard Jo talking in school.

LET'S COOK



Top: A junior cuts vegetables during cooking class at Monte Vista High School. Above: Chef Kellie Jo, founder of the Monte Vista High School Culinary Academy, shows her enjoyment teaching students. Right: One of Jo’s teaching assistants shows students how to chop produce.



Above left: Culinary students team up together to prepare food.

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s and talked to her about a

need for cooking classes at Monte Vista.
Jo contacted Principal Rebecca Smith
about the opportunity, and she was hired
as a cooking instructor.

She now teaches five classes, two
of them part of Contra Costa County's
Regional Occupational Program. One of
the joys she receives teaching at Monte
Vista is seeing her students excel in lead-
ing and managing, as well as appreciat-
ing foods they may have deplored in the
past—such as mushrooms.

They feel they are good at what they
are doing in class, she said, and students
learn to eat healthier, too.

Culinary Arts I is a hands-on entry
level course that introduces students
to the kitchen. They learn step-by-step
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of the hotel, restaurant and food service
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Culinary Arts II focuses on the impor-
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to participate in catering functions and
competitions.

Course objectives include kitchen food
safety and sanitation; cutting skills; cal-
culating recipe measurements; the use
of kitchen utensils, tools and equipment;
culinary vocabulary; basic to not-so-basic
ingredients; prepping and cooking tech-
niques; and efficient cooking.



Jo has been teaching at Monte Vista for
five years. Her kitchen comprises three
mobile classrooms, which are temporary.
It has two stoves with ovens, five tables
and shelves full of the finest pots and
pans, she said.

Besides catering, the Academy sells its
homemade food products on campus. The
money helps pay for new equipment in
the kitchen.

In the next school year, the Culinary
Academy will be getting a brand new
kitchen, which Jo designed, she said.

Jo and some of her students gave a pre-
sentation to the school board at its Feb. 6
meeting.

After the presentation, Trustee Joan
Buchanan and Silverstein praised Jo's
work and her impact at Monte Vista.

Trustees also were able to sample choc-
olate treats provided by Jo's students.

"They have been so good to me,"
Jo said, about the high school and dis-
trict administrators. "It's been whatever I
wanted to do."

"I have so much fun here it doesn't feel
like working," she added.

And her students agree.

"It's fun," said Brett Fontaine, a junior.
"You learn a lot of new things." ■



ut batter inside a pastry bag. Above right: A duo of teenage girls gets ready to bake.

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Mike Faith's personal transporter is more than a segue into the future. His Segway is a way to have fun in the present.

"I've been using it lately to play Segway polo," he said. "I'm not part of an official team but I go along every couple of months, to Sunnyvale or Oakland, and knock the ball around."

He also enjoys the other Segway enthusiasts at the polo games.

"I meet different people from different walks of life," he said. "It's mainly men but some women play, too."

Faith owns two Segways, one designed for street use and one for all-terrain, which works out well because his children love to join him on a glide. His daughter Jordane is 13 and attends Charlotte Wood Middle School; Jack, 10, goes to Hacienda Montessori.

His wife Melinda also has given it a go.

"She's tried it but has no interest," said Faith. "It's not for everyone."

He saw Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer, using a Segway on his Web site, a little over two years ago. Wozniak was the first consumer to purchase one.

"I said, 'That looks good,' and rented one from Segway of Oakland," recalled Faith. "Then I went and bought one."

The Segway was designed for mass transportation but has turned into more of an executive toy, said Faith.

"I don't think it's catching on," he said. "It's more of a specialty."

Faith works at Headsets.com Inc. in San Francisco and has taken his Segway to work.

"I've taken it to Yosemite, into the city, to my office," he said. "It's absolutely fine on the hills. It charges as you go downhill, slowing itself down by recharging the battery. You lean backwards to brake."

It's designed to operate anywhere pedestrians can walk safely.

"I've used it in hotels before," he added. "Sometimes people get weird about it but most of the time it's not an issue. Quite a few people take it on BART."

The Segway PT (personal transporter) is self-balancing, with computers and motors keeping it upright. Gyroscopes make it respond to movements of the user, going forward or backward. While bicycles or scooters need movement to balance, the Segway balances while it is standing still. The motion becomes intuitive to the user.

"The beauty is it doesn't take strength or balance," Faith noted.

Faith, who hails from England, has lived in the Bay Area for 16 years and moved to Danville just more than four years ago.

Melinda discovered the East Bay first, then reported to Mike: "I know where we're moving."

"I came out and fell in love

with it," he recalled. "We lived on the Peninsula before."

Since his family lives behind the Livery, they are well situated to glide their Segways downtown on the Iron Horse Trail.

"I've seen other people with them on the trail," Faith said.

He knows Segway inventor Dean Kamen, who unveiled the product in 2001, and attended a Segway Conference at his home in New Hampshire.

"He's got a pretty big following," Faith said.

Kamen used the balancing technology of a wheelchair he had developed, called the iBOT, that could climb stairs and raise onto its front wheels to position the user upright. The name Segway is a play on the word "segue," which means a smooth transition, and is Italian for "follows."

According to the EPA, 500 million car trips per day in this country go shorter distances than five miles, so the Segway seemed like a viable alternative especially since it is cleaner, quieter, smaller and safer than a car. After many prototypes and evaluations, the Segway was designed to go the same speed as the people on foot around them.

"It goes up to 12-13 mph," Faith said. "I plug it in overnight to recharge it and it will do about 20 miles."

Sales began in March 2003 and were up to 23,500 by mid-2006. The main obstacle to general use seems to be cost. New units run around \$5,000.

When the Segway first came on the market, some towns began to



Come glide with me

Danville man is sold on Segway

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

worry whether they would present problems on sidewalks or streets. San Francisco banned them from sidewalks in November 2002 but some Segway Tour companies use them anyway. They have also been banned from theme parks; however, in 2005 Segway tours were

conducted at Epcot that were successful. Segways are also used to transport cast members at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando.

Faith said it can take him longer to glide downtown than to walk because so many people stop him to talk about his Segway. Many

ask about a recall in 2006 due to a glitch with the speed limiter.

Segway in its product brochure lists a golf package and points out that it is friendlier for a golfing foursome to glide on Segways side by side rather than ride two by two in traditional golf carts. There is also a special model designed for patrolling parks, beaches or campgrounds. Another idea was that mail carriers might want to use Segways but they worried they couldn't sort mail or hold umbrellas while operating them.

Two years ago, Faith has the idea to enter the Kiwanis Fourth of July Parade. Segway owners Faith had met through Segway of Oakland converged on Danville, and the 2005 award for Special Interest Auto went to the Bay Area Segway Enthusiasts.

"Last year we had quite a few people over (for the parade)," Faith said. "We met at my house, then regrouped afterwards. The parade was a nice event."

Fun as the Segway is, Faith knows its limitations.

"It's not a replacement for exercise," he said. "It's not a replacement for good old walking about." ■

Meet Segway enthusiasts

Segways are sold locally at Segway of Oakland, which offers introductory courses with three-hour use for \$55. Call (510) 832-2429. Or check out Segway Polo in Oakland's Estuary Park at 11 a.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month.



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Jack Faith, 10, and his dad Mike Faith glide down the Iron Horse Trail near Lunardi's Market in Danville on their Segways.

OF NOTE

Screening young eyes and ears

Assistance League of Diablo Valley held Foresight Screening at Danville Montessori, Bianchi and Autumn Creek Academy pre-schools last month. Foresight, one of the League's 10 philanthropic projects, provides vision and hearing screening for children in Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, and Pleasant Hill pre-schools. Project members are trained and certified by Prevent Blindness of Northern California and Child Health and Disability Prevention, a division of Children's Medical Services of California.

The primary purpose of screening vision at this young age is to detect amblyopia or "lazy eye," a condition in which a child becomes used to seeing with only one eye due to a vision problem with the other. Unless detected and treated early, vision in the unused eye may fail to develop normally. Similarly, a child may not realize that he/she does not hear properly; undetected hearing loss significantly hinders proper speech development as well as all aspects of learning.

In 2006, Foresight saved the vision of preschool children by identifying five new cases of amblyopia. For more information, call 934-0901 and ask for Jill Root, Foresight Chairman. Or visit diablovalley.assistanceleague.org.

Kudos for Science Alliance founder

Jonathan Wu, a senior at Monte Vista High School, was recognized as a California distinguished finalist at the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards last week, which honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. This nationwide program, now in its 12th year, is conducted in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Wu was honored for organizing the Science Alliance, a districtwide

elementary-school science program that teams fifth-graders with high school honor student mentors to work on advanced science projects. Wu recruits and trains student volunteers, develops schedules, creates projects, raises funds for supplies, and coordinates a year-end science fair for the participants.

The top two student volunteers chosen were Paul Tran, 14, of San Diego, and Aily Zhang, 14, of Castro Valley. They will go on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for further recognition with students from across the nation.



Andrea Burton receives one of her awards from Jason Baldner, president of Kitchen Solvers.

Best in kitchen solving

Danville's Andrea Burton, owner of Kitchen Solvers of the Valley, has received three awards for her stellar sales and outstanding business practices in 2006. She was named one of the company's top-10 producers at its convention held recently in Illinois.

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Q. *Once when I was in my backyard, blue jays stole my peanuts when I turned my back. I now feed them peanuts and they are crazy about them. Are peanuts (in the shell) harmful to blue jays?*

A. As with most foods, blue jays can eat peanuts in moderation. They contain high amount of fat and salt (the salted ones anyways), so they are not the most nutritious food. They also contain small amounts of aflatoxins, which for a bird can add up quickly. So I would recommend you put the peanuts out in small amounts rather than fill an entire feeder with them. Also, if you spread them around the yard, the jays will be less likely to fight over them.

Q. *My 2-year-old-plus (we don't really know her age) pug/border collie mix often will lick my nose or chin, and then I feel her nibbling. I'm assuming these are "love bites," but figured I'd ask an expert. Is this just my dog playing? A sign of respect? A sign of dominance?*

Feb. 27, 2007 is Spay Day USA. This National campaign brings together veterinarians, humane organizations, and concerned individuals every February to raise awareness of the benefits of spaying and neutering our pets. In the last 11 year, Spay Day USA has been responsible for the spaying and neutering of an estimated 1,366,000 pets. Spay Day USA is a joint endeavor of the Doris Day Animal Foundation and the Humane Society of the United States. For more information about the benefits of spaying and neutering, or to see how you can help, please see the HSUS Web site at www.SpayDayUSA.org

A. Licking is used by mother dogs to care for their pups, and also for puppies to ask adult dogs for food. So it's not unusual that she would lick you in this context, but I would try to stop her before it progresses to a nibble. She probably is just having fun and doesn't have any ulterior motives, but you would not want her to accidentally nibble a stranger, particularly a child. (Many behaviorists for this reason recommend never letting a dog lick your face.) Don't feel bad about setting a limit with her. You should be able to nip the nibbling in the bud by simply ending the interaction with a firm "no bites" if she persists.

Q. *My veterinarian said my cat has a tapeworm and it is because of fleas. Can you explain the connection?*

A. Tapeworms are parasites that live in the intestine of dogs and cats (as well as other animals). The actual tapeworm is very long but segments break off and pet owners often see these in the litter box or on the pet. The segments look like small pieces of rice. These little segments hang around the environment and, if undisturbed, will open into packets of tapeworm eggs. The eggs are then eaten by the larva of Ctenocephalides, the

dog and cat flea. As the flea larva grows into an adult, the tapeworm egg develops into a larva itself. When a dog or cat eats the flea, usually when grooming themselves, the tapeworm larva gets into the intestine and is able to develop into the adult form. The cycle can repeat itself over and over, perpetuating the crafty tapeworm and passing it on to other animals.

Tapeworms are easily treated by your veterinarian. But it is important that you are using good flea control to prevent your pets from becoming reinfected with the parasite. Remember that cats can also get tapeworms from eating infected rodents, which is one of the reasons we recommend keeping your cat indoors.

—Dr. Heidi Strand is a veterinarian for the East Bay SPCA in Dublin. She has lived in the Tri-Valley for 10 years with her family and an assortment of four-legged friends. Questions can be mailed to 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville 94526; or e-mailed to hstrand@eastbayspca.org. Her column runs every other week.

NOW SHOWING



Cate Blanchett and Judi Dench in Notes on a Scandal

Notes on a Scandal

★★★★
Rating: R for language, sexuality and adult themes.
1 hours, 32 minutes.

Hurrah for the juicy pot-boiler, scenery-chewing tabloid fodder so nasty you can't help but enjoy. At the crux of this twisted melodrama is Judi Dench, a tightly wound spinster school-teacher named Barbara Covett with a penchant for obsessing on the weak. In this case new St. George's School hires Sheba Hart (Cate Blanchett), an anxious bohemian art teacher dubbed "the wispy novice."

Barb keeps her stalker sensibilities under wraps while biding her time in becoming indispensable to Sheba, who needs all the help she can get in maintaining discipline with her unruly charges. Soon the pair is doing regular lunches and Barb is worming her way into Hart with gleeful but cautious abandon. ("A merry flag on the arctic wilderness of my calendar!")

The world comes crashing down when Barb discovers Sheba is having an affair with 15-year-old St. George student Steven Connolly (Andrew Simpson). Barb feels betrayed, her magnificent complicity with Sheba violated by a pubescent paramour. For her part Sheba cannot or will not forego her imprudent indiscretion.

Based on Zoe Heller's delicious novel "What Was She Thinking?" (indeed!), "Notes" borrows liberally from its vivid prose and utilizes luscious phrasing in keen voice-over by Dench. Screenwriter Patrick Marber ("Closer") stays faithful to the source material but tacks on "Fatal Attraction" twists that play more sordid than suspenseful.

Dench gives an Oscar-worthy performance as an emotionally devious SWF who dreads ending her days alone and unspools her warped conspiracies with vigilant vengeance.

The Dench/Blanchett show has support in all the right places. Bill Nighy is magnificent as Sheba's loyal, unsuspecting husband, and Simpson smirks and smolders as the adolescent lothario with a stranglehold on Sheba's fracturing psyche. An overwrought score matches the flamboyantly scandalous mood, rendering the whole a wanton cinematic treat.

—Jeanne Aufmuth

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Jose Maria Amador's Rancho San Ramon

One warm August night in 1834, Jose Maria Amador found himself waiting for a card game to end so he could finalize the title to his San Ramon Rancho grant. Forty-three years later, he recalled the circumstances:

"The title to my rancho had been drawn up by ... a secretary and amanuensis to (Governor) Figueroa, in a room at Mission San Jose ... I placed (the title) in an envelope, in the hands of Señor Figueroa, requesting him to look over the documents. The Governor was playing manilla with two priests ... and Eugenio Montenegro. When I voiced the request, he asked me to excuse him until he had finished playing the hand."

When the card game was over, Figueroa talked to Padre Jose Gonzalez Rubio of Mission San Jose about the title and, according to Amador, "the padre, whether willingly or not, furnished the statement as he had been ordered to do and Figueroa then turned the documents over to me." Thus Don Jose Maria Amador received his title for the Rancho San Ramon.

Amador's life as a soldier and the owner of this Rancho are well documented. Because of a long oral history he gave to Thomas Savage for Hubert Bancroft in 1877 and several other interviews, we know about his experiences as an Indian fighter, his years as administrator of Mission San Jose, his family, and his bad opinion of John Fremont and the Bear Flag Rebellion.

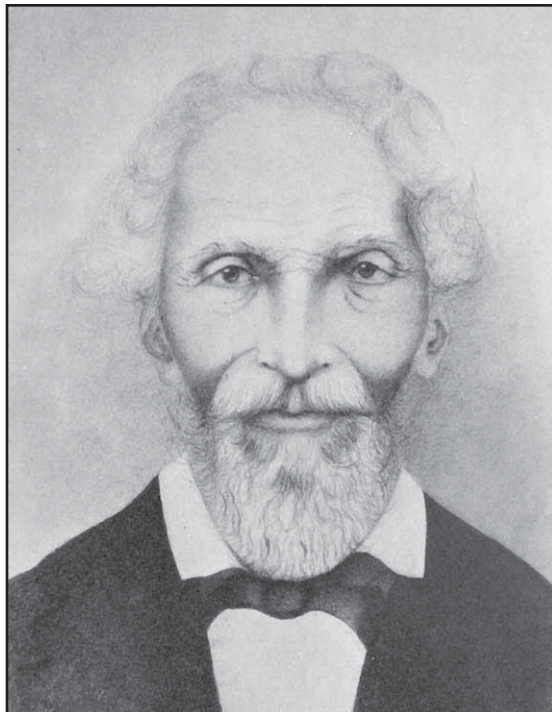
His father, Pedro, came to California with the first Spanish overland expedition in 1769 and Jose Maria was born in 1794 in San Francisco. His mother was literate and taught him to read, which gave him advantages over many others in this period.

His Rancho San Ramon grant eventually encompassed over four square leagues or 16,516.95 acres and covered today's San Ramon, Dougherty Valley and historic Dublin. Amador was married three times and had 22 children. He built several adobes at his rancho headquarters near Alamilla Springs in today's Dublin, including a two-story adobe that was used by James Dougherty in the 1860s.

Amador stocked the land with an estimated 400 horses, 14,000 cattle and 3,000 sheep and planted corn, melons, vineyards and orchards. In 1837 he and Roberto Livermore grew a successful wheat crop in Sunol Valley.

His rancho headquarters included an adobe village for 150 workers who tended livestock and produced a wide range of leather goods (saddles, harnesses, boots, etc.), furniture and wagons. In Amador's "Recollections," he pointed out that the Indians "were exceptional workmen."

In 1848 he mined for gold in today's Amador County, accompanied by his sons and several Indian workers. An Alta California article quoted Amador as saying that he brought three mules back laden with gold, some of which was given to friends by the tin



cup-full and the remainder distributed among his relatives, to be played away at monte.

As the Gold Rush settlers moved into this area, they squatted on his land and he was unable to move them off. Amador gradually sold his rancho to several different people. Two of these transactions included the sale of about 4,000 acres on the northwest corner to Leo Norris (a transaction begun in 1851) and 10,000 acres to James Witt Dougherty in 1852. Dublin area was called "Amador" for many years.

Amador was extraordinary for his energy, long life and amiable personality. He was typical of many Mexican rancho owners who were unable to make a successful transition to life in the new American state. While he ended his life in poverty and sometimes described his tale as a doleful one, in one newspaper interview he stated, "It is my wish that my reputation should be preserved and that it be said Amador wronged no man."

Sources: Amador's "Recollections" (1877) at The Bancroft Library; "A California Patriarch" in Oakland Daily Tribune (May, June 1875); Mildred Hoover's "Historic Spots in California"; Alta California newspaper (Sept. 22, 1860)

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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Art

Alamo-Danville Artists' Society

This society will present a group showing of paintings from now until March 20, at the Danville Town offices, 510 La Gonda Way. The offices are open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Charles White The Frame Shop & Gallery will host an artist reception honoring Charlie White from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at The Frame Shop & Gallery, 1661 Botelho Dr., #100, Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 937-1151.

Auditions

Ruthless! the Musical, Bus Stop and School for Scandal Role Players Ensemble Theatre will hold auditions for "Ruthless!," "Bus Stop" and "School Scandal" by appointment only, at Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Actors should prepare a two-minute monologue, and singers should bring 16 bars of an up tempo number. Call (510) 865-4740.

Valley Concert Chorale Auditions

The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical and contemporary to folk and jazz from 7-9 p.m., Monday, March 19, at 1st Presbyterian Church, 4th & L streets, Livermore. Applicants must have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. Call 462-4205 or visit www.valleyconcert-chorale.org.

Author Visit

Lolly Winston Project Second Chance presents "The Bookies seventh annual Celebration of Books and the People who Love Them" with special guest, Lolly Winston, at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 29, at the Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mount Diablo Blvd. Cost is \$50. Call (510) 723-5810 or visit Fremont Bank at 1735 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek.

Michele Lasagna and Gail Faber Local dynamic authors Michele Lasagna and Gail Faber will be signing their books "Whispers from the First Californians" and "Whispers Along the Mission Trail" from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, located at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues, Danville. Call 837-3750.

Civic Meetings

State of the Town Address Town of Danville, Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and mayor Mike Shimansky will host the State of the Town Address luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 1, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Cost is \$25 by Feb. 20 or \$30 afterward. Call 837-4400.

Classes

Investing During Turbulent Times Town of Danville will host Christina Ahlstrand who will discuss today's market and indicators you should look for when assessing market fluctuations from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 1, at Danville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Avenue. Cost is \$25 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. Call 314-3400. <http://econnect.ci.danville.ca.us>

Clubs

Alamo Cribbage Club The club plays cribbage for fun. It meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday at the Safeway conference room, 200 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call 935-3325.

Alamo Rotary The Alamo Rotary meets at noon every Wednesday at Roundhill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road. Call Mark Kahn at 837-3262.

Alamo Women's Club This club will host their monthly luncheon with guest speaker Patricia Munson who will present a workshop on "Women's Empowerment" at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Cost is \$25. Reservations are due by Sunday, Feb. 25, call 820-2621.

Alamo Women's Club Federated The club meets on most Wednesdays at its clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd. It holds a business meeting and tea the second Wednesday at noon; meets for Mah Jong at 10:30 a.m. the third Wednesday; and holds a luncheon with program at noon the fourth Wednesday. For information, call 552-9733.

Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club This club is open to new and long-time women residents of Alamo and Danville interested in making new friends in the area. Their Prospective Member Coffee is held the fourth Thursday of the month, and a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday. Call 775-3233 or visit www.alamodanville-newcomers.com.

Bay Area Single Christians BASC club is a free, large, online group with event listings for Christian single adults around the S.F. Bay Area. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bascingles/>.

Bay Books Book Club San Ramon Bay Books hosts two book clubs reviewing different books. The first club meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month; the second book club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month, both meeting at the San Ramon store, 2415 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 855-1524.

Blackhawk Republican Women Luncheon Blackhawk Republican Women will host Josiah Prendergast, president of Berkeley College Republicans, from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday, March 12, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. The topic will be "Bridging the Generation Gap: Combating Political Discontinuity". Cost is \$20. RSVP by noon, March 9th; call Ms. Lyons at 820-6452.

Danville-Alamo Garden Club Danville-Alamo Garden Club monthly meeting will host local author and columnist Carolyn Parker who will share her knowledge on roses from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Thursday, March, 8 at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Call Louise at 837-4904.

Diablo Diggers Dance Club The Diablo Diggers Dance Club meets five times a year for dinner and dancing with a live band in the Danville or Walnut Creek area. The club is looking for a few new members, couples only. For information, call 938-0316.

Diablo Singles Dance Club Diablo Singles Dance Club dances regularly the last Wednesday of the month from 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Arts Education Building, corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. All are welcome. Call 837-2851.

Diablo Valley Fly Fisherman This club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Heather Farm Lakeside Room, 301 N. San

Carlos, Walnut Creek. Guests are welcome. For information, visit www.diablovalleyflyfish.org.

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 on Prospect Avenue 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. Guests are welcome (\$2 donation). 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 of each month, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Contact Claire at 648-3105 or claireshepherdson@ewomennetwork.com.

Friends of the Danville Library Friends of the Danville Library are renewing annual memberships and recruiting new members to help support, raise funds and sponsor programs for the Danville library. There are many benefits of being a Friend including merchant discounts, volunteer opportunities and preview of book sales. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Application forms are at the library, 400 Front St. Call 837-4455.

Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club The Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club is a place to learn, share and discuss. It meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month, at 3223 Crow Canyon Road, second floor Conference room, San Ramon. Call 397-2093.

San Ramon Newcomers Club This club invites new and established residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and Danville to a luncheon at noon, Thursday, March 15, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Call 735-3508 or visit newcomers.home.comcast.net.

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 Rotary Club This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m., every 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.

The Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley This club meets at noon, monthly on the second Wednesday, at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. The program features guest speakers and business networking. Guests are welcome with reservations. Call 275-2412 or visit www.srvexchangeclub.org. 12-1 p.m.

WEEKEND PREVIEW

Learn to prune those roses

Sloat Garden Center will host a workshop on "Rose Pruning" at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at Sloat Garden Center, 828 Diablo Road, at the corner of El Cerro Boulevard in Danville. Cost is \$5, free for Gardeners Reward members. Sloat will also host "Orchids 101" at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 3. For information, visit www.sloatgardens.com.



Tri-Valley Writers Association This club exists to inform, educate, and have fun and is open to anyone interested in the craft of writing. The club meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at Girasole Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Contact Steve Workman at 485-1011 or skworkman@aol.com.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75 The organization meets every second Thursday of the month at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Conference & Special Needs Conference, from 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at Windemere Ranch Middle School, 11611 East Branch Pkwy., San Ramon. Cost is \$32. For information or to register, call 964-9894 or visit www.srvcouncilpta.org.

Russian-American Kids Circus City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host the Russian-American Kids Circus at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Adult tickets are \$14, \$18, \$22; children tickets are \$10, \$14, \$18. Call 931-3444.

Concerts

A Musical Journey Around the World Danville Community Band presents "A Musical Journey Around the World" at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 4, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The event is free with admission to the museum. Call 736-2277.

Laurence Juber Community Concerts presents Laurence Juber at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for children and seniors. Call 229-2710 or visit www.communityconcerts.com.

World Class Four Hand Piano Pleasanton Civic Arts will host Mark Anderson and Tamriko Sipsashvili in World Class Four Hand Piano at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25. Call 931-3444 or visit www.civicartstickets.org.

Events

Black History Program Diablo Black Men's Group will host a Poetry and Music Black History Program from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, at San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. There will be performances, poetry readings, displays, music and refreshments. This event is free. Call Spencer Tyrus at (510) 714-7387.

Fifth Annual Youth Music Festival Pleasanton Civic Arts presents the fifth annual Youth Music Festival at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Call 931-3444 or visit www.civicartstickets.org.

Parenting 2007 and Beyond The San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs presents "Parenting 2007 and beyond..." Parenting and Community

Exhibits

Lindsay Wildlife Art Exhibits Lindsay Wildlife Museum will host a collection of art exhibits including: The Art of Andrew Denman "A Natural Inclination" will be displayed until March 18; Origami Animals by Robert Lang will be displayed until April 29; Birds in Art from Feb. 24-May 5, all at Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Space is the Place Bedford Gallery will host "Space is the Place" which will feature installations, paintings, works on paper and video clips which opens March 4, at the Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. An opening reception will be held from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, March 4. "Astronaut or Alien?" costume contest will be held for the best-dressed space explorer. Admission is \$3, \$2 for children 17 years and younger. The gallery is open from noon-5 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays and 6-8 p.m., Thursday-Saturdays. Call 295-1416.

Film

An Inconvenient Truth About Breast and Other Cancers Wall of Hope Breast Cancer Survivors Project will host a viewing of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" from 7:30-10 p.m., Fridays, Feb. 23 and March 9 and 23, at a private residence in Danville. Tickets are a donation of \$20. For directions and information, call 736-7100.

The Ground Truth Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center will host a viewing of "The Ground Truth" and guest speaker, Rob Mitchell, a Vietnam Veteran, from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 933-7850.

Fundraisers

7th Annual Danville-Alamo AAUW Garden Tour Seven gardens in Danville, Alamo, and Diablo will host the 7th annual Danville-Alamo AAUW Garden Tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 11-12. No children under 12 please. Cost is \$25 if postmarked by May 5th, \$30 thereafter. For questions or tickets after May 5th, call 837-0826 or visit www.aauw-da.org.

Fantasia Latina Gala Night Panamerican Round Table of Contra Costa and Alameda will host "Fantasia Latina Gala Night" from 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 24, at San Ramon Parks & Community Services, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Tickets are \$40. Proceeds will benefit the program that provides scholarships for Hispanic students. The night will include dinner and dancing. Call 785-8752.

March of Dimes March of Dimes will host numerous events to provide funding for saving babies from birth defects and mortality including: WalkAmerica on Saturday, April 28, at Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton; Signature Chef's Event on Thursday, Sept. 20, at Palace Hotel, San Francisco; 29th annual day of golf on Monday, Oct. 29, at Olympic Club, San Francisco. For information, call (415) 217-6363 or visit www.marchofdimes.com/ca.

Raise Money For Schools Help us raise up to \$15,000 for local schools! Now We're Cooking in Danville will donate 5% of all sales to local schools from now until March 31, at Now We're Cooking, 148 E. Prospect Ave., Danville. For more information, call 743-1212 or visit www.nowwerecooking.com/schools.

Health

Second Annual Weight Loss Challenge The second annual Weight Loss Challenge for Alamo and Surrounding Areas will run Saturdays, until March 10. Participants will enjoy a Weight Loss Coach via telephone, personal trainers, bike riding, "Be a Kid" roller skating night and more! For more information, contact Debbie at 890-7549 or dmcarmel@yahoo.com.

The Wellness Community The Wellness Community will host numerous workshops for cancer patients, their families and friends including: Mindful Chi Kung from 3:30-5 p.m., Thursday, March 1; Introduction to Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 3; Kids Circle & Teen Talk from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 10; Return to Wellness from 4-6 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, March 12-May 16; African Drumming Circle from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 15; Advances in Breast Reconstruction from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 20; Stress Reduction Through Guided Imagery from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 24 and Cultivating Forgiveness from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, March 31, all at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

Kids and Teens

Art and the Automobile Blackhawk Museum will host "Art and the Automobile" from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with admission to the museum. Call 736-2277.

Footsteps Support Group Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa is offering "Footsteps," a support group for children ages 7-18 who have experienced the death of a parent, grandparents, sibling or friend, on Tuesdays from Feb. 27-April 3, at Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill. Cost is \$99, but no one is turned away. Call Lee Ann at 887-5678, ext. 1036.

Free Online Tutoring Available

Contra Costa County Library is offering free homework help from expert online tutors to students grade 4-12 and beginning college from 1-10 p.m., Monday-Friday, at <http://ccclib.org>

More Granny's Bedtime Stories

Town of Danville and Village Theatre Shows presents "More Granny's Bedtime Stories" by Jeff Seaburg at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 2 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11, at Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$8 and \$10. Call (925) 314-3463.

Mother Goose Time and Preschool Storytime

Danville Library will host Mother Goose Time for children ages 0-2 at 10:15 a.m., Mondays-Wednesdays and at 11:15 a.m., Tuesdays, until March 14 and Preschool Storytime for 3-5 year olds at 11:15 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Call 837-4889.

Teen SAT Strategy Sessions

Danville Library will host a Teen SAT Strategy Session from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Registration begins Feb. 26 and seating is limited, call 837-4889.

Youth to Youth Middle School Conference

This conference will be an amazing, empowering day for 6-8 grade students to spend with high schools students from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, March 10, at Charlotte Wood Middle School, 600 El Capitan, Danville. The day will include: keynote speakers, workshops, games, activities, lunch, dinner and a dance. Cost is \$30 until March 3, \$40 thereafter. To register, visit www.srvcasa.org.

Lectures/ Workshops

Advances in Diabetes Treatment

Endocrinologist Mahmood Kazemi, M.D., and Dietitian Pam Wilson, MS, RD, will discuss recent advances in the treatment of type 2 diabetes, including new oral medications and drugs that can improve glycemic control from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 8, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building Conference Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd. This event is free. Call 275-8230 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Focus on Investment Fundamentals

Town of Danville Parks and Recreation presents "Focus on Investment Fundamentals" from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Cost is \$25 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. Call 314-3400 or visit <http://econnect.ci.danville.ca.us>.

Gardening Seminars Sloat Garden Centers will host a workshop "Rose Pruning" at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 24 and another workshop on "Orchids 101" at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 3, at Sloat Garden Centers, 828 Diablo Rd., Danville. Cost is \$5, free for Gardeners Reward members. Visit www.sloatgardens.com.

Literary Events

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss Danville Library Foundation will host a special party for children ages 3-7 years old from 1-4 p.m., Thursday, March 1, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Reservations are required. Call 837-4889.

Library Book Discussions The Book Discussion Group has chosen books for 2007. The discussion group meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of every month from September through May at the Mt. Diablo room of the Danville Library, 400 Front St. March 8 "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" will be discussed. Everyone is welcome.

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Bank Grand Opening Diablo Valley Bank will host a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its new Danville office at noon, Monday, Feb. 26, at 387 Diablo Road. Lunch will follow the ceremony. Also, a grand opening celebration will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28, with food, libations and entertainment. Visit www.diablovalleybank.com.

Climb for Breast Cancer Prevention The Breast Cancer Fund

is looking for applicants for "Climb for Breast Cancer Prevention" from July 8-14, at Mt. Shasta. Team members will start training in the winter and start raising funds. Call 760-8223 or visit www.breastcancerfund.org/events.

Danville Police Citizen's Academy Danville Police Department will offer another session of the Citizen's Police Academy for 10 weeks from 6-9 p.m., starting Wednesday, March 14. Sessions are limited to 20 participants, who must be 18 years or older with no misdemeanor convictions within one year and no felony convictions. For an application, contact Shawn at 314-3400 or sdesmond@ci.danville.ca.us.

Free Computer Instruction The Danville Library is offering free computer instruction on Word, Excel, Powerpoint or the Internet by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit the Danville Library Information Desk or call 837-4889

Free Electronic Waste Event The Town of Danville and Universal Waste Management, Inc. will host a Free Public Collection Event for E-Waste Recycling from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, March 31-April 1, at the Danville Park & Ride Parking Lot, at the northwest corner of Sycamore Valley Rd. and Camino Ramon. Call (888) 832-9839.

One Warm Coat ERA Golden Hills Brokers will host One Warm Coat during the month of February. This program is dedicated to distributing reusable coats, free of charge, directly to local children and adults. Coats can be dropped off at ERA Golden Hills Brokers, 3223 Crow Canyon Rd., Suite 110, San Ramon. Call 216-4590.

San Ramon Symphonic Band San Ramon Symphonic Band is seeking a successor to their director, who is retiring after 20 years. The ideal candidate should have experience in directing adult instrumental groups, talent development and program innovation. Call David Turner at 736-7802 or visit www.geocities.com/sanramonband/.

On Stage

'Wigged Out!' Victoria's Hair on Stage has opened its doors for "Wigged Out!" which runs until June, at Victoria's Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Tickets are \$38. Call 855-SHOW (855-7469).

Copenhagen Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Copenhagen" for four nights only at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 and 16-17, at Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. Tickets are \$10. Call 820-1278.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. Civic Arts Education Junior Theatre presents "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23 and at 2 and 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$11 for seniors and children, \$13 for adults. Call 943-7469.

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Political Notes

Limiting Eminent Domain San Ramon Valley Republican Women will host Loraine Wallace Rowe, on the subject of how to keep private property from being taken for private gain from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$23. Call 837-6253 or visit www.srvrwf.com.

Spiritual

Roots of Secular Humanistic Judaism Tri-Valley Cultral Jews present "The Roots of Secular Humanistic

Judaism" at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, at Home of Rabbi Judith Seid, 1817 Sinclair Drive, Pleasanton. Bring a dish for eight people to share. Call 485-1049.

Sports

Danville A's Challenger Baseball Sign-Ups Danville A's Challenger Baseball is for kids with disabilities between the ages of 6-22 and the team is accepting sign-ups. The season is from March 25-June 10, starting at 1:30 p.m., Sundays, at the Dublin Sports Park, Dublin. Call Frank Elliott at 736-5373.

Danville Tennis Club The Danville Tennis Club meets 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9-11 a.m., Saturdays for drop-in tennis at San Ramon Valley High School. This free co-ed club provides play for 4.0 to 5.0 and very strong 3.5 level players. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/danvilletennisclub>.

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Mustang Soccer Registration Mustang Soccer will begin on-line registration for the 2007 season for Alamo, Danville and Diablo residents until March 31, at www.mustangsoccer.com. Registration is \$100 for under 6 Ponies, \$225 for under 7-under 19. Call 831-1323.

San Ramon Valley Tennis Club This women's league is year round for both A and B players meeting for practice weekday mornings. Membership is \$30 annually. For information, call Patty at 820-8131 or Laurie at 820-0695.

Spring Co-Ed Sports Season Town of Danville will start registration for its Spring Co-Ed Sports Season including kickball, softball and bocce ball. Kickball competitive league on Monday nights, April 2-June 4 and recreational league will play Wednesday nights April 4-May 30; bocce ball features leagues Monday-Friday beginning mid-April; Softball will play Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, April 2-June 4. Applications are at www.ci.danville.ca.us. Call Amy at 314-3386.

Walnut Creek Tennis Club WCTC is a free, co-ed tennis group for single adults of all ages and levels (primarily 2.5-3.5). It plays drop-in tennis from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays and Sundays at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek (S. Main). See information at <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/wctc/>.

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association The ACPA group meets from 11a.m.-1p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Community Presbyterian Church Library at 222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville.

Bipolar Support Group The Tri-Valley Support Group provides free peer support for people with mood disorders. It meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Call 560-0842

Blue Star Moms California Blue Star Moms is a support group for families of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. It meets at 7 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Call Peggy at 866-7035 or Patty at 838-9096 or visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

Cancer Support Groups Free support, education and stress manage-

ment for cancer patients and their loved ones, including general support groups for all types of cancer patients as well as cancer specific groups for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumor, support groups for caregivers and life after cancer. Groups meet at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. For times and days, call 933-0107.

ClutterLess Self Help Group Is clutter stressing you out? This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Monday (except on a holiday) at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call 297-9246.

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.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? There is a solution to weight and diet obsession. This effective 12-step program has proven results. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Wednesday, at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For a complete listing of East Bay meetings, call 600-6028 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

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 pre-registration. For a schedule of groups in the Pleasanton Hill area, for additional information and/or to register, call 887-5678.

Man to Man Prostate Cancer San Ramon Regional Medical Center offers "Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group" from 7:30-9 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building, West Day Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. Call 933-0107.

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.

Parkinson's Support Group The Tri-Valley Parkinson's Network of Mount Diablo provides peer support from 10a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of every month, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Call Norman at 831-9940 or Jackie at 244-1231.

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 838-8632.

San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue and Chronic Pain Support A new and proactive group for FIBRO, CFS, CFIDS and Chronic Pain meets from 7-9 p.m. every other Monday in Danville. This group is positive, informative that meets to help each other to be better advocates. Call for location and information at 234-5621.

Volunteering

Diablo Valley Literacy Council Diablo Valley Literacy Council (DVLC) is looking for volunteers to help non-English speaking adults learn to read, write and speak English. Tutor-training workshops will be held Friday, Feb. 24; Monday, Feb. 27; and Friday, March 3, at DVLC, 4000 Clayton Road, Concord. Cost is \$15 for registration. Call 685-3881.

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This week's data represents homes sold during January 2007

Danville	Alamo	Diablo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 19	Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$532,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,420,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,270,000	Lowest sale reported: \$220,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,450,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,420,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,950,000	Highest sale reported: \$900,000
Average sales reported: \$1,080,025	Average sales reported: \$1,420,000	Average sales reported: \$1,610,000	Average sales reported: \$518,618

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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Alamo

3 Bedrooms
914 Ina Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30
 Alain Pinel **\$1,448,000**
 209-3451

4 Bedrooms
46 Vista Ln. Sun 1:30-4:30
 Intero **\$1,495,000**
 672-2499

5 Bedrooms
406 Red Wing Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30
 Intero **\$1,750,000**
 998-4220

Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms
5444 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1-4
 Alain Pinel **\$2,998,000**
 209-3451

6 Bedrooms
5077 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$2,799,999**
 736-8411

Danville

2 Bedrooms
2200 Oneida Cir. Sun 1-4
 Keller Williams **\$630,000**
 577-5510

3 Bedrooms
1109 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Sun 1-4
 Remax **\$547,000**
 323-2800

1009 Phoenix St. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$559,000**
 457-4551

56 Summer Hill Ct. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$729,000**
 736-8411

35 Mountain Valley Wy. Sat 1-5, Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$754,950**
 736-8411

1075 River Rock Ln. Sat/Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$779,900**
 855-4049

29 La Gonda Ct. Sun 1-4
 Hometown GMAC **\$930,000**
 858-5400

4 Bedrooms
408 Coventry Pl. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,069,950**
 899-9651

311 Culet Dr. Sun 2-4:30
 Intero **\$1,399,000**
 672-2499

371 Montair Dr. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,595,000**
 858-5233

11 Jillian Wy. Sat 1-4, Sun 1:30-4
 Intero **\$1,599,000**
 963-2043

389 Squirrel Ridge Wy. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$995,000**
 833-1822

5 Bedrooms
28 Estrella Pl. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,219,000**
 831-2929

500 Messian Pl. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,249,000**
 855-4049

2 Bedrooms
251 Royal Palm Pl. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,099,000**
 855-4096

San Ramon
2 Bedrooms
1101 Radiant Ln. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$515,000**
 330-0579

1054 Vista Pointe Cir. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$755,000**
 855-4128

3 Bedrooms
1103 Radiant Ln. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$609,000**
 830-3999

140 Shadowhill Cir. Sun 1-4
 Alain Pinel **\$715,000**
 876-4459

2782 Ellingson Wy. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$769,000**
 855-4161

100 Canyon Green Pl. Sun 1-4
 Keller Williams **\$769,900**
 984-3992

1058 Vista Pointe Cir. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$840,000**
 855-4128

4 Bedrooms
4112 Terra Alta Dr. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,059,000**
 683-5165

2332 Millstream Ln. Sun 1-4
 Alain Pinel **\$600,900**
 209-7498

5 Bedrooms
16 Pine Valley Pl. Sun 1:30-4
 Intero **\$1,325,000**
 487-6211

106 Rodriguez Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4
 Keller Williams **\$1,355,000**
 707-333-6640

3125 Tewksbury Wy. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,359,000**
 855-4128

3825 Mandy Wy. Sat/Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,375,000**
 336-6399

2826 Bethany Rd. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,549,000**
 785-1386

201 Pleasant Valley Ct. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$999,950**
 833-1822

Walnut Creek

4 Bedrooms
3025 Ebano Dr. Sun 1-4
 Intero **\$1,099,000**
 413-1068

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34 Bedrooms
6965 Penn Dr. Sun 1-4
 Re/Max **\$675,000**
 735-7653

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

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Alamo

12 Roxbury Court Sood Trust to N. & B. Tahir for \$1,420,000

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Danville

5078 Blackhawk Drive C. & B. Maggio to P. Scalingi for \$1,640,000

42 Casablanca Street P. & M. Martinez to K. Lindemann for \$759,000

1659 Colchester Street Lennar Homes to T. & J. Phung for \$1,305,000

1772 Cottswald Street Lennar Homes to A. & T. Lung for \$994,500

189 Cross Bridge Drive Castle Principles to Modena Trust for \$920,000

201 Cross Bridge Drive Mortimer Trust to A. & C. Carrejo for \$1,185,000

900 El Capitan Drive D. & E. Criswell to E. Golez for \$990,000

724 Garden Creek Place E. Henze to W. Quenneville for \$532,000

637 Glen Road J. & D. Pitcher to A. & D. Stefani for \$1,140,000

8 Hunters Terrace Duchene Trust to J. & L. Sieckert for \$2,450,000

1358 Knolls Creek Drive

N. Saleh to N. Aimaque for \$1,550,000

812 Luz Court Prenk Trust to R. Kunes for \$705,000

1251 Monterosso Street Lennar Homes to A. & A. Chauhan for \$1,183,000

1257 Monterosso Street Lennar Homes to Z. & S. Simab for \$1,007,000

144 Oakridge Drive Espenschied Trust to J. & E. Yang for \$865,000

1157 River Rock Lane Garcia Trust to Black Trust for \$800,000

22 Shelterwood Place Primacy Closing Corporation to B. Mahshi for \$1,165,000

122 St. Jean Court T. & V. Pena to K. Beasley for \$770,000

427 Sutton Circle R. & J. Moore to K. Wong for \$560,000

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Diablo

1865 El Nido Davidson Trust to Ogles Trust for \$1,950,000

25 Palma Vista Kriz Trust to C. & K. Rhodes for \$1,270,000

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Walnut Creek

562 Banyan Circle S. Gurson to G. Brown for \$795,000

1629 Geary Road G. & R. Yelensky to K. Mahmood for \$640,000

1833 Holland Drive G. Cannella to Hague Trust for \$515,000

505 Jones Place J. Blake to C. Ng for \$355,000

100 Kinross Drive #56 E. & K. Paul to B. Fan for \$389,000

225 Masters Court #1 Fairways 340 Limited to C. & J. Pantig for \$256,500

225 Masters Court #2 Fairways 340 Limited to J. Soares for \$220,000

225 Masters Court #4 Fairways 340 Limited to Oconnor Trust for \$325,000

470 North Civic Drive #205 Barndollar Trust to K. Pakabunto for \$305,000

2530 Oak Road #104 Bridgeport Commons to P. Wentworth for \$450,000

503 Pimlico Court M. & L. Dolan to D. & A. Furukawa for \$465,000

70 Pleasant Valley Drive D. & J. Gonsalves to H. Ingram for \$682,000

640 Preakness Drive J. Wright to R. Lakshmanan for \$630,000

25 Ready Road J. Norris to N. Kim for \$890,000

3288 Terra Granada Drive #4C Westlye Trust to E. Friederichs for \$599,000

313 Warwick Drive Spurr Trust to C. Costisevski for \$900,000

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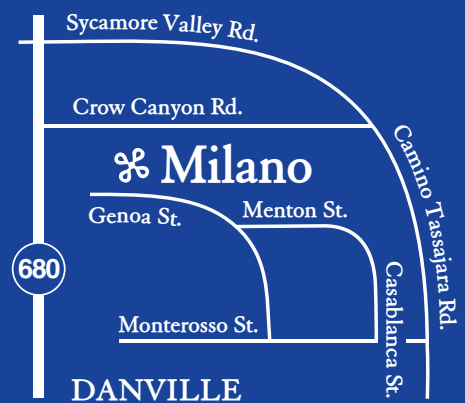
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